

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022**

Commission members present at Town Hall: President Melanie Voland, Vice-President Anabel Hopkins, Member Lisa Hall, Member Cathy Martin, and Member Emily Stone. Members by Zoom: Patrick Bennett (10:21am-10:59am) and Andi Wilson. Members not present: Member Ann McCann and Secretary Andra Walters. Also in attendance at Town Hall: Town Manager Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Voland called the meeting to order at 10:09 am and welcomed Emily Stone as the commission's newest member.

2) ROLL CALL

Roll call by President Voland.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5-12-2022 MEETING

Handwritten minutes were emailed to members but were not available at the meeting. They will be reviewed and approved at the July meeting.

4) INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER

Member Stone introduced herself to the Commission. President Voland asked Member Stone to be member of the Public & Performing Arts Committee.

5) MURALS-CONTRACT IDEA FROM BCCF AND REQUEST FOR FUNDING

President Voland reported that she asked Sean Hildreth of the Brown County Community Foundation to complete the NAEC Grant Funding request paperwork. They will be requesting funds for a mural in their butterfly garden.

6) FOLLOW UP ON INDOT VINYL WRAP PROJECT

Town Manager Jones reported that Bob Blass is working with the three artists to finalize the images. Everywhere Signs will do the construction and installation, hopefully by the end of July. President Voland will do a news release soon on the artists and project and another later when they are complete. The project is coming in under the \$6,500 budget.

7) FOLLOW UP ON LEAF PROGRAM DESIGN

Member Wilson reported that Eagle Manufacturing can make additional leaves in the fall. In the meantime, she will review all of the leaves in town and plan on adding a QR code to each leaf. The application still needs to be updated and finalized as well. President Voland asked Member Wilson to meet with CVB Director Ellis to provide an update.

8) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Public & Performing Arts – Chair Ann McCann

President Voland asked Patrick Bennett or Ann McCann to chair the committee. Emily Stone was assigned to the committee as well.

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B. Marie in the Woods Dedication – May 27, 2022

President Voland reported that the dedication was a success. There were two articles in the newspaper and Senator Koch was in attendance along with several other people.

C. Outreach & Education – Chair Anabel Hopkins

Vice-President Hopkins reported that the Art Walk in May was not as well attended as in April but is still a viable event. They did have good sale number at the Hoosier Artist Gallery. The additional music at the Brown County Playhouse and at the Weed Patch Music Company really helps.

Vice-President Hopkins advised that she will host a make and take event at the June 24, 2022 Art Walk. President Voland noted that the BC Playhouse music is doing very well and Kristin Thompson at Weed Patch has a performance planned for each Art Walk.

President Voland stressed that all Members should like and share the Arts Village Brown County Facebook page.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

A. Christkindl Market

Member Hall reported that they are about \$10,000 short of funds, as the State cannot provide grants two years in a row, and some private donors opted out this year. She wasn't going to ask the NAEC for funds this year but due to the shortage of funds she will submit a grant request. Member Hall noted they are considering this changing this event to be held every other year.

The Christkindl event will be held December 2-4, 2022. Member Hall advised they have the approval to close Washington Street, where the stage will be located, and vendor tents will be situated. The booth fee is \$275 for the three day event and will have a table, two chairs and decorations. Discussion. They don't know the timing of the Christmas Light Parade yet.

B. Arts Midwest Grant

President Voland mentioned that she is not sure how much traction came from the QR code in the Southern Indiana Living magazine advertisement this spring. She needs to find a hard copy to see it. There is \$2,005 left to the grant funds to use on advertising of the Cultural District.

C. IAC Cultural District Grant

President Voland advised they did not use the \$500 the Commission had earmarked for the spring Peaceful Valley Heritage event that did not take place. She proposed that it be used for a mural at the high school. Member Hall made a motion to approve allocating \$500 to the Brown County Middle School or High School for a beautification project. Member Martin seconded and the motion passed unanimously by roll call vote.

D. Outreach Events

President Voland appealed to the Commission for volunteers for three upcoming events: Fingerstyle's Friday night party on July 29, ChamberFest in August, and Art Colony Weekend in September. She is not sure yet what will be needed for the latter two events.

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E. NAEC Budget Funds

Town Manager Jones reminded the Commission that their budget funds through the Town Council need to be used by year's end. The ChamberFest will likely apply for some of them as well as the Christkindl Market. Any use of these funds must be approved by the Nashville Town Council and be used by early December.

D. "The Addicts Wake"

Member Hall announced that they will have a virtual showing of "The Addicts Wake". It will be available to stream the week of June 16-26, 2022. They are working on an edit of the film to show at schools and have received some generous funding to do this version.

10) ADJOURN

President Voland adjourned the meeting at 11:00 am.

The audio recording was made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 6-9-2022 and is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.



NAEC President Melanie Voland


Date