

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

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. *Approval* of the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes
3. *Approval* of September 14, 2009 Agenda
4. *Approval* of August 2009 Financial Reports
5. Call to the Public

**New Business**

6. Discuss proposed dates and itineraries for field trips to Gallery 194 in Lapeer (October 20) and Jackson Armory Arts Village in Jackson (October 29)
7. Call to artists discussion – replacements for pieces in 2010

**Old Business**

8. Discuss status of the BACC (City) email address and page on City's web site
9. Staff recommendation –display of Jeffrey Bohl's pieces
10. Staff recommendation for reinstallation of "The Children" head

**Other Business**

11. Staff Updates
12. Call to the Public
13. Adjournment

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

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

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson McGeehan called the meeting to order at 4:04 p.m. The following roll call was taken:

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

Also present were Matt Modrack and Lauri French from City Staff and an audience of one.

2. **Approval of the August 10, 2009 Regular Meeting Minutes**

***Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the August 10, 2009 regular meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 5-0.***

3. **Approval of the September 14, 2009 Agenda**

Lauri French noted that Item 8, Purchase of "The Bird" had been added to the agenda since the packets were originally sent out. ***Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the agenda as presented. The motion carried 5-0.***

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

Lauri French reviewed the August 2009 financial report and noted the Commission had received \$406 in donations (\$203 each from the Modrack and Schafer families) for "The Bird". We now have enough donations to purchase the sculpture. Kate Lawrence questioned the amount of interest received in August (33 cents) and asked if the amount looked high enough on a balance of \$16,000 plus. Staff will get with the Finance Department and report back at the October meeting. MJ Takagi mentioned that at our last meeting, Staff was going to go through Chaely Chartier's contract to ensure we have all the information she was supposed to provide. Lauri French responded we have received some of the artists' statements but are missing a few and that we don't have all the purchase prices. She will follow up with the individual artists to obtain that information since we want to include it in a brochure for the Biennial.

***Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the August 2009 financial report. The motion carried 5-0.***

5. **Call to the Public**

Chairperson McGeehan opened the call to the public at 4:10 p.m. Mike Kennedy from the Brighton Area Fire Authority addressed the Commission to request support for a project the On-Call Firefighters are working on. He passed out an information packet from the September 11<sup>th</sup> Families' Association that described an opportunity where federal, state or local governments or non-profit organizations could request a piece of World Trade Center steel recovered from the site. The On-Call Firefighters plan to send a letter requesting a piece of steel to be displayed at Station 31 on Grand River and would pick the piece up in New York. Kate Lawrence stated that at a minimum the BACC could donate a foundation for the piece and a permanent plaque. She also noted that she would personally donate money to help defray fuel costs for the firefighters' trip to pick the piece up at JFK Airport. There was discussion about the planned location of the piece. MJ Takagi asked if they were planning to display it in front of the station or at the

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back near the Mill Pond; Mike responded they planned to put it in the grassy area in front of the station. Carole McGeehan noted she would be willing to volunteer her time to work with the BAFA to plan the piece's exhibit.

***Motion by Kate Lawrence for the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission to authorize Staff to write a letter of support for the BAFA and for the BACC to donate a base foundation and permanent plaque to the Firefighters' Association for the 9/11 Memorial. Motion supported by Tim Cusick. Motion passed 5-0.***

### New Business

**6. Discuss proposed dates and itineraries for field trips to Gallery 194 in Lapeer (October 20) and Jackson Armory Arts Village in Jackson (October 29).**

Lauri French advised that after plugging in the Commission members' available dates, that October 20 would be a good date for the Lapeer field trip to visit Gallery 194 and the PIX Theater and October 29 was available for the Jackson Armory Arts Village field trip. There was discussion about inviting a member of the COBACH board, but Matt Modrack said he would prefer to take a member of his staff if they wanted to go since the COBACH groups have a lot on their plates at this time. He said we could always schedule another visit for COBACH members at a future date. Lauri French will send out reminders so the members can put these dates on their calendars, and we will discuss final details at the October BACC meeting. Carole McGeehan mentioned that art classes have already begun at the COBACH center.

