

**City of Brighton  
Arts & Culture Commission Minutes  
Special Meeting – May 20, 2013**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

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

Cori Senak - Present  
MJ Takagi – Present

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to excuse Kris Tobbe's absence. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

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

2. **Approval of the May 20, 2013 Agenda**

Motion by Shanda Willis, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve the agenda as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

3. **Approval of the April 8, 2013 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve the April 8, 2013 regular meeting minutes as presented. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***

4. **Approval of 2013 YTD Financial Report (through April 30, 2013)** – Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, to approve the April 30, 2013 financial report. Motion carried 4-0-1.

5. Call to the Public was made at 5:07 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.

**New Business**

6. Consider approval and allocation of funds for installation of a DIA "Inside|Out" Main Street banner (Matt Modrack) – Lauri French reported that the possibility of a Main Street banner for the program was discussed with Matt Modrack, but after looking at the banner calendar, it was decided there were too many conflicts with other event banners. Claudia Roblee noted that she is working on getting banners from a local sign company as "in-kind" donations. Locations for smaller banners was discussed at last week's Inside|Out kick-off event planning meeting; it was suggested that a one-sided banner be placed on the soccer field fence on Spencer Rd. coming in from the expressway and Pam McConeghy has contacted Greg Gray from BAS about whether we could use that location. Another location discussed was the area between the flag poles on Main St. which would require a two-sided banner. Motion by Cori Senak, supported by MJ Takagi, to approve allocation of up to \$500 for two banners to promote the DIA Inside|Out Program from July-September. ***Motion carried 4-0-1.***
7. "It's a Keeper" discussion with Mike Monroe – Mike provided some background on the vandalism that had occurred to the sculpture the past year and reviewed a photo of an alternate location. The sculpture would be placed on a bracket that is secured to the side of the Tridge low enough to hopefully prevent further damage. Matt Modrack noted that the new location would require administrative approval from Planning & Zoning Director Amy Cyphert. Mike reported that the total cost estimate from Jiffy Signs to repair and install the sculpture was \$1,025, and the Optimists Club had offered to pay \$400 toward that cost. There was a brief discussion about filing an insurance claim since we have a police report on file, but the consensus was that since we had just filed a claim for the Adnan Charara sculpture that we should not file another claim and pay the balance from the BACC fund. Motion by MJ Takagi, supported by Shanda Willis, for conditional approval of the alternate location for "It's a Keeper" provided that administrative approval is obtained from Planning & Zoning Director Amy Cyphert, and to allocate up to \$650 to cover the

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balance of the Jiffy Signs repair and install estimate not covered by the Optimists Club. **Motion carried 4-0-1.**

Mike also reviewed a rendering of a replacement sculpture that would be paid for by Bill and Bev Barton. It would use the former base for "It's a Keeper". The sculpture itself is a blue heron and would be mounted on the arm so that it moves in the wind. Matt Modrack noted that the sculpture would have to be accepted by City Council. Motion by Shanda Willis, supported by MJ Takagi, to recommend to City Council that we accept the "Blue Heron" sculpture as a gift from Bill and Bev Barton. **Motion carried 4-0-1.** Lauri French will ask that this item be put on a future Council agenda and that Mike Monroe and the Bartons also be invited to speak at that meeting.

