

City of Brighton
Arts & Culture Commission Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting – February 12, 2018

1. **Call to Order**

Claudia Roblee called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m. and roll call was taken:

Claudia Roblee – Present

Kris Tobbe – Absent

Brenda Ochodnicky – Present

Whitney Stone – Present – arrived late at 6:20 p.m.

Mary Ellen Des Gravise – Present

Also present: Jessica Lienhardt and Lydia Macklin-Camel from City staff and Sarah Grusin from the Brighton Art Guild

2. **Approval of the February 12, 2018 Agenda**

Motion to approve the February 12, 2018, agenda.

Motion by: Ochodnicky

Second by: Des Gravise

Motion carries.

3. **Approval of the November 14, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve the November 14, 2017, meeting minutes.

Motion by: Des Gravise

Second by: Ochodnicky

Motion carries.

4. **Approval of the December 11, 2017 Regular Meeting Minutes**

The Commission did not have enough members from the December 11, 2017 regular meeting to carry a motion so they opted to move this to the March 12, 2018, meeting for approval.

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5. Approval of the January 8, 2018 Regular Meeting Minutes

The Commission did not have enough members from the January 8, 2018 regular meeting to carry a motion so they opted to move this to the March 12, 2018, meeting for approval.

6. Approval of the January 29, 2018 Special Meeting Minutes

Motion to approve the January 29, 2018, special meeting minutes.

Motion by: Ochodnický

Second by: Des Gravise

Motion carries.

7. Receipt of the January 2018 Financial Report

Motion to approve the January 2018 Financial Report.

Motion by: Ochodnický

Second by: Des Gravise

Motion carries.

6. **Call to the Public** was made at 6:17 p.m.

No response.

Call to the Public was closed at 6:17 p.m.

7. **New Business**

a. Brighton Art Guild – Michigan Scapes

Sarah Grusin from the Brighton Art Guild presented a new event that they will be hosting this year in place of the Brighton Paint Out. The Brighton Art Guild has decided not to participate in the Paint Out this year because Guild member participation has been low in the past and this is due to the fact that most of their members are studio artists. The Brighton Art Guild wanted to come up with a new event that would engage more of their members and showcase their work. The new event will be called Michigan Scapes, which will be a juried exhibition showcasing

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Michigan scenes by Michigan artists. Artists may enter up to two pieces and cash prizes will be awarded to several “best in show” exhibitors. The Michigan Scapes Exhibition will kick off at Cleary University in July and the Brighton Art Guild is trying to find a way to include it as part of the Fine Arts Festival.

Grusin wanted to make sure the BACC was aware of this new project and asked if they would like to collaborate. The Commission liked the idea and told Grusin they will brainstorm ideas on how they might collaborate.

b. 2018 Culture Source Membership Renewal

City staff presented the Commission with the 2018 Culture Source Membership renewal invoice amounted at \$105. The Commission members agreed that Culture Source is a valuable resource and group to be a part of.

Motion to approve payment of \$105 to Culture Source to renew the BACC’s 2018 Culture Source membership.

Motion by: Stone

Second by: Ochodnicki

Motion carries.

c. 2018 Michigan Art Guide Ad

City staff presented a proposal for a full page, co-op arts ad in the 2018 Michigan Art Guide. The co-op ad will be coordinated by the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce and will include collaboration with other Brighton area art-centered organizations and businesses. The co-op ad would cost a total of \$1700 divided between all participating organizations and businesses. The Commission agreed that this would be a great opportunity to promote the new Adopt a Sculpture program and agreed to pay up to \$250 to cover their portion of the co-op ad.

Motion to approve payment of up to \$250 to the Greater Brighton Area Chamber of Commerce to cover the BACC’s portion of the full page, co-op ad in the 2018 Michigan Art Guide.

Motion by: Ochodnicki

Second by: Stone

Motion carries.

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The Commission directed staff to work with the GBA Chamber of Commerce to create the ad.

d. 2018 Planning

The Commission opened a discussion and brain storm about event, program, and project ideas the 2018 season. The Commission liked the “Story of Us” concept crafted in 2017 and decided to continue that as a theme moving into 2018. The Commission would however, like to engage more people in the Story of Us program/events and began discussing ways to do so.

The following event ideas for the continuation of the “Story of Us” program were devised:

David Zinn Scavenger Hunt – June 2018

Dance Performance – July 2018

Fine Art Festival Workshop – Brighton Art Guild – Michigan Scapes Collaboration – August 2018

Sculpture Garden Party – Adopt a Sculpture Sponsors Recognition – September 2018

The Commission also agreed they wanted to continue their place-making efforts in Hyne Alley. The Commission directed staff to bring back examples of games and seating ideas for Hyne Alley to be discussed at the March 12, 2018 meeting.

8. Old Business

a. Winged Guardian

i. Adopt a Sculpture Program

The Commission reviewed the Adopt a Sculpture program packet created by City staff and provide guidance moving forward. The Commission directed staff to make necessary edits to the packet language and draft a cover letter for the Commissioners to sign and send to potential sponsors and program partners.

The Commission also asked about where the City was at in the Redevelopment Ready Communities process. Staff will bring back more information about this topic to be discussed at the March 12, 2018 meeting.

The Commission also discussed the potential of having their own separate Facebook page facilitated by the City. Commission members volunteered to create content for the Facebook page in order to promote the Adopt a Sculpture program as well community arts and culture

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within and around the Brighton area. City staff will discuss the ideas with management and report back to the Commission at the March 12, 2018 meeting.

9. **Staff Updates**

None.

10. **Commission Member Updates**

Mary Ellen Des Gravise let the Commission know that she will not be at the March 12, 2018, meeting.

11. **Final Call to the Public** was made at 7:28 p.m.

None.

Final Call to the Public was closed at 7:28 p.m.

12. **Adjournment**

Motion by: Stone

Second by: Ochodnický

Motion carries. Meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lydia Macklin-Camel

Community Development Associate