

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting – June 13, 2011**

1. **Call to Order**

Chairperson Roblee called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

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

Larry Lawrence – Present
Kris Tobbe – Absent (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)

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

2. **Approval of the June 13, 2011 Agenda**

Moved by Larry Lawrence, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the June 13, 2011 agenda. Motion carried 4-0-1.

3. **Approval of May 9, 2011 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to approve the May 9, 2011 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 4-0-1.

4. **Approval of May 2011 Financial Report**

Lauri French noted that we received the first half of the MEDC Rural Grant in the amount of \$5,000.

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Tim Cusick, to approve the May 2011 financial report as presented. Motion carried 5-0.

5. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 4:05 p.m. Dave Murphy, South Lyon City Manager, introduced himself and said he was attending the meeting because his city is thinking about creating an arts commission. Hearing no further response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. **Feedback from Zot Artz Workshop on 5/5/11 in Lansing, MI**

Claudia Roblee gave an overview of a workshop put on by ArtServe that she and Lauri French attended. Dwayne Szot is an artist who has created different adaptive tools that can be used by children and adults with disabilities to allow them more opportunities to create works of art. She will share the information with the Brighton Art Guild and any other groups who may be interested.

7. **Consider placement locations for three new Jeff Bohl sculptures in downtown retail stores (August)**

Lauri French reviewed the list of seven retail store owners who responded to the note she sent 5/12/11 asking if anyone was interested in “hosting” one of Jeff Bohl’s new sculptures for the exhibit beginning in August 2011. Some of the commission members wanted to take a look at the seven stores before making a decision.

Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to table this item until the next BACC meeting on July 11, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

8. **Consider proposal from Bryan Barker for new sculpture(s) for August 2011 exhibit**

The location and two sketches by Bryan Barker for his sculptures were reviewed. He explained his proposal would include a tree and four animals to be located where “Play, Play, Play” is right now (#13 on the map). There was discussion about that location not being ideal for children-oriented pieces due to the amount of traffic in that area. It was suggested that the current “Broom” location (#6 on the art map) would be better suited for his giraffe sculpture due to its location to the Imagination Station and the existing landscaping that might inhibit people climbing on it.

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Motion by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, to have Bryan Barker construct a giraffe similar to the one in the photographs for the location currently occupied by "Broom" (#6 on the art map) for installation by August 11, 2011. Motion carried 5-0.

9. Consider acceptance of a donation from Dana Foster and recommendation for its use

Matt Modrack received an email from City Manager Foster regarding his annual donation to the BACC and that Mr. Foster had asked for a recommendation from the BACC as to how it could best be used. In the past, Mr. Foster has "earmarked" his donations for either printed materials for the Biennial or toward purchases of sculptures. There was a discussion about how this money could best be used. Claudia Roblee suggested it be put toward plaques for the permanent pieces purchased by donor contributions (i.e., "The Hand" and "The Bird"). MJ Takagi mentioned the BACC had also discussed purchasing solar lights to illuminate some of the pieces as a possible use.

Motion by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to recommend that City Manager Foster's donation be earmarked to purchase plaques for the permanent pieces that were purchased with donor contributions. Motion carried 5-0.

Old Business

10. BACC Candidates to replace Tim Cusick

Claudia Roblee reported that she had talked to a couple of residents about replacing Tim Cusick on the BACC but had not found a replacement yet. She asked the other commission members to let her know if they know of anyone who would be willing to serve on the BACC.

11. Outdoor sculpture exhibit discussion

- Status of three replacement pieces and "Winter '05" – Lauri French reported that Jim Ignash's sculpture, "Twisted System", had been installed last week at the Cobb-Hall site. Matt Modrack is working with the DPS to move "Winter '05" and "Gone Wild" to the Cobb-Hall site now that the concrete bases have been poured. The last MEDC grant piece to be installed is the Nordin sculpture for North Street.
- Status of extension and/or replacement of pieces – Lauri French reported that with the selection of Bryan Barker's giraffe to replace "Broom", there is only one other sculpture to be replaced – that is "Play, Play, Play", and she will contact Kegham Tazian to find out if he plans to replace it with another piece (#13 on the map). She will also contact John Piet, who has advised that he would consider making an additional work due to the favorable response of "City With a Halo" with the intention to link both sides of the City. Lauri will contact John to get the details of his offer.
- Stipend amounts for August 2011 sculpture exhibit – Lauri French noted that this item had been tabled from the last BACC meeting to determine whether the commission had already approved the August 2011 exhibit stipend amounts. Lauri reported that she had looked through past meeting minutes and the stipend amounts for this year's exhibit had not been discussed, just the amounts for the MEDC grant pieces (\$1,000 per piece).

Motion by Kris Tobbe, seconded by Tim Cusick, to retain the stipend amounts from the 2010 exhibit for the 2011 exhibit (\$250 for a small piece, \$1,000 for a large piece). Motion carried 5-0.

12. Pocket park sculptures status

Claudia Roblee reported that she and Lauri French visited Detroit Design Center's studio last week; the sculptures are progressing very well and will be ready for installation after the work is finished on the park. Lauri French noted that we have received an extension from the MEDC for the installation of the pocket

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park sculptures since the weather delayed the wall and paver brickwork in the park, and the sculptures should optimally be installed last.

Other Business

13. **Staff Updates** – Lauri French advised that John Sauve was recognized in a press release dated June 3, 2011 regarding his sculpture installed at the Detroit Riverfront. There is a formal lighting to take place on July 14 after a Sculpture Park fundraising event at the Atwater Brewery if anyone is interested in attending.

Matt Modrack advised that he is meeting with the DDA Budget Subcommittee on Wednesday, June 15, and is going to ask for an appropriation for the FY 11-12 BACC budget.

14. **Call to the Public** – Call to the Public was made at 5:08 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

15. **Adjournment**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Larry Lawrence, to adjourn the meeting at 5:08 p.m. The motion carried 5-0.

Lauri French, Administrative Assistant
Community Development Department
June 15, 2011

Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, July 11, 2011 – 4:00 p.m. – Council Chambers