

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 10, 2019**

Commission members present – President Michele Wedel, Vice-President Chuck Wills, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Treasurer Heather Nicholson, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Jessica George, Member Jayme Hood, Member Cathy Martin, and Member Melanie Volland. Also in attendance – Town Council Member Nancy Crocker, Brown County Community Foundation CEO Madison Miller and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commission Member Wedel called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

2) ROLL CALL

All Commission members present stated their names.

3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commission Member Wedel opened the nominations for officers. Commission Member Nicholson nominated Member Wedel as President. Commission Member Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Commission Member Martin nominated Member Wills as Vice-President. Commission Member George seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Commission Member Hopkins nominated Member Nicholson as Treasurer. Commission Member George seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Commission Member Martin nominated Member Hopkins as Secretary. Commission Member Wills seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Records Clerk Jones reviewed information on meeting procedures and emails.

President Wedel went over expectations of Commission members and advised they should plan on spending two hours for each monthly meeting. She asked each Commission member to consider how much time they each have to give outside of the monthly meetings and what types of activities they would like to be involved in.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12-13-18 MEETING

Vice-President Wills made a motion to approve the 12-13-18 minutes as presented. Member Bolte seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor with Treasurer Nicholson abstaining.

5) ANNOUNCEMENTS

Member Martin gave an overview of how the Arts and Entertainment Commission began in 2012. Secretary Hopkins advised they are a designated Cultural District which is an official State program. Last year was the first year they were provided with financial support from the State. Secretary Hopkins noted that the NAEC is in charge of the local Cultural District.

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Town Council Member Crocker explained that the Indiana Arts Commission is over all the Cultural Districts throughout the state and they meet quarterly. The IAC will be providing funding again this year to each of the Cultural Districts. Secretary Hopkins noted that there are currently nine Cultural Districts throughout the State.

Brown County Community Foundation CEO Madison Miller advised that through the Brown County Foundation, Larry Pejeau will be the supervisor for IAC's Region 8. He will be the Commission's contact for grants through the IAC. She explained that the Commission can get funding for materials, supplies and other needs through grants. She encouraged the NAEC members to look at the Brown County Community Foundation website for more information.

President Wedel asked each Commission member introduced themselves. After the introductions, she asked each of the members to look at what they want to do on the commission moving forward. She asked that they hold a planning meeting to discuss these items further. The Commission agreed to hold a planning meeting on Saturday, January 26, 2019 from 10am -2pm at a location to be determined.

6) BUDGET REVIEW

President Wedel asked Treasurer Nicholson to talk about the Commission's budget. Treasurer Nicholson explained that the Commission has been awarded in \$6,000 in tax funds from the Town. She advised the Commission also has a donation fund as well as endowment funds at the Brown County Community Foundation.

Treasurer Nicholson reported that last year the Commission received a \$5,000 grant from the IAC as a Cultural District and received a \$2,700 grant from the BCCF for new speakers and sound equipment for the Pavilion Music Series. She encouraged the Commission to look for grants to help them with their projects.

President Wedel asked that each Commission member to think about projects and areas that they are interested in and what they are willing to lead. She would also like for them to think about long term plans for the funds in the BCCF they received from the Hoffman Estate.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Member Bolte reported that he is still working on the bracket structure for the banners that are on the posts at the corners of Main & Van Buren streets. He explained the banner project to the new members of the Commission and showed pictures of the banners.

Treasurer Nicholson advised the Commission purchased a leaf stencil last year to paint on the Town's crosswalks. This is a project they want to implement this year.

Vice-President Wills reported that he is researching the possibility of holding a story telling event. He suggested that the Brown County Radio Show, Brown County Community Foundation and NAEC could work together on how to make this event happen.

Member Bolte spoke about the Back Roads Studio Tour and their plan to create a \$500 scholarship for students to create public art. They would like to see something similar to the BETA/Brad Cox sculpture being created by students.

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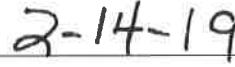
8) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Wills made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Nicholson seconded the motion. President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 11:33am.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 1-10-19 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.



President Michele Wedel



Date