

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – March 9, 2015**

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
Brenda Ochodnický – Present

MJ Takagi - Present
Mary St. Pierre – Absent

Also present was Lauri French from City staff.

2. **Approval of the March 9, 2015 Agenda**

Motion by Brenda Ochodnický, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the March 9, 2015 agenda as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

3. **Approval of the February 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Brenda Ochodnický, to approve the February 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

4. **Receipt of February 2015 Financial Report**

Lauri French reviewed the February financial report. She noted that there were no expenses in February and the balance on hand excluding earmarked expenses is \$6,261.12. She also advised that the \$5,000 appropriation in the FY 15-16 budget was approved by the DDA.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Brenda Ochodnický, to approve receipt of the February 2015 financial report as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

5. Call to the Public was made at 6:08 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. Approve allocation of \$105 for CultureSource.com annual membership fee due 4/1/15 – Lauri French noted that the annual fee increased from \$100 from last year. There was a brief discussion about whether the commission members thought the benefits from being able to post on the ixiti.com website were worth the membership fee.

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve allocation of \$105 for the CultureSource.com annual membership fee. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

7. Allocate funds up to \$165 for the 2015 Art Guide ad – Claudia Roblee stated that last year's ad was very well done and that it was a 2-page spread in the Art Guide. Lauri French reported that she has already sent the new BACC logo to Sophia Freni for the ad layout. She asked if the BACC wanted to consider using a different photograph than last year.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Brenda Ochodnický, to allocate funds up to \$165 for the 2015 Art Guide ad and to use the photograph of the Nordin brothers' sculpture, "The Water and the City Embrace", in the ad this year. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.*** Lauri French will send the photograph to Sophia Freni.

Old Business

8. Review and choose a BACC logo design to use for letterhead – Two styles and variations of the BACC logo were included in the packet. There was a brief discussion about each of the examples.

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Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to use the letterhead example (attached) with the BACC logo in the top left-hand corner (no banner) and the BACC address at the bottom of the page. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

9. Update from 2/24/15 Taste of Brighton Planning meeting – Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit guided tours during the Taste of Brighton event July 10-11, 2015 – Claudia Roblee attended the 2/24/15 TOB planning meeting and agreed to have the BACC participate in two art walks including the galleries (Studio West, Art in Bloom,, CoBACH, Artisans Bench and ArtVentures). She advised that we will not need a separate booth and that we could use the TOB information booth as a gathering spot for anyone wishing to do the art and gallery walk.

Kris Tobbe volunteered to do the walk on Friday, July 10, at 6:30 p.m. and Claudia said she will do the Saturday walk at 4:00 p.m. They asked for information to be provided on the sculptures and Lauri French noted she will have to contact the individual artists for this information since there really isn't much in the files. Claudia volunteered to assist Lauri to contact half of the artists.

10. Participation in and location of "The Grape Outdoor Art Gallery" tent at the 2015 Fine Art & Acoustic Music Festival (update received from Sophia Freni) – Lauri French read an email from Sophia Freni at the Chamber that indicated "The Grape Outdoor Art Gallery" (a working title that may be changed) will be moved to St. Paul street between CoBACH and the Yum Yum Tree. Sophia also noted that the acoustic music stage will more than likely be moved back across the street between Downtown Main and The Pound. This should make it easier to man the art tent, easier to purchase the art and to answer any questions. Claudia Roblee also noted that Mike Monroe will lend his set-ups to display the art and will also help to set it up on the Friday morning of the art show.

Other Business

11. Staff Updates
 - a. Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit – status of requests to artists – Lauri French reported that she heard from Steve Cannaert ("Sancho Panza" located near the Lions Den), who is willing to extend its exhibit until 2017. She will follow up with John Sauve and John Piet who have not yet responded to our letter.
12. Commission Member Updates – Kris Tobbe reported that the City Council Budget Subcommittee has proposed replacing all existing streetlights with LED streetlights, which will save energy costs. He asked Lauri French to check with Dave Blackmar to see if we could get a double-headed light as we have discussed for the streetlight next to the BACC Sculpture Garden.
13. Call to the Public was made at 6:32 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.
12. Adjournment

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:32 p.m. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
Community Development, Planning & Zoning
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