

**City of Brighton  
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes  
Regular Meeting – November 14, 2016**

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m. and the roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present

Kris Tobbe – Present

Brenda Ochodnický – Present

Mary St. Pierre – Present

Also present: Jessica Reed from City staff and two members of the public

2. **Approval of the November Agenda**

Motion to approve the November 14, 2016 agenda.

Motion by: Tobbe

Second by: Ochodnický

Motion carries.

3. **Approval of the October 10 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the October 10 regular meeting minutes.

Motion by: Ochodnický

Second by: St. Pierre

Motion carries.

4. **Approval of October Financial Report**

Motion to approve the October financial report.

Motion by: Tobbe

Second by: St. Pierre

Motion carries.

5. Call to the Public was made at 6:05pm. Nancy Hall and Austin Blake presented the Commission with a story from 2006 where Austin Blake raised funds to keep “The Bird” in the Brighton Sculpture Garden. In honor of his efforts, a plaque was to be placed by The Bird. The plaque was never placed.

Motion to spend no more than \$250 on a plaque that reads “In honor of Austin M. Blake, who at 8-year-old saw the beauty in this sculpture and so many others, and shared his enthusiasm throughout the City of Brighton and beyond.”

Motion by: Tobbe

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Second by: St. Pierre

Motion carries.

### 6. New Business

#### b. Sculpture Garden Placement

Tobbe suggested bringing the sculptures closer to Downtown and utilize the existing pads. Specifically, the sculpture on North and West should be moved from the parking lot. Reed will provide an inventory of empty pads to help decide which sculptures should be moved and where.

#### c. Heart and Soul Performance Art

Roblee suggested using next year's Lighter, Quicker, Cheaper grant to invite people to share their stories. She would like to consider an oration platform in Hyne Alley. The platform could be used to showcase poetry and other talent.

Roblee also would like the Commission to consider a portrait artist to do profiles on Brighton visitors. The high school photography club could be involved. There could be photography banners made and displayed throughout the alley.

St. Pierre suggested using performance artists, like mimes, during an event.

#### a. Sculpture Garden Flowers

Claudia Jablonski represented the Brighton Garden Club. She shared the work that the Brighton Garden Club did in the Sculpture Garden and requested that the Commission approve \$200/year for upkeep.

Motion to approve not-to-exceed \$250 for 2017 for the Brighton Garden Club and to consider an annual appropriation.

Motion by: Tobbe

Second by: St. Pierre

Motion carries.

Jablonski also requested that the Garden Club be allowed to place a locally made birdhouse in the Sculpture Garden. The Commission agreed to allow the birdhouse and asked for the builders information to thank him.

#### d. Grant Opportunities

Reed asked the Commission for feedback on MEDC and Kresge grant opportunities. The Commission would like to see a list of previously funded projects from these grants to come up with a direction.

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e. Possibilities for Arts Center

Roblee has a contact with the owners of a property on Grand River that could have potential to be an Arts Center. The Commission gave her permission to inquire after the property.

f. Brighton Area Historical Society Hyne Alley

The BAHS would like to put cut outs in Hyne Alley as a part of the 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Tobbe suggested a Council Meeting at the CoBACH center as well.

### 7. Old Business

a. Hyne Alley

The Commission considered asking the Chamber to feature the Chair Auction at Holiday Glow. They also decided to ask for a \$75 donation for the jeweled chair with an interested buyer. They directed Reed to put a tarp over the chalkboard to keep it safe during winter.

b. Promotion and marketing of the BACC

Motion to table discussion until December 12<sup>th</sup>.

Motion by: Tobbe

Second by: Ochodnicky

Motion carries.

### 8. Staff Update

No comments.

### 9. Commission Member Update

Tobbe: The Council Retreat was the past weekend. The budget picture is not good and the discussion came too late in the weekend.

10. Call to the Public was made. Hearing no response, call to the public was closed at 7:34pm

11. Adjournment

Motion by: Tobbe

Second by Ochodnicky

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:35pm

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Respectfully submitted,

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