

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes
Regular Meeting – April 8, 2013**

Chairperson Roblee introduced Cori Senak and welcomed her to the BACC.

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present
Kris Tobbe – Present
Shanda Willis - Present

Cori Senak - Present
MJ Takagi – Present (arr. at 6:30 p.m.)

Claudia Roblee advised that MJ Takagi would arrive at about 6:30 p.m.

Also present was Erik Nordin from Detroit Design Center, Lauri French and Matt Modrack from City Staff.

2. **Approval of the April 8, 2013 Agenda**

Chairperson Roblee noted that the agenda will have to be amended to move approval of meeting minutes, items 3, 4 and 5, to Old Business, items 9.a, 9.b. and 9.c., after MJ Takagi arrives. Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve agenda as amended. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

6. Approval of 2013 YTD Financial Report (through March 31, 2013) – Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve the financial report as presented. Motion carried 3-0-1-1 with Cori Senak abstaining.

7. Call to the Public was made at 6:08 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

8. **DIA “Inside|Out” Program status (Claudia Roblee/Lauri French) - handouts**

Claudia Roblee reported that we will be receiving 7 pieces from the DIA for the Inside|Out exhibit. The sites were selected by the DIA during a walkaround in March. Lauri French handed out the site locations and pictures of the reproductions. Claudia noted that the Brighton Art Guild has put out a call to artists for pleinair painting of either the sculptures or DIA reproductions on July 20. The paintings will then be on display at Art Ventures until the weekend of the Fine Arts Festival (August 2-3) at which time they will be moved to a large tent for a public vote. Prizes will be awarded. There will be a \$20 fee for artists to participate, part of which will offset the cost of providing box lunches to the artists. The Art Guild may ask the BACC to allocate some money for this also.

Lauri also handed out some Inside|Out materials she received from Walled Lake; their kick-off event is Thursday, April 11, beginning at 4:00 p.m. There may be some ideas we could use for our exhibit. Claudia Roblee, Shanda Willis and Pam McConeghy are on a subcommittee to plan a kick-off party but have not met yet. Lauri will send a note to Pam asking her to schedule a meeting. Lauri also reported that a DIA rep will be in contact with her about scheduling art making at the August Fine Arts Festival.

9. **Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit Status for 2013**

a. Approval of the January 14, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the January 14, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0-2, with Shanda Willis and Cori Senak abstaining.

b. Approval of the February 11, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes – Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve the February 11, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0-2, with Kris Tobbe and Cori Senak abstaining.

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c. Approval of the March 4, 2013 Special Meeting Minutes – Motion by Shanda Willis, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the March 4, 2013 special meeting minutes as presented. Motion carried 3-0-2, with Kris Tobbe and Cori Senak abstaining.

d. Consider replacement of three Detroit Design Center sculptures and artist stipend amount(s) – Erik Nordin from Detroit Design Center explained his understanding that the pedestal in front of St. Paul's Church will be used for a donated sculpture, and "derived from circles-self series 3" will have to be removed by August 1, 2013. He proposed keeping "derived from circles-self series 2" at its present location in front of the CVS parking lot on Grand River but would like to resurrect the idea of putting a screen behind it to make it more visible. Erik brought a mock-up of a new piece (unnamed) that they would like to place in the spot currently occupied by "Siphon" (Jayson Lowery) in front of the Mill Pond.

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Shanda Willis, to locate the new, unnamed piece from Detroit Design Center to replace "Siphon" by Jayson Lowery in spot number 10 on the art map in front of the Mill Pond. Motion carried 5-0.

Erik also noted that they would like to replace "Interests in Orbit" on North Street with one of their new pieces and showed the group a mock-up of the proposed replacement, "New Path", which is 18' high. There was discussion about whether that sculpture would be a better fit for the BACC Sculpture Garden on the space currently occupied by "Twisted System" (which is out for repairs) off Main St. since it would have more visibility. There was further discussion about whether the sculpture could be made taller, possibly up to 25', and whether that would pose any safety concerns. Erik will discuss this with his structural engineer but noted that anything taller than 18' will require a crane to install which will increase the cost. Matt Modrack noted that perhaps we could ask DPS for assistance or that maybe Corrigan would be willing to donate a bucket truck and manpower for the installation.

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Shanda Willis, to consider a similar piece to "New Path" up to 25' high, conditioned upon structural engineer approval. Motion carried 5-0.

Claudia Roblee asked what our typical stipend amounts have been in the past. Lauri French noted that large pieces such as these would be \$750 each (\$2,250 total). Erik stated that the screening for the sculpture on Grand River would take the place of the stipend for that piece. Claudia asked Erik to consider \$2,000 for all three pieces, and Erik will get back with us after he checks with his partner Israel. The stipend decision will be deferred to the May meeting.

e. Consider placement of "Through the Storm" by Jeffrey Bohl from former W4 location to Art Ventures – Claudia Roblee noted that this sculpture has been sitting in an empty building on Main Street since W4 Signs moved out and asked for the board's approval to locate it in her front window at Art Ventures.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to relocate "Through the Storm" from the former W4 Signs building at 124 W. Main Street to Art Ventures at 422 W. Main Street. Motion carried 4-0-1 with Claudia Roblee abstaining.

10. BACC Sculpture Garden Landscape Plan update – Lauri French reported that the DDA Design Committee met with Karleen Schafer from Landscape Design Associates to finalize details for the sculpture garden plan. Lauri explained that in order to have Lindhout Associates do the bid for the project that more detailed drawings would have to be done showing irrigation, electrical, etc. She received Karleen's estimate for three drawings for bidding purposes in the amount of \$1,800 (this is over and above the \$450 already paid by the DDA for the rough landscape plan drawings she did). Matt Modrack advised he would ask the DDA to cover the \$1,800 cost so this can proceed to bidding.
11. Millpond Master Plan Update plan status – Claudia Roblee reported that the DDA Board approved PEA as the primary landscape architect for the Millpond Master Plan update and we should have something to look at by the end of April.

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Other Business

12. Staff Updates (Matt Modrack, Lauri French)
 - a. 3/21/13 meeting with Brighton Art Guild – Matt Modrack reported that he met with the Brighton Art Guild Board of Directors on March 21 to give them an update on the plans for the City Hall building in the Millpond Master Plan update. He noted that City Council has designated the building for future plans as a public building, and he would like to use it to house an art gallery and possibly the SELCRA offices. He also met with the Art Guild's general membership on April 3 and gave them the same information.
13. Commission Member Updates

Claudia Roblee reported that City Council approved the City Manager's amended budget at last Thursday's meeting. The budget includes the DDA appropriation to the BACC of \$5,000. The first reading will be April 18, with the second and final reading on May 2.
14. Call to the Public was made at 7:15 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.
15. Adjournment

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-1 (Kris Tobbe left at 6:45 p.m.).

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
Community Development, Planning & Zoning
April 9, 2013

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