

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, MARCH 12, 2020**

Commission members present – President Michele Wedel Vice-President Melanie Volland, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Treasurer Cathy Martin, Member Mike Hater, and Member Andra Walters (left at 11:17am). Commission member not present – Member Jonathan Bolte. Also in attendance – Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

President Wedel called the meeting to order at 10:01am.

**2) ROLL CALL**

All Commission members present stated their names.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 2-13-2020 MEETING**

Secretary Hopkins advised that the CVB wants to support the Art Colony rather than the Art Colony weekend as written in the minutes. She would like the word written deleted.

Vice-President Volland made a motion to approve the 2-13-2020 meeting minutes with the wording changed as suggested by Secretary Hopkins. Member Walters seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

**4) HOB NOB RESTAURANT WINDOW DISPLAY**

Member Martin advised that the Hob Nob will allow them to use their front window as a display.

Secretary Hopkins commented that this would be a great way to outreach to other art events.

Discussion of which events to focus on each month. The Commission came up with the following schedule:

- January – Brown County Schools Student Art and Theater
- February – BETA
- March – Rotary Art Auction
- April – Brown County Art Gallery (Ennis Show and Victorian Tea)
- May – Art Walk and Quilt Show
- June – Music Festivals
- July – Fingerstyle Guitar Festival
- August – TC Steele State Historic Site
- September – Art Colony Weekend
- October – Back Roads Studio Tour
- November – Brown County Music Center
- December – Children's Auction

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Member Martin noted that each group will oversee the decorating of the window for their month. President Wedel would like to have a check list created of how to do the window set up and take down. Secretary Hopkins will ask the newspaper to feature the window each month. This will promote the events and the Hob Nob.

### **5) REGION 8 INTERACTIVE PUBLIC ART GRANT – BARN QUILT PROJECT WITH STUDENTS**

Secretary Hopkins described the plans for the barn quilt project with the high school students. There will be seven classes with 139 students, they will make a small practice quilt first. Then move to groups of three to create a 2x2 barn quilt and two groups will do a 4x4 barn quilt. Once the quilts are finished, they will be displayed throughout Town. The quilts will belong to the NAEC.

Secretary Hopkins is asking for up to \$2,000 for the barn quilt project. They will need to come up with \$1,300 in-kind and she will be one of the volunteers. They do have the funds available from the Region 8 grant.

Secretary Hopkins made a motion to spend up to \$2,000 on the barn quilt project under the Region 8 grant out of the 250 Fund. Vice-President Voland seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

### **6) BUSKERS FOR THE ART WALK**

Secretary Hopkins advised the Art Walk will be held the fourth Friday of every month beginning in April through October from 4-7pm.

Discussion of where to have buskers during the Art Walk. Secretary Hopkins would like to have a list of buskers that are interest in playing during the Art Walk. President Wedel wants someone to take the lead on this project and come up with a project list. Member Hater asked where the funds are coming from to pay the buskers. Discussion. Member Walters suggested the Art Walk and NAEC could provide funding.

President Wedel asked for a high-level budget and process proposal. Member Hater agreed to prepare this information and present to the Commission next month.

Secretary Hopkins advised that the Art Walk brochure is being put together and there is a lot of continued participation on behalf of the galleries this year.

Secretary Hopkins moved to set aside \$1,500 for the Art Walk this year out of the 250 Fund which will be paid into by the galleries and sponsors. The money will be used for brochures, flyers, advertising, supportive activities and buskers. Vice-President Voland seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

### **7) UPDATE FROM COMMITTEE CHAIRS ON PROPOSED PROJECTS FOR 2020 WITH ESTIMATES COSTS**

#### **A. PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE**

Member Walters reported that the Public Art Committee met this morning and discussed the interactive art sculpture Marie in the Woods. They will need to order two plaques for this sculpture and set a date for a formal dedication of the sculpture. The committee would also like to have some landscaping put in around the sculpture. Member Walters advised they have approximately \$4,100

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left to use for these items. The tentative date for the dedication will be May 2, 2020 after the Spring Blossom Parade. Discussion. The Public Art Committee will meet again next week to make decisions on the plaques and dedication plans.

Member Walters advised the Public Art Committee talked about public art and sculptures throughout town. They asked if the NAEC should lead a cohesive comprehensive plan on public art and should they be the entity to lead the effort on entrance pieces to the Town which may be treated as public art pieces rather than just signage. Discussion

President Wedel reported that she has submitted the 2020 funding request to the IAC and completed the follow-up questions. They have received the final funds in the amount of \$1,250 for the 2019 grant which went toward the “Marie in the Woods” sculpture.

President Wedel noted that the NAEC’s last long-range plan was done in 2014-2015 and it is time for them to look at doing another plan. The Public Art Committee is willing to take the lead on this and bring their ideas to the full commission to create a comprehensive long-term plan by the end of the year. Discussion.

President Wedel advised that late last year the “High Lonesome” sculpture was moved from the front of the Nashville House at the request of the property owner. The sculpture is now in storage and she wants the commission to think about a new location for sculpture. They will discuss a new location at the next meeting.

### **B. MARKETING**

Vice-President Voland reported on the changes at the Brown County Music Center Gallery 200. The committee met and made a presentation to the Maple Leaf Board on Tuesday. The current gallery has been regulated to one wall at this time. This will be an on-going discussion as to how the gallery may be a part of the music center. Discussion.

Vice-President Voland advised that later this month she and the CVB will be meeting with the ThreeSixty Group to work on the updated brochure.

### **C. OUTREACH**

Member Hater asked if there is any update on the painting of electrical boxes. Records Clerk Jones advised that the Town Utility Manager Cassiday has been contacting utility providers but does not have an update yet.

Member Hater asked if they should create a committee to work on the idea of tiny homes and tiny gardens tour for next year. President Wedel suggested they create a high-level project plan and timeline. Secretary Hopkins would like the Outreach Committee to work on this project and they will set a meeting date.

Member Hater reported that he sold 121 chestnut trees as a fund raiser for the NAEC and Town Park. Each entity will receive \$605. He noted that only 21 trees were purchased through the Eventbrite link and local landscaper Todd Baker purchased the other 100 trees. The Commission thanked Member Hater for all his work on this project and Vice-President Voland for her marketing of the sale.

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**8) ADJOURNMENT**

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 11:32am.

*The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 3-12-2020 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.*



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President Michele Wedel

May 19, 2020

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Date