

Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission (NAEC)

January 26, 2019 Planning Meeting Notes

Meeting held January 26, 2109 from 10am to 2:20pm at the Brown County Community Foundation offices.

Commissioners in attendance: Michele Wedel, Anabel Hopkins, Chuck Wills, Jonathan Bolte, Heather Nicholson, Jayme Hood, Jessica George and Melanie Voland

Commissioners not in attendance: Cathy Martin

Commissioner Introductions:

Each Commissioner completed a flipchart paper listing the following info:

- What is your reason for volunteering to serve on the NAEC
- What do you want to do or focus on while on the Commission
- What skills do you have that you think will help in the NAEC's efforts
- How much time do you have to work on NAEC projects/goals beyond the 2 hours set aside for the monthly NAEC meeting
 - break this out by season/other time frames if your availability shifts
- Do you know of others that would be willing to assist with an NAEC project or event

Michele Wedel will develop a spreadsheet with the info provided, and will gather additional info as needed, to list each Commissioner's info and availability. This will be used for planning purposes.

Each Commissioner reviewed her/his flipchart and group discussion ensued regarding areas of expertise, areas of interest, seasonal availability and approximately how much time per month each has available to work on NAEC projects, beyond the two hour monthly commitment for the Commission's regularly scheduled meetings. Good discussion and we learned a lot about each other.

Review of NAEC Ordinance and Mission Statement

The group reviewed the 2012-18 Town of Nashville ordinance (2012-08) which established the NAEC and describes its focus and main responsibilities. Also reviewed the NAEC Mission Statement. The group discussed the importance of focusing on the main responsibilities of the NAEC and ensuring that actions, statements and planning of the NAEC align with these. This laid the foundation for considering what projects, grants, partnerships and other activities the NAEC should plan for and pursue during 2019.

2019 Budget Review

Heather Nicholson (Treasurer) provided an overview funding sources for the NAEC including tax monies provided by the Town of Nashville, grants, Hoffman donation and other donations. As the project planning proceeds, a draft budget will need to be sent to Heather for inclusion in the 2019 budget.

Update on Current Projects

Update where provided on the status of on-going projects (Art Walk, Pavilion Music Series, Crosswalk Stencils, Art Explore App, EPIC sponsorship, Banners, Back Roads Studio Tour, and Murals). An extended discussion ensued as Commissioners asked questions and provide ideas for ways to enhance what we are already doing as well as discussing whether or not to continue some existing projects.

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Other Nashville/BC Project NAEC Can Partner With

Time did not permit an in-depth discussion of these initiatives, specifically the BCCF ROI and Ready Communities projects. Update: Michele has scheduled Maddison Miller, CEO BCCF, to present at the next NAEC meeting on February 14, 2019.

Develop New Projects List

Chuck Wills provided an update on the Storytelling project he has been researching and developing. The group was very excited about the possibilities and we will pursue further.

Jessica George would like the NAEC to be present at more local festivals and events (similar to our sponsorship and activities we did for the EPIC mountain biking festival last fall). The group agreed this is a good approach and three initial events likely will be targeted: John Hartford Memorial Festival, Bill Monroe Festival, and Uncle Penn Days.

Anabel Hopkins provided an overview of a couple of the grants available and discussed the possible events, projects, etc. that we can pursue with the assistance of grants. The due dates are coming up soon, so we need to move forward on these soon. Update: Anabel and Heather have shared information on possible grants. Anabel has reached out the Art Walk and other artists regarding a possible project/art demonstration event the NAEC manage with the assistance of local artists and musicians. A meeting will be held on Feb 8 to further these discussions.

Develop Project Work Groups/Committees

Time did not permit the discussion and finalization of work groups/committees. Here are the suggested committees:

- Public Art
- Finance
- Grants
- Projects
- Marketing
- Education
- Performing Arts
- Others?

Committees and committee members will be finalized during the next NAEC meeting on Feb 14, 2019.

Commissioners and term end dates:

- President Michele Wedel (term ends 12-31-19)
- Vice-President Chuck Wills (term ends 12-31-22)
- Treasurer Heather Nicholson (term ends 12-31-19)
- Secretary Anabel Hopkins (term ends 12-31-19)
- Jonathan Bolte (term ends 12-31-19)
- Jessica George (term ends 12-31-22)
- Jayme Hood (term ends 12-31-22)
- Cathy Martin (term ends 12-31-19)
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President Michele Wedel

2-14-19
Date