

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
Minutes
March 18, 2008**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Commission Member Lawrence called the meeting to order at 4:01 p.m.

Eugene Juergens
Carole Skog McGeehan
Carrie Pipoly
Barbara Hardesty
Kate Lawrence
Matthew Modrack
Jennifer Piasecki

2. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 4:03 p.m. with no response.

3. Approval of the March 18, 2008 Agenda

Moved by Muzzin, seconded by Smith, to approve tonight's agenda as presented. **The motion carried unanimously.**

New Business

4. Election of Chairperson

It was the consensus of the Commission to recommend Carrie Pipoly as Chairperson.

5. Review of Ordinance 533

Director Modrack briefly gave an overview of the ordinance and discussed the objectives and purposes of the Commission.

6. Financial Review

Director Modrack discussed what is currently in the budget for the Mayor's Commission on Art in Public Places account, which is \$17,956.52. Director Modrack stated that the money given to date has been from donations as well as purchased art pieces. Mr. Modrack explained that the City receives a percentage of the cost of purchased art, so that in following years the City can use the monies for art purchases, events, advertising, etc.

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7. Status of Current Exhibit

Commission Member Lawrence gave an overview of what has been purchased by the City/DDA and what sculptures will remain. There are a total of 27 sculptures, with 4 of them already purchased. The remaining twenty-two will be replaced in Fall 2008.

Director Modrack stated there are two damaged sculptures, which are being repaired. Mr. Modrack also stated that he would like to see "The Hand", which has been purchased and donated by Dana Foster, City Manager, on some type of pedestal, as it is currently placed in a vulnerable location. The Commission agreed that the sculpture should be moved to a different location.

Commission Member Lawrence stated that the City would like to purchase "The Bird" for their next piece of art. Director Modrack stated that The Bird costs approximately \$4,000.

Motion by Commission Member McGeehan to recommend the purchase of "The Bird". Supported by Commission Member Lawrence. All those in favor, passed 5/0 vote.

8. Next Biennial Planning/Preparation

- a. Curator Position
- b. Disposition of Non-purchased/Non-donated Art
- c. Biennial #2 Procurement/Installation/Mechanics/Agreement

Director Modrack discussed having a curator to help assist with the Brighton Biennial and to do the "Call to Artists". Mr. Modrack stated that staff would develop a Call for Qualifications notice and advertise it in the Daily Press and Argus, as well as advertise it on the City's website and cable channel. The Commission agreed to not have a pay amount included in the notice, but rather have it mentioned in the letters of interest. The Commission would then review the letters of interest and recommend a curator to City Council. The Commission also agreed that any fees associated with the curator position would come out of the Mayor's Commission Art in Public Places account, as opposed to asking City Council for additional monies. Mr. Modrack stated that a call to artists would be done by the curator position.

The Commission held a discussion about the Brighton Art Festival and the possibility of assisting the Chamber of Commerce with the event.

Other Business

The Commission agreed that the 3rd Tuesday of each month would be a good time for everyone to meet. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 15, 2008.

9. Staff Updates

None.

10. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 4:56 p.m. Hearing none. The call to the public was closed.

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11. Adjournment

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Hardesty, to adjourn the meeting at 4:57 p.m. **The motion carried unanimously.**

Jennifer Piasecki, Management Assistant