

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting – November 14, 2011**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present
CJ Teahan – Present
MJ Takagi – Absent

Larry Lawrence – Present
Kris Tobbe – Present

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by CJ Teahan, to excuse MJ Takagi from today's meeting. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Also present was Lauri French and Matt Modrack from City Staff.

2. **Approval of the November 14, 2011 Agenda**

Lauri French noted that the August 8, 2011 meeting minutes could not be approved since there were not enough people at today's meeting who also attended the August meeting. She suggested this agenda item be carried forward to the December meeting and that the item be deleted from today's agenda.

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the November 14, 2011 agenda as amended. Motion carried 4-0-1.

3. **Approval of October 10, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the October 10, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

4. **Approval of September and October 2011 Financial Reports**

Lauri French explained that there was a question at the October 10 meeting about the American Awards invoice for \$135 on the September financial report so it was moved to today's agenda. She said that the original estimate for the 7 new sculpture plaques was \$120 but we ordered one additional "Do Not Climb on the Sculpture" plaque, which accounted for the additional \$15.

Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by Kris Tobbe, to approve the September 2011 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by CJ Teahan, to approve the October 2011 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

5. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 4:10 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. **Discuss options for repairs required to "Bring Your Chalk and Draw On Me"**

Lauri French reported that it appears this sculpture has sustained some damage due to exposure to the elements. The left side of the sculpture is caving in at what looks like a seam. There was discussion about removing the sculpture and returning it to Adnan Charara so he could repair it over the winter. Matt Modrack said he would check with Jim Rowell (who assisted with the installation) to find out how it is attached to the base. Lauri will send pictures and an email to the artist to let him know. It was pointed out that the repairs would have to be made if we plan to try to have one of the service organizations purchase the sculpture and/or if the artist agrees to extend his exhibit.

Old Business

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7. 2012 Sculpture Walk (tie-in to DIA “Inside-Out” installation)

At last month’s meeting it was suggested that a sculpture walk could be tied into the DIA “Inside Out” installation in April-May 2012 since that event will probably receive a lot of press. Lauri French reported that she has not been able to get in touch with the DIA’s representative about scheduling a visit to select the “Inside Out” sites and that she would call Michelle Hauske. We need to understand what type of marketing the DIA does for their program so we can tie into it and cross-promote it with the sculpture exhibit next year. Once we have decided on a marketing plan, Claudia Roblee will ask the PSD if there is money available in their budget to pay for this. There will be more discussion about this at the December 12 BACC meeting.

8. BACC Suggested Goals for 2012

The status of the 2011 goals was discussed. Claudia Roblee offered to research how to apply for non-profit status for the BACC. Larry Lawrence wanted to confirm that non-profit status would allow non-residents to serve on the BACC and advised that he plans to resign from the BACC as soon as we can get a replacement for him. Matt Modrack said he would check with Doug Cameron (DDA Attorney) to find out how much he would charge to do the non-profit paperwork. CJ Teahan mentioned that she has a neighbor who would be a good replacement for Larry, but she’s not sure if she actually lives in the City (she’s on the border between the City and township). Lauri French said she would check and get back to everyone.

Other goals suggested for 2012 include having a manned booth for the Art Festival next August to raise awareness of the public art by handing out art maps and answering questions; possibly doing a “Junior Art Prize” by incorporating Claudia’s idea to have Brighton High School artists pick one of our sculptures as a muse and creating a piece of art during the Art Festival for a prize TBD; and find a replacement on the BACC for Larry Lawrence. Lauri will update the goals list for 2012.

9. Review and approve draft letters to artists for extensions of sculpture exhibit – Lauri French provided two draft letters for approval, one to be sent to the artists for whom we’re looking for buyers of their sculptures and one to artists that we would like to extend the period of their exhibit from August 2012 to either August 2013 or 2014. We discussed whether Dennis Dimoff from the Kiwanis Club had contacted Matt Modrack about the possible purchase of “Bring Your Chalk and Draw On Me”, and Matt indicated he had not heard from Mr. Dimoff. There were suggestions made for possible buyers for “Rusty”. We discussed “Spiral” and whether the Tim Hortons franchise owner might be interested. Larry Lawrence noted that after last month’s meeting he took a look at the sculpture and discovered that it is rusting and should be repainted before we try to sell it. He said it should be sanded, powder-coated and repainted to make it last. Lauri French said she would contact Dave Ignash, who did the original painting, to find out how it was done and what would be involved to get it repainted.

Other Business

10. Staff Updates - None

11. Call to the Public – Call to the Public was made at 4:58 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

12. Adjournment

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting at 4:58 p.m. The motion carried 4-0-1.

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Lauri French, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department
November 16, 2011

Reminders:

Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, December 12, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

BACC/DDA Millpond Design Committee Meeting – January 2012 (date TBD) – 4:00 p.m.