

**City of Brighton  
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting – April 9, 2012**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

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

Larry Lawrence – Present (arr. at 4:03 p.m.)  
Kris Tobbe – Present (arr. at 4:15 p.m.)

Also present was Lauri French from City Staff and Betty McLeod from the Brighton Art Guild.

2. **Approval of the April 9, 2012 Agenda**

Lauri French asked to delete Item 13.a. from the agenda since Matt Modrack was not present to discuss it.

*Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by CJ Teahan, to approve the April 9, 2012 agenda as amended. Motion carried 3-0-2.*

3. **Approval of January 9, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the January 9, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

4. **Approval of January 2012 Financial Report**

*Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the January 2012 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

5. **Approval of February 2012 Financial Report**

*Moved by CJ Teahan, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the February 2012 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

6. **Approval of March 2012 Financial Report**

*Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the March 2012 financial report as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.*

7. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 4:05 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

**New Business**

8. **Discuss possible collaboration with Brighton Art Guild to promote downtown art**

Betty McLeod, President of the Brighton Art Guild, reviewed an email she received from Dr. Loniewski that suggested doing an art walk twice a week that would start at the Wooden Spoon (Dr. Loniewski is a partner with Steve Pilon in the restaurant). She handed out a document with the Art Guild's recommendations, which included forming a committee and getting volunteers. She invited the BACC members to attend their next general meeting on May 2. There was discussion about how often to hold an art walk, who would be responsible for planning and executing it and how to promote it. Betty thought it might be a good idea to tie an art walk into the Art Guild's "Art at the Millpond" events that take place every Thursday beginning May 31. Claudia Roblee noted that one of the ideas the BACC had discussed was to have artists use the sculptures as "muses" and spend one or two days creating a painting or drawing based on the sculpture. We would then put the works on display and have people vote on them for a prize.

CJ Teahan suggested that we contact the art teacher at Brighton High School to see if students would be interested in volunteering to do the art walk for community service hours over the summer. She will contact the art teacher and let us know at the next meeting. Lauri French suggested using the Downtown Brighton

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Facebook page, the PSD website and the email list of Envision Brighton participants to put out a call for volunteers. MJ Takagi said that the Chamber has experience with their restaurant crawl and might have some good ideas about how to organize an art walk. Lauri is working with Michelle Miller from the Chamber on merchant event promotions and will talk to her next week. Claudia noted that Michelle is putting together a brochure with our walking map, sculpture exhibit map and events for distribution to restaurants, hotels, the Chamber and other places which should help promote our downtown art. This topic will be discussed at the next meeting.

### **9. Discuss Cobb-Hall Sculpture Park design plan and possible relocation of Garden Club flowers and plants from former Chamber site to Cobb-Hall site**

Lauri French reported that she and Claudia Roblee will be meeting with Karleen Schafer from Landscape Design Associates (the company that does the flower baskets for the DDA) on Thursday, April 12, to discuss ideas for the Cobb-Hall site. Karleen has submitted an estimate that was approved by Matt Modrack for a design plan. She also provided an estimate to semi-bury the planter that is currently on the sidewalk near the Cobb-Hall site; it would be used as a planter as well as for seating. We will also ask the Brighton Garden Club if they would be interested in transplanting the flowers that were moved from the former Chamber site to the Cobb-Hall site.

### **Old Business**

#### **10. DIA “Inside Out” Update**

Claudia Roblee reported that someone from the DIA finally got back with her about the “Inside Out” program. The DIA has delayed the program for Brighton until spring 2013 in order to accommodate other communities with whom they already have a partnership that are geographically closer to the DIA. It was noted that the DIA has lost funding and this was probably part of the reason for their decision.

#### **11. Requests to extend artists’ sculpture exhibits (Katz, Nordin)**

Lauri French reported that she sent extension request letters to Ray Katz and Detroit Design Center asking to extend “Spiral the Gate” and the two Nordin sculptures for another one to two years. Ray Katz responded that he was not interested in extending his sculpture exhibit unless there was going to be an additional stipend paid. He has submitted “Spiral the Gate” to another competition but has not yet received results. The artist stipends cover installation and removal of the sculptures and we have not paid additional money to extend any exhibits so far.

***Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, that no additional stipends will be offered over and above what was originally paid for extension of sculpture exhibits in the Brighton Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit. Motion carried 5-0.***

Staff was directed to contact Ray Katz to advise him that no additional stipend will be paid to extend the exhibit of “Spiral the Gate”.

#### **12. Fisher Family Art Donation Status**

Lauri French reviewed the email she received from Herb Fisher dated March 20, 2012. They are working with Piet Lindhout and a metal working artist and they are looking at creating a fountain. There was discussion about keeping DPS in the loop and Lauri will talk to Piet Lindhout to make sure he includes DPS in planning. If a fountain in the Millpond is not workable, a possible alternative would be to incorporate this into the splash pad feature in the Millpond master plan update project.

### **Other Business**

#### **13. Staff Updates**

- a. Jeff Bohl’s sculpture pour (photos) – deleted from today’s agenda; will be put on May’s agenda.
- b. “Bring Your Chalk and Draw On Me” – Matt Modrack returned the sculpture to the artist’s studio a couple of weeks ago. The sculpture has sustained damage that the artist believes was not weather

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related; it looks to him like it was hit with something or kicked. He does not know if it can be repaired. Matt had negotiated a purchase price of \$4,500 for the sculpture and we talked about taking donations to purchase it. We will have an update at the May meeting.

**14. Call to the Public** – Call to the Public was made at 5:10 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

**15. Adjournment**

*Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by CJ Teahan, to adjourn the meeting at 5:10 p.m. The motion carried 4-0-1 (MJ Takagi left the meeting at 5:00 p.m.).*

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Lauri French, Administrative Assistant  
Community Development Department  
April 10, 2012

**Reminders:**

**Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, May 14, 2012 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**