

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
April 14, 2009
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. *Approval* of the March 10, 2009 Meeting Minutes
3. *Approval* of April 14, 2009 Agenda
4. *Approval* of March 2009 Financial Report
5. Call to the Public

New Business

6. Curator update (Chaely Chartier)
7. Discuss and select new sculptures and possible locations; stipend amount per artist

Old Business

8. Return of Biennial sculptures to artists
 - Discuss stipend amount to be budgeted to defray artists' costs

Other Business

9. Staff Updates
 - Revocable artist agreement status
10. Call to the Public
11. Adjournment

Next BACC Meeting – May 12, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
Minutes
April 14, 2009**

1. Call to Order

Commission Member McGeehan called the meeting to order at 4:07 p.m. The following roll call was taken:

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

Also present were Matt Modrack and Lauri French from City Staff and 1 audience member. ***Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to excuse Commission Member Juergens. Motion passed 4-0-1.***

2. Call to the Public

Commission Member McGeehan made the call to the public at 4:08 p.m. Kate Lawrence introduced Scott Lurain who was asked by Commission Member Juergens to present a proposal to the BACC for their consideration. Scott would be interested in providing one of his sculptures for the new exhibit; he showed the group a picture of a similar piece and noted that it would be used as a flagpole, possibly having Brighton school children design one side of a flag and perhaps the Brighton Art Guild could design the other side each year. Scott is asking for \$7,500 and a \$500 up-front fee for materials; Kate Lawrence explained that all the sculptures are on loan from the artists (they are not paid to exhibit them) and we are considering paying a stipend to the artists of less than \$500. Scott left the group a book containing examples of his work and asked for their consideration as we go forward with the new exhibit. He could have his piece installed by Memorial Day.

3. Approval of the March 10, 2009 Minutes

Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the meeting minutes as written. The motion carried 4-0-1.

4. Approval of the April 14, 2009 Agenda

Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 4-0-1.

5. Approval of March 2009 Financial Reports

Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the March 2009 Financial report. The motion carried 4-0-1.

New Business

- 6. Curator Update (Chaely Chartier)**
- 7. Discuss and select new sculptures and possible locations; stipend amount per artist**

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These two items were discussed together as part of Chaely's update. She showed the group additional pictures of either actual pieces or representative pieces for the artists that have committed so far. We are looking at possibly 16 new sculptures (some from the same artist). Some of the current Biennial artists would like to swap out their current pieces for new ones (e.g., Ray Katz, Phaedra Robinson). The group discussed possible locations for the new pieces. Matt Modrack pointed out the suggested locations on a site plan map his department is working on for both relocation of existing pieces or installation of the new sculptures. Chaely indicated that some of the artists have mentioned a possible stipend in the amount of \$250 (per artist) to help defray transportation and set-up costs. Chaely will forward any new pictures of the pieces to the group.

Carole McGeehan asked if we were still planning to tie in to the Arts Festival in August; she would like to be involved in putting together the walking map with artwork, descriptions, etc. Chaely mentioned that she is asking each artist to fill out a questionnaire explaining the materials used, inspiration for the piece, etc. The Arts Festival is August 8 and 9. The group briefly discussed marketing for the new pieces; a suggestion was made to ask the Press & Argus to do an article with pictures as the new pieces go in and possibly have HubTV do a piece for their web site.

Old Business

8. Return of Biennial sculptures to artists

Matt Modrack reported we are going to return some of the Biennial pieces to the artists; his department will write each artist to arrange for return and would assist in getting the pieces back to the artists, if required. He noted that we were not planning to pay any stipends to the Biennial artists since this was not part of the original exhibit arranged by John Sauve.

The group further discussed Kate Lawrence's suggestion from the March meeting to consider moving "Decision Pending" to a more appropriate spot given some of the negative publicity it has received. Matt Modrack had offered the services of Jim Rowell to Photoshop the sculpture to the suggested alternate locations for the Commission's review but he has not reviewed them yet since we don't have pictures of the alternate sites and the new sculptures. It was decided to put this item on the next agenda for further discussion. Matt will check to see if an easement is required from the building owner if we were to move "Decision Pending" to the space in front of Tom Coates' building.

Other Business

9. Staff Updates

- Revocable artist agreement status – Matt Modrack reported that he sent a draft agreement to Paul Burns' office a few weeks ago for approval. We cannot proceed with installation until we receive this document and obtain the new and returning artists' signatures. Matt also mentioned that the City attorney's office wants the BACC to make a motion recommending to City Council the placement and stipend amounts to be paid to the artists. The next steps are:
 1. BACC recommendation – to be developed at May meeting
 2. To City Council for their May 21st meeting (consent agenda?)
 3. Complete revocable license agreements with the artists

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- Carole McGeehan mentioned that at the March meeting the group wanted to discuss changing the meeting day due to an administrative issue, but the meeting had already been adjourned. She asked if there would be a better day and the group agreed that the second Monday of the month would work. ***Motion by Tim Cusick, seconded by Kate Lawrence, to move the BACC meetings to the second Monday of each month beginning in May 2009. The motion carried 4-0-1.***

10. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 5:40 p.m. Hearing none, the call to the public was closed.

11. Adjournment

Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 5:40 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Lauri French, Community Development/Planning Clerk
April 15, 2009

Next BACC Meeting – Monday, May 11, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers