

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission
July 12, 2010
4:00 p.m.**

1. Call to Order/Roll Call
2. Approval of the July 12, 2010 Agenda
3. Approval of the June 14, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes
4. Approval of June 2010 Financial Report
5. Call to the Public

New Business

Old Business

6. 2010 Call to Artists Status
 - Finalize stipend amounts
 - Finalize sculpture locations
 - Chamber Artist Reception invitations
7. BACC Vacancies

Other Business

8. Staff Updates
9. Call to the Public
10. Adjournment

Next BACC Meeting – August 9, 2010 at 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
July 12, 2010**

1. **Call to Order**

Interim Chairperson Roblee called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee - Present
Tim Cusick - Present
MJ Takagi – Present

Also present were Matt Modrack, Police Chief Tom Wightman and Lauri French from City Staff.

2. **Approval of the July 12, 2010 Agenda**

Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the July 12, 2010 agenda as presented. The motion carried 3-0.

3. **Approval of the June 14, 2010 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the June 14, 2010 meeting minutes as presented. The motion carried 3-0.

4. **Approval of June 2010 Financial Report**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the May 2010 financial report as presented. The motion carried 3-0.

5. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 4:10 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

Old Business

6. **2010 Call to Artists Status**

- Finalize stipend amounts – Lauri French reported that Israel Nordin was very happy that his two sculptures had been included in this year's Exhibit, but had questioned whether his stipend amount could be increased since the original Call to Artists stipulated a \$1,000 per sculpture for the replacements in the Cobb-Hall park. At the last BACC meeting, the stipend amounts discussed were \$1,000 for Ray Katz and \$250 per piece for the Nordin, Kegham, Sayles and Tazian pieces. Lauri noted that the Sayles piece would not be included; she received a phone call from his associate that Mr. Sayles was too involved in other projects to participate. *Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to allocate a stipend of \$750 per sculpture, or \$1,500 total, to Israel Nordin for his two pieces, "Evolution of Self 2" and "Evolution of Self 3". Motion carried 3-0.*

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- Finalize sculpture locations – Discussed possible relocations to be made in order to accommodate placement of the new sculptures. “The Hand” will be moved into the garden at St. Paul’s to make room for “Evolution of Self 3” on its former site; Matt Modrack will work with Reverend Deon on the location. “Welcome” will be moved to an indoor location (TBD – Matt Modrack will find a home for it) and “Elegant Lady” will be put in its place. The other Tazian piece, “Collaborative Transformation” will be located outside City Hall near the wall facing the Imagination Station (adjacent to the Piet piece), either freestanding on the mounts in the picture or hung on the wall. Matt will discuss the options with Kegham Tazian. Finally, “Evolution of Self 2” will be installed at the pedestal located on Grand River in front of the Thai restaurant (new location). Claudia Roblee noted that City Council did approve the sculptures at the last meeting on June 17. ***Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the above locations and relocations. Motion carried 3-0.***
- Chamber Artist Reception invitations – MJ Takagi reported the Chamber would send out invitations to the artists for the reception on Saturday, August 14, from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. in the Chamber garden. Lauri French gave Israel and Erik Nordin’s address to MJ to be included in the invitation list.

It was suggested that we send Steven Sayles a thank you note and ask him to consider exhibiting with us in the future; Lauri French will send the letter. MJ Takagi suggested using the Grand Rapids “ArtPrize” list of artists for next year’s Call to Artists (to replace “American Beauty” and “Landscape Sunset” at the Cobb-Hall park).

7. BACC Vacancies

Lauri French reported that she has not heard back from Kris Tobbe, who had expressed interest in serving on the BACC. Claudia Roblee will ask Mary Hunley if she might be interested. Matt Modrack stated that all commission members must be residents of the City per the City Charter and resolution forming the BACC.

Other Business

8. Staff Updates

Lauri French gave the BACC an update on the WTC Memorial (nothing new to report). She sent a note to Mike Kennedy at the BAFA asking if they might be able to also take the Deming sculpture (“Centurian”) back to Cleveland on their way to pick up the piece of WTC steel. Mike said they would take it under consideration and they could do it if time allowed. Matt Modrack will talk to Matt Schindewolf at DPS about taking down Centurian and storing it so we can coordinate installation of the new Katz piece in its place.

Police Chief Tom Wightman was invited by Matt Modrack to speak to the BACC about the perceived increase in vandalism to the art pieces and what we might be able to do about it. Chief Wightman noted that while some of the damage can be attributed to vandalism (“The Children”, “Welcome”, “Bring Your Chalk and Draw on

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Me”), some of it was accidental (“Winter ’05 on North St. appears to have been damaged by a piece of City equipment). He also noted that the materials for some of the early pieces were not strong enough to be exhibited outside (for example, the ceramic piece by Mari Ogihara, the DiGuisti relief next to City Hall and the relief on the wall of the Pavilion). Chief Wightman noted that the DDA was approached a few years ago regarding paying for additional “Area Under Surveillance” signs but they did not approve that suggestion. Matt Modrack said he would re-visit the issue at the next DDA meeting. Chief Wightman noted that the pieces from last year’s Biennial and the pieces for this year’s exhibit look sturdier than the pieces in the original, so they should hold up better. Also discussed was a suggestion to install small “This area under video surveillance” plaques alongside the sculpture plaques as a deterrent. The group also asked Chief Wightman if he could provide the cost for “fake cameras” that could be put up as a deterrent. Lauri French suggested getting input from other communities who have public art displays to determine if they have had similar vandalism problems and what they have done about it. Matt Modrack volunteered to have his staff contact some of these communities.

9. Call to the Public

Call to the public was made at 5:05 p.m.; hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Tim Cusick, seconded by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 5:05 p.m. The motion carried 3-0.

Lauri French, Administrative Assistant
Community Development & Planning Department
July 12, 2010

Next BACC Meeting – Monday, August 9, 2010 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers