

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 2022**

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

Guests present Mark Schmidt, Sarah Fulford, Craig Smith, Ted Hayes, Ashley Day, and Kurt Eagleman.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Voland called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m. and welcomed the guests in attendance.

2) ROLL CALL

Roll call by President Voland.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5-12-2022 AND 6-09-2022 MEETINGS

Regarding the minutes of the 5-12-2022 meeting, President Voland asked that Section 5 be changed to “the Brown County Middle School will work on a mural project.” Member Stone moved to approve the 5-12-2022 minutes with the amendment. Member Hall seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Member Hall moved to approve the 6-09-2022 minutes as presented. Vice-President Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

President Voland asked to amend the agenda to discuss proposed murals in the Cultural District. Member Hall moved to amend the plan. Member Wilson seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) IN INDIANA ARTS GRANT – MURAL PROJECTS

President Voland advised that three entities in Nashville were awarded funds to create murals: Brown County CVB, Hard Truth/Big Woods, and Mulberry Cottage. Representatives from each were present to discuss their proposed murals.

A. Brown County CVB – Mark Schmidt

Artist Mark Schmidt advised that State has approved his proposed mural, which contains the shape of the State of Indiana as wings and will be interactive. The mural will be painted on panels installed on the north side of the CVB building on East Washington Street. The mural will be 9' x 12'. The Town will move the loading zone sign in this area.

Mr. Schmidt explained that the grant is for \$5,000, and the mural must be completed by October 31, 2022. The mural is to be maintained for ten years. He noted that the CVB owns this building.

President Voland moved to approve the IN Indiana Arts grant mural for the CVB. Member Hall seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

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B. Hard Truth/Big Woods – Sara Fulford and Craig Smith

Representative Sarah Fulford and artist Craig Smith presented some ideas for their murals. The State is providing a grant to install a mural at the Big Woods Brewery site on State Rd 135 North and Hard Truth Hills at 418 Old State Road 46. Discussion.

President Voland asked Ms. Fulford and Mr. Smith to attend the Commission's August meeting with some solid proposals for both locations. Ms. Fulford asked for the Commission's approval to contact the State and see if they can move the Hard Truth Hills mural to their Big Woods Pizza location in town for more visibility. The Commission agreed.

C. Mulberry Cottage – Ted Hayes, Ashley Day, and Kurt Eagleman

Artist Kurt Eagleman advised that State has approved his proposed mural, which contains an abstract flower interpretation and will add beautification to the alleyway. The mural will be painted on the west side of the Mulberry Cottage building in the Honeysuckle Lane alley. Discussion.

Vice-President Hopkins moved to approve the IN Indiana Arts grant mural for the Mulberry Cottage. Member Wilson seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) REVIEW NAEC BUDGET

The Commission reviewed their budget and available Hoffman Funds.

President Voland advised they have \$500 IAC Grant funds available as they were not used for the Peaceful Valley Heritage event as initially planned. She would like to use the funds at the middle school for a public art mural. Member Hall moved to use \$500 IAC Grant funds for a student art mural at the middle school. President Voland seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

6) REVIEW REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

A. ChamberFest Brown County

President Voland advised the Commission has a request from ChamberFest Brown County for \$1,000 to sponsor their concert series. ChamberFest will hold a concert series the week of August 14–20, 2022, at various locations throughout the Town. They have requested funding to put on this well-attended event. Discussion.

President Voland moved to give \$1,000 out of the NAEC General Fund to support ChamberFest Brown County in putting on this concert series. Member Hall seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

B. Christkindl Market

The Christkindl Market will be held in the Coachlight Square and Washington Street area from December 2–4, 2022. They have requested funding to support this well-attended event. Discussion.

Vice-President Hopkins motioned to give \$2,500 out of the NAEC EDIT Fund to sponsor the entertainment for the event. Member Wilson seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor, except for Member Hall, who recused herself from the vote.

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C. Community Foundation Mural Project

The Community Foundation has been working on a mural project for their parking lot. They provided some photos of potential ideas for their butterfly garden mural project. The Community Foundation is asking for this project's \$5,000 of the Commission's Hoffman Funds. Discussion.

Vice-President Hopkins moved to grant \$5,000 out of the Commission's Hoffman for the Community Foundation mural, with the preference for a butterfly design. The NAEC will have final approval of the mural, and the mural is to be installed within 12 months after final approval. Member Hall seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

D. Brown County Playhouse

President Voland advised that the Commission has been asked to help further sponsor the Fourth Friday Music Series at the Brown County Playhouse. The free music series is in conjunction with the Fourth Friday Art Walks. President Voland suggested giving them \$1,500 in sponsorship funds. Discussion.

Member Stone moved to grant \$1,500 to sponsor the Fourth Friday Music Series at the Brown County Playhouse using the Midwest Arts Grant funds. Member Hall seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

7) FOLLOW UP ON THE INDOT VINYL WRAP PROJECT

Town Manager Jones reported that Bob Blass has everything in photography and should be finalized this week. Not sure of the final installation dates currently. Everywhere Signs gave a quote of \$3,000 to make and install all vinyl wraps.

8) FOLLOW UP ON LEAF PROGRAM DESIGN

Member Wilson advised that they are moving towards leaves and music notes for local vendors. Eagle Manufacturing is interested in creating additional leaves. The CVB is checking on the locations of current leaves. Potential in making a virtual tour at some point. Rebuild and remarket in a way that keeps people interested: QR codes, different trails, videos, highlights of artists, and locations. Member Wilson suggested charging \$25 per business/gallery for a vendor leaf. They are still working on the vendor leaf application.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

President Voland announced that the next Art Walk would be held on July 28, 2022, from 4–7 p.m.

President Voland reported the Indiana Fingerstyle Guitar Championship would be held July 29–30, 2022. Vice-President Hopkins will contact event producer Chuck Wills about setting up an NAEC table at the pre-party event. Member Stone will work the table with Vice-President Hopkins.

President Voland advised the Commission will address the following items at their August meeting: how they will help during ChamberFest week and review Hard Truth Hills/Big Woods mural concepts.

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Member Martin would like to discuss signage promoting our Cultural District. President Voland and Member Hall agreed that this is something the commission should work on. President Voland suggested they add this topic to their September schedule.

Member Hall commented that she would like the commission to host Bloomington and Columbus Arts Commissions to start branding Arts Road 46.

10) ADJOURN

Member Martin moved to adjourn. Member Wilson seconded the motion. President Voland adjourned the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

The audio recording was made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 7-14-2022 and is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.



NAEC President Melanie Voland



Date