

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – January 13, 2014**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present
Kris Tobbe – Present
Shanda Willis - Absent

Cori Senak – Present (arr. at 6:05)
MJ Takagi – Present

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to excuse the absence of and Shanda Willis. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

Also present were Lauri French, Matt Modrack and an audience of two.

2. **Approval of the January 13, 2014 Agenda**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve the January 13, 2014 agenda as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

3. **Approval of the October 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to table approval of the October 14, 2013 minutes until the February BACC meeting. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

4. **Approval of the December 9, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve the December 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

5. **Receipt of Financial Report**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve receipt of the FY 13-14 financial report as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

6 Call to the Public was made at 6:03 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

7. Consider Diane Kramer sculpture(s) for 2014 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit – Diane Kramer presented sketches of a couple of sculptures she is currently working on and asked that the BACC consider putting at least one of them in the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit. Two of the pieces are “free form” angels made with mesh and covered with cement and other materials; the other is a piece that is currently in St. Louis that will be shipped back to Diane this year. The angel sculptures are both 7 feet tall without the base and 8 feet tall including the base. The “Lady and Dog” sculpture is between 8 and 9 feet tall. All of the pieces are capable of withstanding outdoor exhibit for a two-year period. The BACC members are interested in one of the angel pieces and Chairperson Roblee asked Diane to let Lauri French know when she gets close to completing the piece so one or more members can take a look at it in person. The BACC is also interested in “Lady and Dog” as a possible replacement for one of the six pieces that will be rotating out this summer.
8. Consider approval to fund remaining balance (up to \$5,660) for purchase of three benches and three donor plaques, one trash receptacle and one smoking urn after applying donations from local businesses in the amount of \$3,000 per Landscape Forms quotation #167573 – Reviewed the Landscape Forms quotation and discussed the bench cost. Lauri French also shared information about donor plaques that Landscape Forms can provide for approximately \$150 per bench (\$450 total additional cost). Kris Tobbe asked that staff try to negotiate a better price for these items; with the upcoming Millpond Master Plan update, there may be additional pieces needed such as tables and chairs.

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Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Cori Senak, to approve funding up to \$5,660 for purchase of three benches and three donor plaques, one trash receptacle and one smoking urn per Landscape Forms quotation #167573 dated 12/30/13. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Old Business

9. Memorial Day Weekend fundraiser update (Claudia Roblee) – Claudia Roblee reported that she talked to John Sauve after our meeting last month and this event is a “no go” per John.
10. Brainstorming session with Brighton Art Guild for new art-related event – Claudia Roblee announced that she will be meeting with members of the Art Guild on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. at the Chamber to brainstorm ideas to promote art in Brighton. She asked if any of the BACC members could join her; Cori Senak will attend with MJ Takagi as her back-up in case she can't make it.
11. Discuss ideas for new BACC logo – Claudia Roblee reviewed a copy of the letter she sent on January 9 to art teachers at Brighton High School and FlexTech High School to ask if their students would be interested in creating a logo for the BACC. Her company, Art Ventures, is offering a \$100 prize and professional framing of the winning design. She has only received one response as of today and will wait a week or two to see if she receives any more responses before following up with the other teachers.

Other Business

12. Staff Updates – Lauri French advised that she sent Coral Adas from the Brighton Garden Club the sculpture garden sketches to find out whether they are interested in planting annuals there in the spring. Coral wanted to know if there was a particular color scheme. The BACC members would prefer to coordinate the annuals with the flower basket colors. Lauri French will confirm these with Mike O'Leary and advise Coral Adas.

Matt Modrack noted that Community Development, Planning and Zoning Departments have an intern, Adam Kokenakes, working for them for the next several months. He will be working on a variety of projects including research art centers and theaters.

13. Commission Member Updates – Kris Tobbe reported that City Council approved the Millpond Master Plan update at the last meeting.
14. Call to the Public was made at 6:55 p.m. Whitney Stone, from 2 Stones Events, noted that she wanted to let the BACC members know about an event that they do in another community called “Creation, Vibration, Libation” where they have a band, artist and venue participate together. There was a discussion about how this might be turned into a fundraiser and will be discussed further at the February meeting. Other ideas discussed were a garden party at the BACC Sculpture Garden, with a limited number of tickets sold like the Farm to Table event, or having the artists in the exhibit come in to talk about their work. Hearing no further response, call to the public was closed.
15. Adjournment

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
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Reminder: Next BACC Regular Meeting – Monday, February 10, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.