

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
Minutes
May 20, 2008**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Commission Member Lawrence called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

Eugene Juergens
Carole Skog-McGeehan
Kate Lawrence
Barbara Hardesty (absent-excused)
Carrie Pipoly (absent)
Matthew Modrack
Lauri French

2. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 3:05 p.m. with no response.

3. Approval of the April 21, 2008 Minutes

Moved by Skog-McGeehan, seconded by Juergens, to approve the meeting minutes as written. The motion carried unanimously.

4. Approval of the May 20, 2008 Agenda

Matt Modrack requested that two items be added to the May 20, 2008 agenda – Introduction of Chaely Chartier and Discussion to Purchase “Bob” from artist Chido Johnson. Matt Modrack introduced Chaely Chartier, the successful candidate for the Curator position for the BACC. She is a recent graduate of the Eastern Michigan University Arts Management Program. The proposed compensation for the Curator is \$3,000 per year and Matt recommends approval of Item 6 on the agenda.

Moved by Skog-McGeehan, seconded by Juergens, to approve the May 20, 2008 agenda as amended.

New Business

5. Walking Tour for the Relocation of “The Hand”

Left Council Chambers at 3:10 p.m. to conduct a walking tour of proposed sites for relocation of “The Hand” and other City-owned sculptures. The recommended site is in front of St. Paul’s Church in the center of the raised streetscape circle. Matt suggested that since the streetscape is concrete and the sculpture is a similar color concrete, perhaps a colored base could be used to mount the sculpture. Carole Skog-McGeehan drew a rough sketch and the members discussed various materials and colors that could be used.

We also looked at a possible site for relocation of "The Children" next to the Imagination Station in the corner where Mill Pond Lane and the sidewalk for the Pavilion intersect, in front of the fence, behind the existing shrubs and mounted high enough to be seen above the shrubs.

These sites will be recommended to City Council for relocation of the two above-mentioned sculptures.

6. Recommendation to Negotiate and Submit Agreement to City Council

The Commission asked Ms. Chartier how she would track her time spent on duties as outlined in the Consulting Agreement; she said she would probably use a software program to keep track of what she works on and the time spent.

Moved by Juergens, seconded by Skog-McGeehan, to recommend this item be placed on the next City Council agenda for the June 5, 2008 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

None.

7. Staff Updates

Matt Modrack updated the Commission at the beginning of the meeting that he had contacted Chido Johnson, the artist of "Bob", regarding the purchase of his sculpture. Matt would like to negotiate with Mr. Johnson for a \$500 deposit and installment payments from donations for the balance. The artist's asking price for the sculpture is \$4,800. Kate Lawrence and Eugene Juergens committed to donate \$800 each in four \$200 installment payments toward the purchase. The Commission also discussed the possibility of using the \$1,000 donation by Dana Foster toward the purchase if needed. Carole Skog-McGeehan has a contact at the Press & Argus that she will talk to about getting an article in the paper about making donations.

Moved by Skog-McGeehan, seconded by Lawrence, to have Matt Modrack negotiate with the artist Chido Johnson to purchase "Bob" on a payment plan with a \$500 down payment. Motion passed unanimously.

8. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 3:46 p.m. Hearing none, the call to the public was closed.

9. Adjournment

Moved by Skog-McGeehan, seconded by Juergens, to adjourn the meeting at 3:47 p.m.
The motion carried unanimously.

Lauri French, Community Development/Planning Clerk