

**City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – May 11, 2015**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present
Kris Tobbe – Absent
Brenda Ochodnický – Present

MJ Takagi - Present
Mary St. Pierre – Present

Also present was Lauri French from City staff. Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Mary St. Pierre, to excuse Kris Tobbe from tonight's meeting. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

2. **Approval of the May 11, 2015 Agenda**

Motion by Brenda Ochodnický, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the May 11, 2015 agenda as presented. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

3. **Approval of the March 9, 2015 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Brenda Ochodnický, to approve the March 9, 2015 regular meeting minutes as presented. **Motion carried 3-0-1-1, with one absence and Mary St. Pierre abstaining.**

4. **Receipt of March and April 2015 Financial Reports**

Lauri French reviewed the financial reports. She noted one expense in April, which was the annual CultureSource.org dues, and the balance on hand excluding earmarked expenses is \$6,052.72. Claudia Roblee noted that we received a \$52 donation from a motor coach art tour and there will be another one later this year.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Brenda Ochodnický, to approve receipt of the March and April 2015 financial reports as presented. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

5. Call to the Public was made at 6:15 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

New Business

6. Consider BACC financial sponsorship of People's Choice or another award for Paint Out – Claudia Roblee gave a brief description of the Paint Out. She noted that the artists pay a fee to participate and prize money has come out of that the last couple of years. Claudia is proposing that the BACC support the Paint Out event by allocating \$250 toward the Peoples' Choice award. She said it would create a larger pot of money for prizes and would help to grow the event.

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Mary St. Pierre, to approve BACC support of the Brighton Art Guild Peoples' Choice Award for the Brighton Paint Out in the amount of \$250. **Motion carried 3-0-1-1, with one absence and Brenda Ochodnický abstaining.**

7. Discuss and consider approval up to \$500 to purchase flowers (annuals and perennials) for the Brighton Garden Club to plant at the BACC Sculpture Garden – Lauri French noted that the DDA had allocated \$1,000 for the Brighton Garden Club in FY 13-14. We only spent \$503.98 last year, with the remaining \$496.02 carried over to FY 14-15. Claudia Jablonski and Cindy Mann reported on the plantings at the sculpture garden. One of the arborvitae that was replaced last year didn't make it over the winter and will need to be replaced. Lauri noted that she contacted Mike O'Leary at Lindhout Associates to have him get in touch with the sub-contractor to see if they would replace the arborvitae at no charge since they have a year warranty. Claudia also mentioned one of the globe arborvitae in a raised bed would also need to be replaced with something else. Cindy reported that one of the river birch trees is planted directly under a black walnut tree and it doesn't seem to be flowering out like the other two. She said this may be due to

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the toxicity of black walnuts or the fact the tree doesn't get as much sun as the others. They also asked us to pass along to the DPW that no more mulch is needed in the beds this year and to ask if they could use some "weed and feed" fertilizer on the grass in the garden since there are quite a few weeds. Lauri will pass this information along to Dave Blackmar.

Cindy and Claudia advised the BACC members of their "wish list" for this year. They said that some of the Garden Club members have donated perennials, which have been planted. They would like to purchase the following:

- 10-20 bags of topsoil to put around the edges of the raised planters; the petunias they planted last year sat too low and barely peeked over the walls of the planters.
- 8-10 flats of annuals, either petunias or begonias
- Bulbs (hyacinth, dianthus) to be planted in the fall for next year

They advised that the money remaining in the original allocation should be enough to purchase the above items. Claudia Roblee thought it might be a good idea to allocate a little extra just in case.

Motion by Brenda Ochodnicky, supported by Mary St. Pierre, to approve up to \$200 for additional expenses for plants, bulbs or topsoil in the BACC Sculpture Garden, if required. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Old Business

8. Consider location for donor plaque(s) for BACC Sculpture Garden and allocate funds – Lauri French explained that we had received \$1,500 in donations to purchase benches last year from Stout Irish Pub (\$1,000) and the Brighton Art Guild (\$500), and that both Rottermond and Studio West Gallery had committed to donate money also. We ended up moving the three silver benches from the pocket park next to the 205 West building to the sculpture garden, so we did not have to buy them. However, we still need to purchase a trash receptacle, smoking urn and sculpture lights which the donations could be used toward. The original plan was to put plaques with donors' names on the three benches. There was discussion about this idea and the BACC members would rather not put plaques on the benches but instead put donors' names on a larger "Friends of the Garden" plaque that would include everyone who contributed to the sculpture garden (i.e., the DDA, Brighton Garden Club, Stout, etc.).

The size of the plaque needed and its location was discussed. It needs to be large enough to contain enough lines such as the following and include some empty spaces for future donors at the bottom:

BRIGHTON ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION (with new logo)
SCULPTURE GARDEN
Friends of the Garden:
Brighton Downtown Development Authority
Brighton Garden Club
Stout Irish Pub
Brighton Art Guild

The location and how to mount the plaque was also discussed. A staked plaque located in one of the raised planters was suggested, but it could be too large and detract from the beds and could be pulled out of its location. Brenda Ochodnicky suggested asking the Livingston Sunrise Rotary to assist in obtaining and donating a large rock that a plaque could be mounted to, and she will speak to Steve Gronow at the Rotary about this. Staff was directed to obtain pricing for a couple of different size plaques and get this information to Brenda. Lauri will also check pricing for one trash receptacle and one smoking urn and will bring this information to discuss at the June 8 meeting.

9. Discuss sculpture lighting alternatives for the BACC Sculpture Garden – The BACC members discussed the cost of adding a second light to the streetlight on Main St. in front of the garden. They agreed that with the change-out of the streetlights to LED lights over the next three years both on Main St. and in the

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parking lot behind the sculpture garden, along with the lights from the Stout Pub patio, that they did not want to spend the estimated \$2,900 to add a light to the existing streetlight and would rather spend the money to add sculpture lights. They discussed the estimated cost for installation of sculpture lights provided by Piet Lindhout and suggested that this work be bid out. LED lights would be preferred and we would need four (4) for the sculptures and one (1) for the plaque boulder (5 total lights).

Other Business

10. Staff Updates – Lauri French gave an update on the sculptures that need to be repainted. Dave Blackmar put her in touch with a company that the City does business with and they will let Lauri know if they can do the repainting or will suggest another company to do it. There are three sculptures that need to be repainted – City With a Halo (in storage at DPW), Spiral and Dancer Two next to City Hall (not owned by the City but badly in need of repainting). Lauri should have more details to discuss at the June meeting.
11. Commission Member Updates – Claudia Roblee noted that we just had a very successful Ladies Night Out event last week and asked the BACC members to be thinking about how we can create a similarly successful event for art.
12. Call to the Public was made at 7:05 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.
13. Adjournment

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Mary St. Pierre, to adjourn the meeting at 7:05 p.m. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director
Community Development, Planning & Zoning
May 12, 2015