

Brighton Cultural Arts Commission

Minutes March 7, 2022

Present: Kathy Wardle, Wilma Rose, Stephanie Brown, Peter Padilla, David Gallegos, Ashley Cruz, Dolly Garcia, Elena Guerrero Townsend, Robin Kring, Gary Montoya, Jamie Zerr-Lockwood. Absent: Sandie Mackenzie.

Approval of Minutes- Peter moved to accept the minutes of February 7th. Wilma seconded. All in favor.

Introduction of guest - Ann Taddeo, City Council representative introduced herself. She is the secondary representative from city council assigned to the BCAC.

New Business: Awarding Lodging Tax Grant Money

Art in the Park - Discussion regarding rollover funds still available in the amount of \$5,265 from SCFD and Lodging tax of \$1,850 totaling \$7,065. Peter made a motion to award \$500 to be added to the existing rollover amounts of \$7,065 to bring the Art in the Park total to \$7,500, the amount requested. Wilma seconded. All in favor. Kathy stated that with the 2022 SCFD award of \$2,318 for Art in the Park this brings the total funding for Art in the Park to \$9,800.

Live at the Armory - Discussion on the breakdown of a \$55,000 allocation to assist Gary in providing entertainment in 2022 along with making deposits for 2023 headliner acts. Wilma moved to allocate \$35,000 for 2022 and use \$20,000 for paying deposits for acts performing 2023 shows for Live at the Armory. Elena seconded. All in favor.

Summerfest - Discussion of the desire to bring in a national headliner act but it was too expensive for 2022. Gary now booking regional level bands. Discussion regarding the need for the city to budget funds for these city events. Wilma moved to award \$7,000 for Summerfest from the Lodging tax grant. Peter seconded. All in favor. Discussion that if more dollars are needed and if funding is still available Gary could come back to the BCAC and request additional monies.

Platte Valley Players - The \$26,443.48 ask from Lodging tax is for the Children's program in 2022. Wilma reviewed the figures of other awarded monies from the grant request. Kathy reminded the group that supporting community groups is our mission. Robin moved to award \$26,443.48 to the Platte Valley Players. Wilma seconded. All in favor.

David informed the group that SCFD is awarding grants at the 50% level in 2023 not the 60% they have in the past.

Overdrafts and separation of SCFD and Lodging Tax funds - discussion to keep the funds separate. Any overdraft payments need to be brought to the BCAC for approval. The finance committee is working on policy and procedures currently.

Brighton Public Art Committee Request - BPAC is submitting a request for funding from SCFD for a visual art piece in Elmwood cemetery for 2023. SCFD funds 2/3 of the project and we need a funding source for the other 1/3. BPAC is requesting \$20,000 from BCAC that is needed to complete this project. The piece is titled "Eternal Flame" and was the People's Choice award from the 2021 Sculpture on Loan program. Peter made the motion to accept this request for \$20,000 for the Eternal Flame project. Robin seconded. All in favor.

BPAC is working on completing the QR Codes and plaques project on our new and existing sculptures - It was recommended by the city manager that the request for the \$15,000 needed be submitted to the Lodging Tax Advisory Committee.

Name a BCAC and SCFD Representatives and Committee members for a one-year commitment - Wilma offered to be the BCAC SCFD contact representative along with David. Dolly and Jamie offered to be part of the committee along with Wilma.

Orientation for new members - Wilma offered to talk to the newest members at 10:00 am on April 4th at Old City Hall before the scheduled BCAC meeting.

Action: FaceTime Elena on the phone so she can participate.

Kathy thanked Robin for the prep work she has done to get a marketing plan together for the BCAC. Robin agreed to be the marketing director for us. Elena agreed to be a volunteer on this committee and Kathy is asking for one more person to consider participating.

Report of Brighton Public Art Committee - Wilma reviewed the sites and plans for future projects the BPAC has been discussing, such as the water tower project, the pedestrian walkway over Hwy 85 and some type of sculpture honoring volunteers to be placed in Memorial Parkway.

Report of Financial Committee -The committee met and shared the topics we discussed to date such as getting a checking account in place again, working with an accountant, defining duties of the treasurer and how often we want to have an audit. Robin shared a draft with Wilma of policy and procedures that she would like to have on the agenda for April. Peter suggested we speak to an accountant to get some guidance before we move ahead with policy decisions.

Discussion on April 4th meeting - details of the 2021 and 2022 SCFD grant requests and expenditures. Kathy asked David to provide this information for clarification at our next meeting.

Youth Commission - Ashley reports they are working on SPEAK Week and QPR training. They wanted to partner with On Matter a program that offers free services such as therapy. Tanya sent a Doodle to set up a meeting with the staff liaison and chair of their board to meet with the Public Art Committee.

City Council report - Peter Padilla announced the City Council is having a Pow Wow on March 24th for goal setting and working on the city strategic plan. He is happy to take feedback from us as to what we would like the city to look like in the next 10 to 20 years.

Next Meeting is April 4th, 2022, 11:00 a.m. at Historic City Hall.

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Stephanie Brown, Secretary