

Brighton Public Art Committee  
Meeting Minutes  
February 27, 2023

### **Roll Call**

Present: Wilma Rose, Gary Wardle, Kathy Wardle, Mark Heidt, Steve Simcox and Debbie Gabriel

Excused: Laurie Maier, David Gallegos

Unexcused: None

Introduction of Guest: None present

**Approval of Agenda** – Gary moved to accept the agenda and Kathy seconded. Motion passed.

**Approval of Minutes** – Gary moved to accept minutes and Mark seconded. Motion passed.

### **Old Business**

**1.** Eternal Flame – Gary

Wilma and Gary met last Friday and staked the ground for where it will go.

Gary talked to Ryan, and he is planning to pour concrete at end of March/early April. Gary spoke with the boring company and they will bore next week or week after. The stones have been ordered. The company making the frame will be installing the bolts and the slabs. Stef will be preparing a PO for the engraving or half of the engraving of the QR code and logos. Just Jerry's name (initial artist) will be on the sculpture. There will be a 1" hole on top for electrical. Light has been purchased and it changes color. It will be set in the hole at the base. Under budget approximately \$3,000 right now.

Wilma -we need to look at doing dedications for all the sculptures we have placed.

**2.** Heart Repairs - Wilma for David

David was going to contact the artist regarding welding and painting of sculpture.

**3.** Wall Mural – Call for Art - Gary/Wilma

Wall too nice not to do something with it. Gary made the suggestion of a portable mural.

Center on the wall between utility boxes and raised beds. Maybe 10-15' tall. Wells Fargo has final approval. Attached the mural to a frame so it can be moved. Wilma is going to speak with Wells Fargo because her concern is they are not going to let the mural be bolted to the wall. Portable mural will have to be bolted down. Artists can decide how to display. Need to work on this now – need to do Call for Art. Can open it up to an artist or team of artists. Need timeline of chosen artist/artists to watch the spending of money. Hoping to interview artists by early June. We need to put specifics regarding location of Mural placement. Gary asked Mark to look for Engineering drawings for Founders Square abutments city had produced earlier.

90,000 SCFD, 68,000 Lodging Tax. Need to spend the \$90,000 first since it cannot be carried over.

#### 4. SCFD 2024 Application – Wilma

Gary completed the Visual Arts application for Memorial Parkway volunteer recognition. Project 1 has been started and Wilma, Kathy and Dolly will finish today.

Includes:

Art Salon, Excellence in Art, Art Festival, Fiber Art Show – asking for \$20,000 (right now) Wilma wants to rename this project to something about Art Education and bringing it to the community.

Art Salon – 3-4 times a year have a night for with 3 artists: media art, poet and an author. Have beer, wine, appetizers and music. Maybe at the Berry Patch.

Charge \$20 – make it a fundraiser. “Meet the artist” from different regions. They can talk about their art, poetry, books. Just a night where you can meet an artist from your community. Art – community engagement and education.

Fiber Art Show usually done at the Armory but they were having trouble with that location - may need to change location.

Excellence in Art is also held at the Armory.

Recognizing Youth Artists. Work with schools and pick an artist at each grade level and display their art work. Look at setting up a Youth Art display in a building so everyone can view it.

We also have time to look at our 2025 Public Art project. Paint utility boxes? Look at boxes near schools and involve the students. We will also be looking at other funding application grants. We need to see what we will qualify for regarding additional funding. Looking for grant writers too.

#### New Business

1. A new way of life for BCAC – Wilma, Kathy  
City pulled the rug out from under us. City will now have their own art committee. We had no clue this was going to happen. They will apply for SCFD funding on their own. BCAC is now looking at getting their own bookkeeper, bank account, marketing plan. We have our own liability insurance and an attorney. Live at the Armory decided they wanted to get their own funding.

All little groups will go back to Lodging Tax.

City council not getting accurate answers to their questions.

2. How do we move forward - Wilma  
BCAC is working hard to get pieces in place. Dissolve BCAC and just keep BPAC? How do we move forward as a group? Sculptures are donated to city without contracts. This will have to change. If they are going to start doing public art – what do we do with that? Wilma wants to sit down with developers. BPAC was to work with developers. We need a letter for everything we have donated to the city. What happens to art in development?

Kathy – SCFD requires matching funds. We need to show we have other financial sponsors. Need to have financial stability that we can show when we apply for grants.

3. Fundraisers – Mark  
Talked to Berry Patch, they need more details and there will probably be a fee. He will have more details next month.

Fundraisers ideas: Meet the artist, Business Sponsors, Silent Auction

4. Grant Writers and Searchers – Everyone be on the lookout. Need to hire a grant writer or Executive Director in order for us to be a viable group.

### **Member Reports**

- BCAC  
No update
- Parks and Rec  
No update given
- Arts and Culture  
No update given
- Main Street Creatives  
No update given

Meeting adjourned at 12:24 pm.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2023

Respectfully submitted,  
Debbie Gabriel  
Secretary