

**City of Brighton  
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes  
Regular Meeting – September 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 - Present  
MJ Takagi – Present

Also present was Lauri French and Matt Modrack from City Staff.

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

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the September 9, 2013 agenda as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

3. **Approval of the August 12, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Cori Senak, to approve the August 12, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

4. **Receipt of Financial Reports**

a. FY 2013-14 through August 31, 2013

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve receipt of the FY 13-14 financial report. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

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

**New Business**

6. Livingston County Visitors Bureau (LCVB) 2014 Sculpture Tours (Claudia Roblee) – Claudia Roblee explained that she was contacted by Barb Barden from the LCVB to determine whether we might be interested in conducting sculpture tours. LCVB currently does motor coach tours of various points of interest in Livingston County and Barb thought this would be a natural extension of those tours. There would be a nominal fee collected per person and the LCVB would donate the proceeds to the BACC. Claudia advised that she would be willing to conduct the tours but might need a backup person if she wasn't available for some reason. There was discussion about adding the art galleries to the sculpture map and Lauri French will check to see if they could be added to the next update. Lauri also mentioned that there will be a LCVB motor coach tour to Brighton and Howell on October 24; they will be visiting Great Harvest, Main Street Cheese Shop, Oh My Lolli and Jack's Custard. It was also noted that we would have to put together information on each sculpture and artist prior to next year's tour(s).

Motion by Kris Tobbe, supported by Cori Senak, to appoint Claudia Roblee as the designated docent for guided tours by the Livingston County Visitors Bureau on behalf of the Brighton Arts and Culture Commission. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

7. Brighton Senior Center Bus Trip to ArtPrize (MJ Takagi) – MJ Takagi advised that the Brighton Senior Center is offering a one-day bus trip to ArtPrize on September 24 for \$59 if anyone is interested.

**Old Business**

8. Discuss Diane Kramer's offer to donate "The Dream" sculpture and possible locations – While the BACC members really liked "The Dream", it is comprised of materials that would necessitate putting it indoors and we just don't have a place for it at this time. Staff was directed to contact Diane Kramer to thank her for her offer and to let her know that we do not have a venue for it at this time and to also advise her that we would

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be interested in any outdoor pieces she might want to submit to the BACC for consideration to be exhibited in the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit.

9. BACC Sculpture Garden Landscape Plan – Claudia Roblee reported that work will begin on the sculpture garden next week by Contracting Resources. Lauri French advised that the groundbreaking will be scheduled for Monday, September 16, at 9:00 a.m. and she will send out a meeting notice. She also reported that the DDA approved the pathway in the first phase which will be brushed concrete with borders instead of paver stones to reduce the cost. There was discussion about the Garden Club perennials that were removed from the former Chamber garden, and Lauri will coordinate the transplanting of those this fall between the Garden Club and Karleen Schafer from Landscape Design Associates.
10. 2013 Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit update – Lauri French reported that the second Detroit Design Center sculpture should be installed by October 1 and that plaques have been made for both DDC sculptures.

### Other Business

11. Staff Updates – Lauri French noted that the DIA would like to start removing the Inside|Out paintings on October 16 unless we have an event planned and/or would like to extend the exhibit. Staff was directed to respond to the DIA that we would like to extend the exhibit through October 31 if possible. We will provide DIA maps and our sculpture maps to Brighton High School, FlexTech and Kensington Woods art teachers so they can do tours with their students before the end of October.

Lauri also mentioned that it may be necessary to move “The Lily Pond” to another location due to the construction of the Veterans Memorial. We may also have to move “City With a Halo” temporarily due to the construction, and it could be moved to the BACC Sculpture Garden if necessary.

It was also noted that Claudia Roblee was appointed to the DDA Board at last Thursday’s Council meeting for a four-year term, and the BACC members congratulated Claudia.

12. Commission Member Updates – Claudia Roblee noted that the planned Fisher family sculpture donation unveiling did not occur this past weekend at the family’s request not to have a formal ceremony. She also noted that the Farm to Table Experience is scheduled for Saturday, September 21, at the Chamber. The event features all Michigan based food, wine and beer. Tickets are still available at the Chamber, ArtVentures, The Wooden Spoon and Kathleen’s Cookies.

Kris Tobbe mentioned that he received an email from Shanda Willis; she was detained in Dearborn with a patient and apologized for missing the meeting.

13. Call to the Public was made at 6:45 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

14. Adjournment

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Kris Tobbe, to adjourn the meeting at 6:45 p.m. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director  
Community Development, Planning & Zoning  
September 11, 2013

Reminder: Next BACC Regular Meeting – Monday, October 14, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.