

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 11, 2018**

Commission members present – President Nancy Crocker, Vice-President Michele Wedel (left at 11:05am), Treasurer Heather Nicholson, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Bob Kirlin (left at 11:08am), Member Cathy Martin and Member Chuck Wills. Commission member not present – Member Michael Fulton. Also in attendance – Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Crocker called the meeting to order at 10:04am

2) ROLL CALL

All Commission members present stated their names.

3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commission member Crocker opened the nominations for officers and asked if anyone not currently an officer would like to be an officer. No response and Commission member Kirlin moved to close the nominations. Commission member Wills seconded the motion. All were in favor. The officers will remain as is for 2018.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12-14-17 MEETING AND 1-05-18 RETREAT

Member Martin moved to approve the 12-14- 17 meeting minutes and the 1-05-18 retreat minutes as presented. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) RECAP COMMISSION RETREAT HELD ON 1-05-18

Treasurer Nicholson commented that they didn't talk about projects such as the ArtWalk, Cinefest, Pavilion paint along, buskers at the retreat. Secretary Hopkins added that the TC Steele State Historic Site needs help to make money as well.

Member Martin asked if they should create a yearly arts and entertainment calendar. President Crocker believes this is kind of being done with Vice-President Wedel and Member Wills working with the CVB. Discussion.

President Crocker remarked that the retreat was great and they all got to know each other better which will help them to work together better.

6) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Crocker had the Commission review the committee appointments that were made at the retreat. She asked the Commission if they need a Placemaking Committee. Discussion. Member Martin made a motion to establish a committee named Placemaking and its duties would be placemaking and to study the cultural district and other parts of the spokes. Treasurer Nicholson seconded the motion. All but Secretary Hopkins voted in favor and the motion carried.

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President Crocker and Member Martin asked to be on the Placemaking committee. Member Bolte asked to be taken off the performing arts committee and to be on the Placemaking committee instead. Member Bolte was selected as chair of the committee. President Crocker asked that each committee meet prior to next month's regular NAEC meeting.

7) FINANCIAL DISCUSSION

Treasurer Nicholson reported that the Commission has received a \$6,000 budget from the Town Council and they should use these funds. She advised that she spoke with Brown County Community Foundation CEO Larry Pejeau about the funds they have at the Foundation. Those funds are currently in a pass through account. Discussion if they can or should put the Foundation funds in an endowment fund. Member Kirlin asked Treasurer Nicholson and the Finance Committee to get more information from BCCF CEO Pejeau on this process.

Treasurer Nicholson advised the CVB was promised that the NAEC would pay one third of the cost for the Chicago Travel Show in the amount of \$1,099. Secretary Hopkins asked if the Chamber was going to pay for part of this expense. President Crocker reported that the Chamber will not pay toward the event.

Treasurer Nicholson made a motion to pay the CVB bill of \$1,099 from the NAEC General Fund. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. President Crocker will present this request to the Town Council at their next meeting. She advised the Chicago Travel Show will be held on Friday, February 9, 2018.

Treasurer Nicholson commented that it has been mentioned that the Back Roads Studio Tour wants to do a scholarship. Member Bolte explained the artists on the tour thought the NAEC would be a good place to invest the funds. He asked the commission members if they want to take the responsibility of deciding where the scholarship goes. Member Kirlin commented that they could help to select the scholarship winner but he doesn't want the NAEC to handle the money and several other commission members agreed. President Crocker would like a Committee to discuss this proposal and bring a recommendation to the Commission. Discussion.

Treasurer Nicholson asked that the Finance committee be given the information on the Cultural District grant application.

Treasurer Nicholson saw a note that they are paying Brozonni's for the chairs at the Pavilion Music Series and wanted to know if that is correct. Member Wills said they are paying Brozonni's for the chairs. Treasurer Nicholson advised that she did not see this documented anywhere.

Treasurer Nicholson asked if Concert Series Promoter Tim Meyer was paid for his services. Member Wills advised that Mr. Meyer is not paid for his work on the concert series. He asked if concept of the Concert Series is in alignment with the NAEC and a good thing for the community from their viewpoint. All but President Crocker voiced agreement that the concept of public music is good. Discussion. After meeting with the Performing Arts Committee, Member Wills will bring more options to the Commission next month.

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8) PROJECT IDEAS

President Crocker presented a list of project ideas and asked that the Commission assign each of them to a committee. Those committees will then determine recommendations to move forward or not. The following project ideas were paired with these committees:

Finance

- IAC grants and consultants
- Back Roads Studio Tour scholarships
- Long-range planning

Marketing

- Encourage and highlight local visual artists, craft-workers, musicians and thespians
- ArtWalk
- Art Colony Weekend
- Cinefest
- Paint Along
- Long-range planning

Public Art

- Identify the sculptures that the Town owns and develop a maintenance schedule and budgets necessary to preserve them.
- Mural on Playhouse building
- Long-range planning

Performing Arts

- Brown County Radio Hour
- Pavilion Music Series
- Buskers
- Long-range planning

Placemaking

- Encourage public interest in supporting an Indiana Artisan Center located in Brown County
- Signage for the district
- Art Campus
- TC Steele State Historic Site
- Long-range planning

Projects

- Brown County Government involvement
- Gamification
- Designation
- Long-range planning

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Secretary Hopkins announced there will be an ArtWalk meeting on January 19, 2018 at 3:00pm at the Brown County Art Guild and invited everyone to attend. President Crocker advised there will be an Art Alliance meeting that same day at 5:30pm.

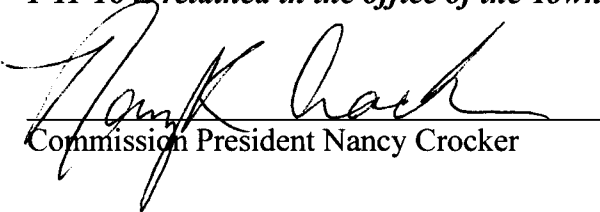
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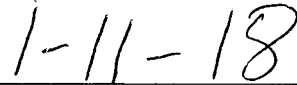
Member Bolte reported he will give the old Back Roads Tour brochures to President Crocker to pass out at the Chicago Travel Show. He will add list of new artists for 2018 to be inserted into the brochure.

10) ADJOURNMENT

President Crocker adjourned the meeting at 11:18am

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 1-11-18 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.


Commission President Nancy Crocker


Date