

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
Minutes
September 16, 2008**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Chairperson Pipoly called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m.

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

Also present was Piet Lindhout.

Staff was directed to contact Mr. Juergens to remind him of the BACC standing meeting schedule (3rd Tuesday of each month).

2. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 4:10 p.m. with no response.

3. Approval of the August 19, 2008 Minutes

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

4. Approval of the September 16, 2008 Agenda

Moved by Lawrence, seconded by Hardesty, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

5. Staff Updates

Administrative Changes – Matt Modrack introduced Lauri French, who will be taking over the administrative responsibilities for the BACC from Jennifer Piasecki. This change was requested by the City Manager since her assistance was expected to be temporary until Community Development personnel took over the duties. Mr. Modrack thanked Jennifer for her assistance with the BACC and noted she was heavily involved in the Brighton Biennial exhibit as well. The members welcomed Lauri and also thanked Jennifer for her assistance.

MCACA Grant Status/Press Release – Matt Modrack referenced the grant award letter from Arts Alliance, the regranteeing agency for MCACA, and noted that the award is contingent upon Arts Alliance receiving its funding allocation from MCACA (notification should be forthcoming this month). Mr. Modrack advised the commission that we should issue a press release; ***Staff was directed to draft a press release for approval by the BACC that will include quotes from one or more board members and contact name and phone number (TBD).***

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Sculpture Purchase – Mr. Modrack advised that the City's purchase of "Bob" is official and that we can use his image for promotional purposes. He thanked Lawrence Auto Body and Robert Herbst for their donations. Mr. Modrack also noted that the Ogihara piece has been removed and is currently in Jim Rowell's office. He has asked the DPS to remove and store the Hyne St. foundations (trip hazards) and Dave Blackmar indicated they would be handling that this week.

The handout provided by Chaely Chartier was reviewed; she has created a website for the Brighton Biennial Sculpture Exhibit (www.biennial.tumblr.com) that includes an on-line artist application. She has also notified a list of schools/magazines/websites that we are accepting applications and will continue to send out notifications as she finds contact information for them. Staff will contact Chaely to make any corrections/changes necessary on the website.

Mr. Modrack noted that one of the items for City Council's upcoming Goal Setting Retreat in October is the Michigan Main Street initiative which depends heavily on community volunteers, and that before we can proceed, we will need a definitive answer from the City attorney regarding liability relating to volunteers. The volunteer issue will also have a direct impact on the BACC's Brighton Biennial Sculpture Exhibit (the original Biennial was very dependent on numerous volunteers to install artwork). Ms. Lawrence noted that under the City's insurance, liability for the sculptures is covered but not replacement. The Commission agreed that the City attorney needs to understand how important this issue is to the artists and that the Biennial could die if it doesn't get resolved. Ms. McGeehan suggested the artists' agreement could include a statement similar to "City will cover up to \$_____ for vandalism, etc. (excluding acts of God) but anything over and above would be artists' responsibility", perhaps a percentage of sculptures' value?

Staff was directed to invite City attorney Paul Burns to the next BACC meeting to discuss insurance issues.

Ms. Lawrence advised that the Non-Profits Expo & Sculpture Park Dedication will take place at the Green Oak Village Place on Saturday, September 20, starting at 3:00 p.m. featuring "Austin's Movie" about the impact of the Brighton Biennial on an autistic child. The movie begins at 9:00 p.m. in the parking lot.

6. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 4:50 p.m. Hearing none, the call to the public was closed.

7. Adjournment

Moved by Hardesty, seconded by McGeehan, to adjourn the meeting at 4:55 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Lauri French, Community Development/Planning Clerk