**7. Call to artists discussion – replacements for pieces in 2010**

Lauri French noted that we have two pieces scheduled to be removed in May 2010 – Ray Katz's "Evolution One" and David Deming's "Centurian", both of which will leave large holes in the exhibit behind Stout Pub. Carole McGeehan suggested we put out a call to artists by the end of this year for the 3<sup>rd</sup> biennial in 2011. For the two pieces being replaced in 2010, we can provide the base dimensions. There was discussion about including photographs of the current sites as well as a copy of the artist agreement and stipend information. Lauri French mentioned that in addition to posting on the BACC page of the City's web site we might also want to use ArtServe's web site. Carole McGeehan has a list of sites we can post to for the replacement pieces.

**8. Purchase of "The Bird"**

Matt Modrack noted that with the donations received in August that we now have enough donation money to purchase "The Bird". He advised that the Commission has to recommend the purchase to City Council for their approval, probably at the October 1 meeting, and that Piet Lindhout would have to provide a title or bill of sale for the piece similar to what we did with "Bob".

***Motion by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to send a recommendation to City Council to purchase "The Bird". Motion carried 5-0.***

### Old Business

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

Lauri French advised that the City's I.T. department has created a BACC email address - [bacc@brightoncity.org](mailto:bacc@brightoncity.org). Any emails sent to this address will be forwarded to Lauri's city email account. I.T. has also received approval to create a BACC page on the City's web site, but a City employee will be responsible for any updates. Matt Modrack volunteered to have Lauri do the updates since she does them for the PSD's web site. There was discussion about what content should be included on the web page; Carole McGeehan suggested the call to artists information for 2010 and 2011, press clippings and

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photographs. MJ Takagi asked if we had to design the page; Matt Modrack suggested Jim Rowell, who has created web pages for other people, could assist the BACC in the design of the page. This item will be discussed again at the October meeting.

## 10. Staff recommendation – display of Jeffrey Bohl’s pieces

Matt Modrack reported that Jeff Bohl will re-do “Welcome” to try to reinforce it to make it less likely to be vandalized. His other two pieces are currently in Matt’s office awaiting a decision as to where they should be exhibited. Matt suggested we put the two pieces inside businesses downtown. There was discussion regarding how the businesses would be chosen and how the pieces would be exhibited; i.e., would they be lit even if the business was closed for the day? Matt has a couple of businesses in mind and will explore the possibilities before the next BACC meeting in October.

## 11. Staff recommendation for reinstallation of “The Children” heads

Jim Rowell advised that he had spoken to “The Children” artist Marie Davis and they have decided to remove the granite “stem” from the heads and mount them flush to the concrete base. This should make it harder for vandals to knock the heads off the base (less leverage). Jim estimated it may cost \$50 for materials to re-mount the heads.

## Other Business

### 12. Staff Updates

Lauri French noted that she received a note from the Target Foundation advising that they could not provide financial support for the BACC Sculpture Exhibit at this time.

Kate Lawrence advised she had received a call from Ron Garrison at the Knights of Columbus asking if someone from the BACC would be available on Saturday, September 19, to conduct an art tour for a group of K of C spouses after they have lunch in Brighton. Kate has a conflict and cannot do it herself and asked if one of the other members would be available at approximately 1:30 p.m. to do the tour. MJ Takagi volunteered to conduct the tour and asked if she could get some background information on the original Biennial pieces from Matt Modrack and/or other Commission members. Carole McGeehan said she would probably be in Washington D.C. that weekend but would help out if she was not.

Carole McGeehan noted we should think about doing some additional press for the Biennial sculpture exhibit.

### 12. Call to the Public

The call to the public was made at 5:30 p.m. Hearing none, the call to the public was closed.

### 13. Adjournment

***Moved by Kate Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 5:30 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.***

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

**Next BACC Meeting – Monday, October 12, 2009 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers**