

NASHVILLE ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
SEPTEMBER 14, 2023

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

Commission Business

1. Call to order

President Voland called the meeting to order at 10:07am.

2. Roll Call

Roll call by President Voland.

3. Approval of Minutes – 8-10-2023

Member Hall moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Member Hayes. All unanimously in favor.

4. Nashville Jazz Festival Proposal – Jim Baker

Mr. Baker explained that they are looking for help from the Marketing team who worked with ChamberFest. The proposed Jazz Fest would be the weekend of June 14-16th. The Commission suggested the group look for local churches for venue use. President Voland suggests speaking with ChamberFest Board and having a meeting about marketing strategies etc. Vice-President Hopkins suggested reaching out to the Art Guild for information about past jazz retreats at the Guild. Member Hall suggests marketing with Kara Hammes at The Barn Burner and getting her on marketing as well.

5. Review of Public Dedication of Heritage Mall Mural

Member Hall reported that Representative Hall and Senator Koch were in attendance for the dedication. The event was catered by Bonafide Bites. President Voland gave a fantastic speech about Art History in Brown County. Around 60-80 people were in attendance. Cristina from the CVB took great photos, and Member Hayes will check on getting some of those photos to the Democrat.

6. Review August Art Walk

President Voland advised that some galleries closed early in the day due to the 100+ degree heat. Discussion about possible other dates and times to hold the Art Walk. Vice-President Hopkins disagrees with changing to a full day. Most of the galleries serve refreshments, and to have that out from 10-6 is a stretch. Vice-President Hopkins suggested they get all the galleries together to discuss times, dates changes for the next year. Poll, survey, meeting?

7. Review NAEC Budget

The Commission was presented with current budget numbers for their review.

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8. Grant Funding Requests

President Voland moved to give \$500 out of the NAEC General Fund to support the Art Colony Weekend, Sponsored by the Brown County Art Guild. Vice-President Hopkins seconded the motion. All unanimously in favor.

President Voland moved to give \$200 out of the NAEC General Fund for the Town of Nashville Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony musician fees. Member Hall seconded the motion. All unanimously in favor.

Member Hall moved to give \$300 out of the NAEC General Fund to Letty Newkirk for editing and production costs of the Indiana Heritage Arts Film. Vice-President Hopkins seconded the motion. All unanimously in favor.

9. Approval for additional funds to clean soaring sculpture.

President Voland moved to pay an additional \$250 to pay Larry Webb for his cleaning of the Soaring sculpture, due to increasing product costs. The funds will come from the 2500 Fund. Seconded by Member Hall. All unanimously in favor.

10. IAC Cultural District Grant Program and Arts Road 46

Nashville successfully completed their task which was to streamline the use of the Facebook page. We have yet to hear back from anyone in both Bloomington and Columbus. President Voland suggests moving forward as the Heart of Arts Road 46, and Nashville being the main hub. We shall move forward.

11. Any other business that may come before the commission.

President Voland is looking for a list of all the murals we have sponsored or approved for a story with Suzannah Couch.

Member Paul Hayes reported that the CVB received a call about banners not being hung for the backroads tour. President Voland mentioned that the Cultural District Banners are up this year and would cost \$480 to change them out. Discussion. Member Hayes will check on possibly hanging a banner at the CVB. Town Manager Sandie Jones will call the Back Roads Studio Tour representative. President Voland will speak with Mark Schmidt on the condition of the current banners he is hold in storage.

12. Adjourn

President Voland adjourned the meeting at 11:15 am.


NAEC President Melanie Voland

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Date