

City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
November 23, 2009
5:00 p.m.

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. *Approval* of the October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. *Approval* of November 23, 2009 Agenda
4. *Approval* of October 2009 Financial Report
5. Call to the Public

New Business

6. Discussion - Zodiac Enterprises “Townscapes” promotional materials
7. 2010 Meeting Schedule

Old Business

8. Status of BACC web page on City’s web site; design and content discussion
9. Continue discussion - interest allocation to BACC account (question from last month’s meeting)
10. Status of Sagano as alternate location for Jeff Bohl sculptures (Matt M.)

Other Business

11. Staff Updates
 - Reminder: Send available dates for Jackson Armory Arts Village field trip to Jackson to Lauri French
 - MCACA Grant Final Report
 - Information regarding 205 West project (former TCF site) – Streetscape/Pocket Park
12. Call to the Public
13. Adjournment

Next BACC Meeting – December 14, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
November 23, 2009**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson McGeehan called the meeting to order at 5:10 p.m. The following roll call was taken:

Eugene Juergens - Absent
Carole McGeehan – Present
Kate Lawrence - Absent
Tim Cusick - Present
MJ Takagi – Present

Also present were Matt Modrack and Lauri French from City Staff.

2. **Approval of the October 12, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The October 12, 2009 minutes could not be approved. Carole McGeehan was not present at the October 12 meeting and a vote could therefore not be taken.

3. **Approval of the November 23, 2009 Agenda**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 3-0-2.

4. **Approval of October 2009 Financial Report**

Lauri French provided a revised October 2009 financial report that reflected the October interest for the BACC account (was not available when the first report was sent to the commission). Lauri was asked to add the cost of "The Bird" to the next financial report as well as the 9/11 Memorial foundation (cost TBD).

Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the October 2009 financial report. The motion carried 3-0-2.

5. **Call to the Public**

Chairperson McGeehan opened the call to the public at 5:20 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. **Discussion – Zodiac Enterprises "Townscapes" promotional materials**

Lauri French explained that Zodiac had dropped off their flyer and pricing at City Hall and asked if either the PSD or BACC might have an interest (i.e., a collage of the Biennial art pieces on a T-shirt we could use for fundraising). MJ Takagi suggested a reusable tote bag instead of a T-shirt or mug; she will contact a local promotions company to get pricing and discuss at the next meeting.

7. **2010 Meeting Schedule**

Lauri French explained that the City Clerk would require our 2010 meeting schedule sometime in December for publication in the newspaper. The current schedule of the second Monday each month at 4:00 p.m. seems to work for everyone.

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the BACC 2010 meeting schedule for the second Monday each month at 4:00 p.m. The motion carried 3-0-2.

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Old Business

8. Discuss status of BACC (City) email address and page on City's web site

Lauri French advised that the City's I.T. department is setting up a separate BACC web site that will be linked to the City's web site. There was a discussion about creating a logo for the BACC; the MCAPP logo was small-case, block lettering, similar to the City of Brighton's "flying Bs" logo. Chairperson McGeehan suggested we continue that theme with the BACC and incorporate the City of Brighton logo with the "b" in BACC. She will draft a design for discussion at the next meeting. Suggestions for items to be included on the web pages were:

- Welcome from BACC Chairperson
- Pictures of art and artist information
- Link to COBACH groups
- Sponsors' acknowledgments
- Art map with clickable feature that will take you to picture and artist information
- Call to artists on home page

9. Discuss interest allocation to BACC account (question from last month's meeting)

Lauri French provided additional emails from the City's Finance Department explaining why the interest rate allocations are so low in our account. Consensus of the group was it is primarily economy-driven and there's really nothing more to do about the subject.

10. Status of Sagano as alternate location for Jeff Bohl sculptures

Matt Modrack reported that two of the three Sagano partners had approved placing "Vested with Authority" and "Wisdom of Our Ancestry" in the front window of Sagano Japanese Steakhouse. MJ Takagi asked what our liability would be; Matt responded he would work out something with the restaurant and the city attorney. Matt also reported that "Welcome" had been repaired and reinforced by Jeff Bohl but he had reservations about putting it back at its original location. Joe Regnier's building was discussed as an alternate location. Chairperson McGeehan noted that she would rather put the piece back in its intended spot and that if the artist didn't have a problem putting it back, we shouldn't either.

Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by MJ Takagi, to replace "Welcome" back in its original spot on the pedestal outside City Hall. Motion carried 3-0-2.

Other Business

11. Staff Updates

Lauri French reminded the BACC members that she is still looking for their available dates for the trip to Jackson Armory Arts Village in Jackson. We are now looking for dates in January; Chairperson McGeehan asked if we could make it after January 11, 2010. Lauri will send out a note to the BACC members to remind them and noted that Dan Greer from Jackson (the Armory is in his ward) may plan something for our group's visit and we will need to let him know the planned date.

Lauri French noted that we submitted our final report to MCACA and did receive the remaining \$1,000 from their grant in early November, which will be reflected in November's financial report.

Matt Modrack gave a short presentation regarding the proposed Jim Barnas project at 205 W. Grand River and the streetscape and pocket park design with interactive art. He suggested we start a call to artists for these pieces soon. Chairperson McGeehan noted we need to know what kind of budget we are working with, and Matt will get back to the group after consulting with Piet Lindhout. MJ Takagi noted there should be power

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available in the park if it will be used for any event-related activities, and she will email information to Matt Modrack for that request.

Chairperson McGeehan reported Mike Kennedy advised her that the Brighton Area Firefighters' request for a piece of WTC steel had been approved for the 9/11 Memorial. Mike requested a brainstorming session after our regular meeting on January 11, 2010 to discuss placement, design, etc. Matt Modrack advised that he and Mayor Bandkau were speaking to a group on Monday, November 30, 2009 about a Veterans memorial and that we need to make sure our efforts are coordinated in terms of placement for all the memorials in the City (i.e., the big rock at the Mill Pond, the Blue Star rock near City Hall). He suggested there should be serious consideration before we go forward with both the 9/11 Memorial and the Veterans memorial.

11. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 6:10 p.m. Hearing none, the call to the public was closed.

12. Adjournment

*Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to adjourn the meeting at 6:10 p.m.
The motion carried 3-0-2.*

Lauri French, Community Development/Planning Clerk
November 24, 2009

Next BACC Meeting – Monday, December 14, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers