

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 2021**

Commission members present by remote access via Zoom: President Melanie Voland, Vice-President Anabel Hopkins, Secretary Andra Walters, Member Patrick Bennett, Member Jonah Crismore, Member Mike Hater, Member Cathy Martin, Member Ann McCann and Member Mark Schmidt. Also in attendance by remote access – RiverSong Music Festival Representatives Annie Hawk & Andreas Ioannides and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

Member Voland called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

2) ROLL CALL

Roll call by Member Voland.

3) INTRODUCTIONS

Member Voland asked each member to introduce themselves to the Commission.

4) ELECTION OF OFFICERS – PRESIDENT, VICE-PRESIDENT & SECRETARY

Member Hopkins made a motion to nominate Member Voland as President. Member Walters seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

President Voland made a motion to nominate Member Hopkins as Vice-President. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

President Voland made a motion to nominate Member Walters as Secretary. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12-10-2020 MEETING

Secretary Walters made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 12-10-2020 as presented. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

6) CHAMBERFEST BROWN COUNTY UPDATE – DR. ANDREAS IOANNIDES & ANNIE HAWK

Artistic Director Dr. Andreas Ioannides and RiverSong Music, Inc. President Annie Hawk gave an overview of ChamberFest Brown County, a 6-day festival of classical music taking place in Nashville, Indiana during August 17-22, 2021. The festival seeks to provide the opportunity for locals and visitors to attend concerts, lectures, and multimedia presentations given by world-class artists, ensembles and lecturers. They will partner with the local schools and businesses in Brown County.

Dr. Ioannides and Ms. Hawk reported they are collaborating with the Brown County Community Foundation, Indiana University, Brown County Schools and businesses to put on the event. They have also applied for grants to help in the funding and asked the NAEC for financial help in funding the musical event as well. Discussion.

The Commission took the funding request under advisement and will discuss this further at their planning meeting.

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7) NAEC BUDGET OVERVIEW

Records Clerk Jones went over the budget available to the NAEC in 2021 and discuss the process for using the budget funds. She also reviewed the open-door rules regarding meetings and use of email.

8) UPDATES ON GRANTS

A. IAC 2020 GRANT AND YEAR END REPORT

President Voland reported that the 2020 IAC year end report is due by February 4, 2021. She will work with past Commission President Wedel and Records Clerk Jones to complete the report. In order to request 2021 IAC grant funds they will need a high level idea on how they will use the funds. They can discuss ideas in depth during their planning meeting.

B. REGION 8 PROJECT GRANT – ANABEL

Vice-President Hopkins reported that she has worked on the Region 8 Project grant by putting together two events prior to COVID; barn quilt painting and glass blowing. Both events were well attended. For the final use of grant funds she had planned to teach barn quilt painting to the high school students. However, due to COVID, she has instead videotaped seven lessons to be shown to the students in art classes. The lessons are also available on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCgQD9Am7f_zSfWMIXYDPwqw/videos. Once the barn quilts have been completed they will be hung throughout Town and at the schools.

Vice-President Hopkins advised that the cost to videotape and edit the lesson was more than she had anticipated. She made a motion to use up to \$500 out of the 250 Fund on the barn quilt project. President Voland seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

9) NAEC COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Voland read through a list of NAEC committees and gave a brief overview of each as well as their responsibilities. The committees are: Finance, Public Art, Performing Arts, Marketing, Place Making/Way Finding and Outreach. She asked that each Commission member think about where they might best fit in this list. They will be making the appointments at their planning meeting.

10) SET DATE AND TIME FOR PLANNING MEETING

President Voland advised that they will hold a planning meeting to discuss grant project ideas, committee appointments and NAEC projects for 2021. The Commission members agreed to meet on Thursday, January 28, 2021 beginning at 9am via Zoom.

11) ANY OTHER BUSINESS TO COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

President Voland read aloud the High Lonesome update from past President Wedel and explained that she has been making repairs to the sculpture as directed by the artist. The sculpture will need a new rubber pad on the bottom of the piece before being installed in front of the Artist Colony Inn this spring.

President Voland advised that the Public Art Committee is still working on signage for the Marie in the Woods interactive art display in the Coachlight Square area on E. Washington Street.

President Voland reported that the Arts Village Brown County signage that the Commission approved last year will be installed the Salt Creek Golf Course soon.

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12) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Schmidt seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. President Voland adjourned the meeting at 11:08 am.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 1-14-2021 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

President Melanie Voland

Date