

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – December 9, 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
Shanda Willis - Absent

Cori Senak - Absent
MJ Takagi – Present

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to excuse the absences of Cori Senak and Shanda Willis.

Motion carried 3-0-2.

Also present were Lauri French, Matt Modrack and City Manager Dana Foster from City Staff and an audience of seven.

2. **Approval of the December 9, 2013 Agenda**

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the December 9, 2013 agenda as presented.

Motion carried 3-0-2.

3. **Approval of the September 9, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve the September 9, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

4. **Approval of the October 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The October 14, 2013 meeting minutes could not be approved due to the absences of two members; tabled until the January meeting.

5. **Receipt of Financial Report**

a. FY 2013-14 through November 30, 2013 – Lauri French reviewed the financial report. She explained that she spoke to Mr. Fisher who advised that the funds to pay for the sculpture that was donated to the City were escrowed funds that had to be paid to a non-profit and could not be paid to Lindhout Associates directly. Since the City is a non-profit, it was decided to have their attorney send a check payable to the City of Brighton in the amount of \$11,713 (Lindhout Associates' cost to fabricate the sculpture). This amount is shown under the Revenue section of the financial report as a donation. There is also an offsetting expense in the same amount to Lindhout Associates.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to approve receipt of the FY 13-14 financial report as presented. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

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

New Business

7. Proposed Memorial Day Weekend Car Show (public art fundraiser) – John Sauve explained an idea he presented to Matt Modrack a couple of months ago. He advised that he also presented the idea to the Principal Shopping District board at their meeting last week to determine whether there was support to promote the event if the BACC wants to go ahead with it. He outlined his vision for the event, which would be a car show similar to the former Kiwanis Car Show at the high school. Since the BACC does not have a very large budget, there would be a fundraising component to the show for public art; he suggested having a beer tent, which always makes money, and we could charge any vendors who participate. He proposed that the people showing their cars would also pay a participation fee (amount TBD). Mr. Modrack noted that we would need a pro forma to be presented to the BACC from the organizers of the event with estimated revenue and expenses and showing how much they anticipate would be raised for the BACC.

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There was also discussion about who would organize the event and how much their fee would be. The BACC members indicated their support for the event and discussed how we could incorporate the sculptures we already have in the City.

The next step is for John Sauve to prepare a formal proposal with revenues and expenses and present a couple of alternatives for the BACC to review at the January meeting.

8. Discuss possible alternatives with representatives from the Brighton Art Guild, Principal Shopping District and City of Brighton to bring Kaleidoscope 2014 back to downtown Brighton – Chairperson Claudia Roblee noted that City Manager Foster was asked to attend the Brighton Art Guild’s board meeting in November to begin a discussion about whether the Guild would bring their Kaleidoscope event back to downtown Brighton. She said we recognize that this is a big show for the Guild members and we want to do what we can to support public art in the city. She suggested that an alternative could be a “mini ArtPrize” event where venues in downtown Brighton would host the artists’ work.

Mr. Foster stated that what was clear from attending the Guild’s board meeting last month was that there was a lack of vacant space in downtown Brighton since the stores filled up. Sarah Grusin, president of the Art Guild, agreed that the Kaleidoscope show outgrew the available space in Brighton. She passed out some information to the BACC members with the exhibit history, some pictures from the 2013 Kaleidoscope at Green Oak Village Place, and facts and figures. She noted that this is the only members only show and the Guild board really wants to keep all the artists together if possible.

There was discussion about possible venues in the city. Lauri French asked if the general Guild membership would be supportive of an ArtPrize type Kaleidoscope, and Sarah Grusin said they have not discussed this with their members. They do not have a meeting in January, so the earliest this discussion could take place would be February. There was discussion about using the Kaleidoscope name for a mini ArtPrize type event and the possibility of combining an event with the Fine Arts Festival. Claudia Roblee asked when the 2014 Kaleidoscope is planned to be held, but they do not have a definite date yet and will let her know. The BACC/PSD in the meantime will contact the merchants and restaurants to determine if they would be interested in being a venue for an art show and, if so, how much space each location could devote to the art.

9. Discussion and possible approval to move “City With a Halo” to the BACC Sculpture Garden – Matt Modrack reported that “City With a Halo” was removed temporarily due to the Veterans Memorial construction. There was a new cement pad poured in its former location, but he would like the BACC to consider moving it to the BACC Sculpture Garden since it is a little “busy” in the gazebo area with the completion of the Memorial. Lauri French noted that the sculpture is currently in storage at DPS and that it would need to be repainted before it gets reinstalled.

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to direct Staff to get a quote to re-paint “City With a Halo” before it is reinstalled at the BACC Sculpture Garden location. **Motion carried 3-0-2.**

10. Approve 2014 meeting dates – Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the BACC 2014 meeting dates as presented. **Motion carried 3-0-2.**

Old Business

11. 2013 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit update – Lauri French reported that the second Detroit Design Center sculpture is almost finished with some texturing remaining to be done. Also, they would like our opinion on which of the two bases they have for the piece that we want to be used. They invited Claudia and Lauri to their studio in Detroit to see the two bases before they get ready to install the sculpture.

Other Business

12. Staff Updates – Lauri French showed the BACC members some BACC logo designs that were done by Eight Ten Designs (Nick Palizzi) and one from another community. Claudia Roblee asked that this item be

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put on next month's agenda. Matt Modrack noted that City Council was very supportive of the Mill Pond Master Plan update, repurposing City Hall for an art/community center and building a downtown theater as discussed at last weekend's Council retreat.

13. Commission Member Updates – None

14. Call to the Public was made at 7:30 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

15. Adjournment

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. ***Motion carried 3-0-2.***

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
Community Development, Planning & Zoning
December 10, 2013

Reminder: Next BACC Regular Meeting – Monday, January 13, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.