

**NASHVILLE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING  
AUGUST 10, 2023**

Commission Members Present: President Melanie Voland, Secretary Emily Stone, Member Lisa Hall, Member Paul Hayes, Member Phil McKown, and Member Ann McCann. Member not present: Vice-President Anabel Hopkins. Also in attendance: Town Manager Sandie Jones and guest Letty Newkirk.

**Commission Business**

**1. Call to order**

President Voland called the meeting to order at 10:02 am.

**2. Roll Call**

Roll call by President Voland.

**3. Approval of Minutes – 7-13- 2023**

Member Hall moved to adopt the minutes as amended, seconded by Member McKown. All unanimously in favor.

**4. Documentary “Brown County Art & Artists” – Letty Newkirk**

Letty Newkirk discussion. A big thank you to the board for doing what we do. Indiana Heritage Arts Collection and the purpose for the movie is to publicize the locations of the current 27 pieces of art in the collection. Locations include The Brown County Art Gallery, The Brown County Community Foundation, and The West Baden Springs Hotel. The movie can be expected to be complete by spring of 2024 and can be found at [browncountyartandartists.org/the-films](http://browncountyartandartists.org/the-films). Ms. Newkirk is asking for grant help, as well as help publishing the video and getting it out into the county etc. The commission was able to watch the movie trailer online. President Voland offered information on grant requests for the following fiscal year. Ms. Newkirk is requesting help to finalize and get this out to the public.

**5. Public Dedication of The Heritage Mall Mural**

The dedication is scheduled for Friday September 8th at 4pm. Out of The Ordinary restaurant will set up tents, tables, and provide appetizers and water, tea. We will create an event on FB as well as get with the Democrat to get an open invitation printed. Can the CVB create an upcoming event on their and our website?

Member Hall made a motion to spend up to \$500 out of the NAEC EDIT Funds to host the Heritage Mall Mural Dedication ceremony. Member McKown seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

**6. Cultural District Grant Program and Arts Road 46**

The IAC Grant that was received from the IAC needs to be used to pay for the strategic planner. Money will currently come from the 250 fund and be repaid once the grant comes in. President Voland makes a motion to take \$3,500 out of the 250 fund to pay the strategic planner and to

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be reimbursed once the IAC Grant money comes in. Member Hall seconded. All unanimously in favor.

### 7. Review NAEC Budget

We currently have \$1,000 in tax funds that we need to spend by December. Discussion of potential ways to use that money. We will ask Ms. Newkirk to fill out a grant application for the NAEC as well as the Christmas Committee for potential grants for their entertainment at the town Christmas Tree Lighting.

### 8. Review July Art Walk

Member Hayes stated that the CVB has been open on Fridays from 4 pm on. Member McCann gave us a handout on WFIU public radio outreach and the potential for partnership. Great idea, but let's reevaluate next year. Look at April/May of 2024. Discussion of change of times to 4th Friday Art Walk 10-6 instead of 4-7. Member McCann also had some new ideas for scavenger hunt. Potentially use The Toy Chests model from a few years ago.

### 9. Any Other Business

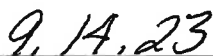
Town Manager Jones talked with Artist Jim Connor about cleaning the Leaf Sculpture "Soar". Member Hall made a motion to contact Larry Webb or such a professional to clean the sculpture prior to the start of season, not to exceed \$750 out of the 250 funds. Seconded by Member McCann. All unanimously in favor.

Town Manger Sandie Jones mentioned that The Abe Martin sculpture needs to be resealed. Chris Trotter would be the one to talk to. President Voland moves to spend up to \$100 from our Public Arts Maintenance Fund on this. Member Hall seconded. All unanimously in favor. Member McCann will reach out to both Larry Webb and Chris Trotter.

### 10. Adjourn

Member McKown moved to adjourn at 11:08 am, seconded by President Voland. All unanimously in favor.

  
NAEC President Melanie Voland

  
Date