

Brighton Cultural Arts Commission (BCAC)

2015 Commission Members

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Mission

The mission of the Brighton Cultural Arts Commission (BCAC) is to increase awareness and promote cultural and scientific opportunities in our community.

2015 Accomplishments

Commission Membership/Representation

- Nine meetings were held in 2015.
- Kris Bennett serves as the 27J representative. Joan Kniss serves as the City Council Representative. Helen Rodriguez served as the City Representative until her retirement in February. Dave Gallegos was appointed the new staff person and joined BCAC in August.
- Ed Hawkins was appointed as an At-Large member in November.
- Representatives from the various cultural groups in the Brighton area are represented on BCAC. Those members give regular updates. Those groups include: The Office of Arts and Culture, heART of Brighton, Armory, Downtown Partnership, Main Street Creatives, Arts Awareness, Adams County Visual Arts Committee, Lodging Tax Committee, Eye for Art and the Adams County Cultural Council.

Promotion

- BCAC continues to submit information in the citywide brochure promoting various cultural programs in Brighton. Information is submitted by BCAC and the Special Events Division.
- The City of Brighton's Webpage has information on BCAC. The information is updated with new BCAC sponsored programs.
- The Brighton Arts, Culture and Tourism website, www.brightoncoarts.org is maintained by the Brighton Office of Arts and Culture.

Scientific and Cultural Facilities District (SCFD)

- Two projects were approved for funding in 2015. A total of \$225,045 was appropriated. \$16,800 was for the “Sight and Sound Series” (this includes the Brighton Concert Series and the Arts Awareness Projects.) \$8245 was awarded for the “Eco-Fair”. 9571 people participated in the programs. Final grant reports were submitted to SCFD.
- It was estimated that 10,924 people attended these events in 2015.
- Three grants were submitted for funding in 2016. Sights and Sound 2016 was granted amount is \$14,700. The second project is 8th Annual Eco-Fair amount granted is \$8,245. BCAC also received \$76,500 for the Downtown Brighton Outdoor Art for 2016. The total granted is \$25,045.
- Since 1997, BCAC has received \$648,122 from the SCFD.
- Kathy Imal, SCFD Board representative from Adams County made a presentation to BCAC in October. She reviewed the history of SCFD, how the funds are distributed and then focused on Adams County’s focus.

Awareness Committee

- Sponsored two community art shows called **ARTfest**. The purpose of ARTfest is to feature local artists at a community art show. Shows are held at The Armory. Committee members solicit artists, hang artwork and coordinate the reception. Since September 2009, 201 artists have participated.
 - May 14 – June 29
 - 34 artists participated showing 69 art pieces. 6 of those were new artists. 34 people attended the reception.
 - November 4 – December 31
 - 36 artists participated showing 65 art pieces. 9 of those were new artists. About 50 people attended the reception.
- Artists’ Salons: Free programs featuring professional artists sharing their expertise with community artists. Events are held at Main Street Creatives.
 - March 26 – Tom Ward – 31 attended
 - June 12 – Clyde Steadman - 45 attended
 - August 13 – Tammi Otis - 26 attended
 - October 15 – Trish Stephen - 33 attended

Downtown Brighton Outdoor Art 2016

- The vision for the outdoor art located on the corner of Strong and 1st Avenue would show a kinetic, interactive free-form monumental sculpture with elements using wind, movement, light and/or sound. It is funded by the City of Brighton (\$135,000) and SCFD (\$76,500). BCAC appointed Benna Harris, former BCAC member to represent BCAC as well as Ed Hawkins to the selection committee. Other members include: Gary Wardle, Joan Kniss, Lisa Garbett, Sherrie Gossert and Michelle Seubert. BCAC contracted the Call for Entries with the Western States Arts Federation (WESTAF) on the CAFÉ (Call for Entry) website. 46 submittals were received in 2015. Selection and installation will be completed in 2016.

Brighton Lodging Tax Request

- BCAC and city staff submitted one large proposal to the Brighton Lodging Tax Committee for 2015. “Live at the Armory” brought regional and national level talent into Brighton for six concerts in 2015. 1570 people attended the concerts. It was funded for \$53,000.
- BCAC and city staff submitted one proposal to the Brighton Lodging Tax Committee for a Mini-Grant. “Excellence in Arts Awards” was funded to recognize and support creative individuals in the cultural arts community. It was funded for \$1079.

Brighton Excellence in Arts Awards

- The committee along with the Public Information Department of the City of Brighton designed the Excellence in Arts Awards logo, nomination forms, programs and all publicity for the event. Kathy Lechman designed the award. 46 nominations were received from the public for the six award categories. 37 people were nominated. The event was held on October 12. 84 people attended the ceremony. The winners in the six categories were: master of Performing Arts: Phil Trujillo; Youth in the Arts: Jane Archuleta; Art in the Community: Laurie Lozano Maier; Visionary: Mark Humbert and Allison Lockwood/Local Color Magazine; Master of Fine Arts: Main Street Creatives; Beyond Brighton: Kat McCusker, BrightonMusic Orchestra.

Office of Arts and Culture

- Dave Gallegos is the Arts and Culture Coordinator for the City of Brighton. He joined the office part-time in 2015 and is the full time staff person in 2016.
- The Office of Arts and Culture received a Lodging Tax Grant to create the 1st Annual Arts and Culture Symposium. It was held October 15. Over 80 participants came from around the state. It was an opportunity to network, listen to great entertainment and learn about such areas as Creative Districts, social responsibility of the arts, grant funding through SCFD and healing through the arts.

Brighton Cultural Strategic Plan

- The Brighton Cultural Strategic Team (BCST). The team members are Robin Kring, Judd Farner, Don Prorak, Aaron Alarid, Ron Ames and Joan Kniss, the City Council Representative. These members have special interests in language arts and literature, performing arts, visual arts, music and an arts advocate. The goal was to create a cultural strategic plan.
- Five goals were presented along with objectives and strategies for each goal. The goals were: 1. Increase access, participation, and engagement in the cultural life of BCIA. 2. Integrate the arts and culture into the social, economic, and civic fabric of BCIA. 3. Strengthen and expand arts and culture learning. 4. Foster thriving arts organizations. 5. Support creative individuals and advance arts leadership.
- The group presented the plan to City Council in December 2014. Council approved the overall plan in 2015.
- The Team reconvened in November and has begun the implementation process.