### Old Business

8. DIA "Inside|Out" Program
  - a. Kick-off event planning status (Claudia Roblee) – Claudia reported that a kick-off event for this program will be held on Wednesday, July 10 from 6-8 p.m. at Studio West Gallery with a walking tour by a DIA representative following the event. Invitations will be sent out shortly and we are limited to 100 people. Lauri French reported that the DIA will also train individuals as docents for the program. Claudia will check with the Brighton Art Guild to see if any of their members would be interested in this training.
  - b. Brighton Art Guild plenair painting update – Claudia noted that invitations to artists have been sent out and they are hoping for 40 painters. The painting will take place on Saturday, July 20, and the art will then be displayed at Art Ventures the week prior to the Art Festival for the public to vote on. On Friday, August 2, the art will be moved from Art Ventures to a Wine & Art tent provided by the Chamber. Public voting will continue and the winner will receive a prize (funded by proceeds from artists' registration fees). Claudia asked for volunteers to help move the paintings on August 2.
  - c. Marketing – The DIA sent marketing materials to Lauri French last Friday and she will share those with the Chamber for the kick-off event. The DIA will also provide walking map brochures; however, they only provide about 1,400 so we will probably have to reproduce additional brochures ourselves. We should also let the DIA know on which paintings we would like to put the brochure holders. The consensus was definitely the freestanding painting by the Mill Pond and a couple of others. It was suggested that we provide some of the DIA brochures to Barb Barden at Livingston County Visitors Bureau for mailings, etc. Cori Senak asked if the art maps would be updated soon as there are some sculptures that are no longer in those locations. Lauri French advised the map would be updated before August 1 to remove the sculptures coming out and to add the new sculptures.
  
9. Outdoor Sculpture Exhibit Status for 2013
  - a. Finalize artist stipend amount for Detroit Design Center (2 new sculptures and addition of screening for "derived from circles-self series 2" in front of CVS parking lot) – Due to uncertainty whether the "derived from circles" sculpture will be available for exhibit, this item was tabled to the June meeting.
  - b. Update on "Twisted System" and "Spiral" – Lauri French reported that she has attempted to contact Dave Ignash about whether "Twisted System" has been repaired and will be replaced, but she has not received an email or call yet. She will also check with Dave to make sure that the \$500 quote we received from Mob Steel is still good so we can arrange to have it painted before August 1.
  - c. Consider and approve an alternate location for "Bring Your Chalk and Draw On Me" – Matt Modrack noted that City Manager Foster has made a suggestion to install one or two floodlights and a fake camera on the pavilion if we plan to put the new sculpture back in its original location. There was a lot of discussion about whether this would be a deterrent or how long it would take for those determined to vandalize to figure out the camera was fake. Claudia Roblee will check with Chief Wightman to find out what happened in the past to people who were caught vandalizing the sculptures (i.e., "The Children"). We also have contacted the Brighton District Library about putting the sculpture in their children's reading room inside the building but have not yet heard from them.

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10. BACC Sculpture Garden Landscape Plan update – Lauri French reported that Mike O’Leary from Lindhout Associates and Karleen Shafer from Landscape Design Associates were going to meet separately (instead of with the Design Subcommittee) so that Mike can put together construction drawings for the bid documents. Mike will meet with the Design Subcommittee prior to putting out the bid.
11. Millpond Master Plan Update plan status – Lauri French reported that the Design Subcommittee will meet with Jeff Smith from PEA on Tuesday after the DDA meeting to review preliminary drawings.

### Other Business

12. Staff Updates (Matt Modrack, Lauri French)
  - a. May 16 field trip to Lapeer – PIX Theatre and Gallery 194 with Brighton Art Guild members – Matt Modrack reported that a group of 11 people, primarily from the Art Guild and DDA, took a tour of the PIX Theatre and the art gallery located next door. The purpose of the trip was to give the group an idea of how a similar theatre in Brighton could work and show them Lapeer’s public art space. The Art Guild is interested in using Brighton City Hall as an art gallery and have held discussions with Matt.
13. Commission Member Updates

Shanda Willis reported that she has turned in her petition to run for City Council in November. She has already had offers to go door-to-door with her.
14. Call to the Public was made at 6:30 p.m. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed.
15. Adjournment

Motion by Shanda Willis, supported by MJ Takagi, to adjourn the meeting at 6:30 p.m. Motion carried 4-0-1.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri French, Deputy Director  
Community Development, Planning & Zoning  
May 21, 2013

Reminder: Next BACC Regular Meeting – Monday, June 10, 2013 – 6:00 p.m.