

# NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING

MARCH 14, 2024

Commission Members Present: President Melanie Volland, Vice-President Lisa Hall (& Gus the dog), Secretary Emily Stone, Member Andi Bartels, Member Ross Benson, Member Phil McKown, Member Holly Salo. Also in attendance: Town Manager Sandie Jones. Members not present: Member Tyra Miller and Member Ann McCann

## **Commission Business**

### **1. Call to Order**

President Volland called the meeting to order at 10:05 am and called the roll.

### **2. Approval of minutes from January 11<sup>th</sup> and February 10<sup>th</sup> 2024.**

Vice-President Hall moved to approve the minutes. Member McKown seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call vote. Motion carries.

### **3. Discussion Items:**

#### **A. IAC cultural district grant**

We had big goals to pull people into Brown County with Arts Road 46, using the IAC grant. However, since Bloomington and Columbus partners did not finish the grant work, we only received \$3,750 for the 2023 Cultural District Grant. Big thanks to Town Manager Jones for the follow-up email which allowed us the opportunity to apply for the 2024 Cultural District grant of \$5,000.

#### **B. 2024 Art Walk**

Discussion on 2024 participants and action items for all finalization by Friday, March 22, 2024. Town Council President Andi Wilson has agreed to create the brochure layout again this year.

Quick discussion on the Leaf Project and possibility of revisiting that project in April. WFIU needs to be contacted to figure out when and what they need for Art Walk promotion.

#### **C. Music Options**

Do we really need to invest in monies to buskers with so many businesses having their own music going on? Examples: Weed Patch, Ferguson House, Country Heritage, Nashville House... Who can we ask? Sandie has a list of past busker participants. Commission unanimously agrees that maybe we don't need to invest in buskers this year.

### **4. Any other business**

#### **Art Walk.**

New signs are needed for all our Art Walk participants. Discussion on size or shape change for easier display. QR code added would be a huge help. The Bussert's own the 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Art Walk Facebook page, and last year it was not really utilized. How can we gain access? We need someone who can commit to making sure the information is always up to date. Action item for

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President Voland to get an estimate from Eaglet Manufacturing for 15 new sandwich boards signs with logo and QR code.

**Ready projects that we can use the Project Grant.**

Vice-President Hall discusses the idea of something like what Connor Prairie does, but we use all our local parks. The spokes of the wheel... takes our art a little further out than just downtown Nashville. Yellowwood, BC State Park, Deer Run Park.


Vice-President Hall also spoke about having live entertainment at the old log jail and pioneer village. Some reenactment type of thing to make historical art come alive. Who owns the pioneer village? Per the grant we need to make sure it is as diversified as possible with various ages groups and genders. Playhouse players as possible reenactors? Member Bartels suggests maybe pairing it up with Art Colony weekend. President Voland also suggested collaboration with Old Settlers Reunion people.

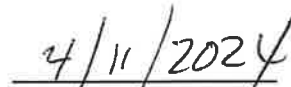
Meeting to discuss grant writing on this idea set for March 26<sup>th</sup> at 3pm at Vice-President Hall's barn.

Support of the Fingerstyle weekend is another suggested idea. Further discussion.

**5. Adjourn**

President Voland adjourned the meeting at 11:45 am.

  
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NAEC President ~~Melanie Voland~~  
Vice-President Lisa Hall

  
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