

**City of Brighton  
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting – January 14, 2013**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present  
Kris Tobbe – Present

Larry Lawrence – Present (arr. at 6:05 p.m.)  
MJ Takagi – Present

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

2. **Approval of the January 14, 2012 Agenda**

*Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the January 14, 2013 agenda as presented. Motion carried 3-0-1.*

3. **Approval of the November 19, 2012 Regular Meeting Minutes**

*Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Kris Tobbe, to approve the November 19, 2012 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0-1.*

4. **Approval of FY 2012-13 Financial Report (YTD through 12/31/12)**

Lauri French reviewed the financial report and noted that two donations of \$500 each were received which are earmarked for the purchase of "Spiral". We have not yet received the donation from the owners of Tim Horton's and Lauri will send them a follow-up reminder note. She also noted that budget preparation for FY 13-14 has begun and she and Matt Modrack will meet with the City Manager and Finance Director next week.

*Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, to approve the FY 2012-13 financial report as presented. Motion carried 3-0-1.*

5. **Call to the Public**

Call to the public was made at 6:05 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

**New Business**

**Old Business**

6. **Fisher family sculpture donation – location alternatives (Piet Lindhout)**

Mr. Lindhout reviewed the original location submission and advised that the Police Department objected to the original location due to safety issues. They were concerned that someone wanting to vandalize the sculpture might walk out on the Millpond ice and potentially drown. The smaller protected area was suggested as an alternative, but Mr. Lindhout would not be able to fit the equipment for the installation into that small space. Planning & Zoning Director Amy Cyphert suggested the round base in front of St. Paul's Church might be a good location if it was agreeable to the Fisher family and the sculpture currently on display temporarily for the exhibit could be removed. He provided a mock-up with the sculpture at that location. There was consensus that the round base in front of St. Paul's Church would be a good location for the donated sculpture. The Detroit Design Center sculpture is scheduled to rotate out by August 1, 2013 and it was suggested that the installation and unveiling be coordinated with the Fine Art Festival the first weekend in August. Mr. Fisher brought up a concern in the event the City ever wanted to take down the sculpture, and Mr. Modrack advised that we could incorporate language into the agreement with the Fisher family that would allow the family the right to relocate the sculpture to another location either inside or outside the City of Brighton if the city wants to remove the sculpture for any reason. Claudia Roblee advised that the St. Paul location has already been approved by Planning

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Commission and would not have to go before that Board again. City Council will have to approve the donation of the sculpture.

7. **Purchase of "Spiral" status** – Lauri French reported that we sent letters to the three companies from whom we received commitments for donations toward the purchase of "Spiral" and as noted earlier, we have received two checks to date. We have also received a signed Bill of Sale agreement from the artist, Maureen Voorheis. City Council will have to approve the purchase of the sculpture and the BACC should send a recommendation to City Council for the February 7 meeting.

***Moved by Kris Tobbe, seconded by MJ Takagi, that a recommendation be sent to City Council to accept the donations from Lawrence Auto Body, Corrigan Oil and Stew-Hort, Inc. (Tim Horton's) for the purchase of the sculpture "Spiral" by Maureen Voorheis in the amount of \$1,585. Motion carried 3-0-1, with Larry Lawrence abstaining.***

8. **Cobb-Hall Landscape Plan** – Lauri French reported that the proposed landscape plan for the Cobb-Hall site was reviewed at the December DDA meeting by Karleen Schafer from Landscape Design Associates. She is still putting together final cost estimates for irrigation and lighting and \$35,000 is in the budget for the project. Matt Modrack noted that he plans to ask Lindhout Associates to handle the RFP for the landscape work. There was discussion about renaming the property "BACC Sculpture Park" or "BACC Sculpture Garden" and Claudia Roblee asked the commission members to think about it so we can discuss this again at the February meeting.
9. **Continuation of General Discussion about the future of the BACC and Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit**  
Claudia Roblee stated that we may have a letter of interest being turned in this week to fill one of the two vacancies on the BACC. There was consensus that we should keep the current structure for now instead of applying for non-profit status. Lauri French noted that she will ask members of other boards if they know of anyone who might be interested in serving on the BACC. There was discussion about whether the BACC wants to extend any of the current sculptures on exhibit and Lauri French was directed to send exploratory letters to all artists whose pieces are scheduled to rotate out this year to find out if they are interested in extending their exhibit for another year. If they are not, we can arrange to have those sculptures removed before August 1.

### **Other Business**

#### **10. Staff Updates**

- a. Status of replacements for BACC vacancies – This item was covered above.

Matt Modrack noted that our insurance claim for vandalism to the Adnan Charara sculpture was approved for \$10,000. We should receive the check this week and he has worked out a deal with Mr. Charara to pay him \$7,500 so he can make a replacement sculpture, which the City will own and put on our insurance policy, with the balance to be paid when he delivers the sculpture, probably in April 2013.

11. **Call to the Public** – Call to the Public was made at 6:50 p.m. Hearing no response, Call to the Public was closed.

#### **12. Adjournment**

Moved by MJ Takagi, seconded by Kris Tobbe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. The motion carried 4-0.

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Lauri French, Deputy Director  
Community Development, Planning & Zoning  
January 15, 2013

**Reminder: Next Regular BACC Meeting – Monday, February 11, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.**