

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JULY 9, 2020**

Commission members present by remote access via Zoom: President Michele Wedel, Vice-President Melanie Volland, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Member Jonathan Bolte (arrived at 10:13am), Member Mike Hater, and Member Andra Walters. Commission member not present: Treasurer Cathy Martin. Also in attendance by remote access – Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Wedel called the meeting to order at 10:05am.

2) ROLL CALL

All Commission members present stated their names.

3) UPDATE ON GRANTS

A. REGION 8 PROJECT GRANT – ANABEL

Secretary Hopkins advised they have until June 2021 to complete the Barn Quilt project. They may wait until the spring semester to start the project as the school reopening plans are still in flux. President Wedel suggested they create a Barn Quilt project packet for those that will be remote learning this year. She offered to help put this together.

B. CULTURAL DISTRICT 2020 FUNDING GRANT

President Wedel advised that the Commission talked about possible ideas to use the grant funds during yesterday's planning session. She will put together a list of ideas and asked if the Commission members had any additional thoughts.

Member Hater commented that if they were to hold a street fair they should make sure to include the tourists. He voiced concern about holding an event at the Town's Lincoln Pinch park due to the lack of restrooms, electricity as well as the chance of flooding in the area. He suggested that they might want to build a stage in this park to allow for performing arts and weddings. Discussion on the pros and cons of a street fair.

President Wedel noted that a community festival aligns with the grant. She then read aloud the list of ideas: street festival, playhouse, video/commercial of cultural district partnering with the CVB, involve youth, direct grants to cultural institutions throughout the community, mural at the playhouse with inclusion/social justice.

Member Walters suggested that the grant funds could be used to pay for the design fees for the mural. Discussion.

4) ART WALK UPDATE

A. JUNE EVENT

Secretary Hopkins reported that the June Art Walk went surprisingly well and the Hoosier Artist Gallery made a lot of sales during the event. President Wedel took video of the busker at the Village Green. She commented that the CVB is not a good location for a busker as they are closed during the Art Walk.

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B. BUSKERS UPDATE

Member Hater advised that both buskers he had lined up for July have cancelled. He is having trouble getting buskers to commit. Secretary Hopkins advised if they only had one busker at each of the Art Walk events that would be ok. She also suggested they only play two hours, from 4:30-6:30pm rather than all three hours of the event.

Discussion of possible locations for buskers during the Art Walk. President Wedel will talk with the owners of the Artist Colony Inn about allowing a busker on their property.

5) HIGH LONESOME RELOCATION

President Wedel advised that she will talk with the owners of the Nashville House and Artist Colony Inn about the possibility of installing the High Lonesome musical sculpture on their property. The Commission had heard that the Trilogy Gallery area was interested in having a sculpture installed on their property and they will take this under advisement. The NAEC would also like to see another sculpture installed where the fairy house was located on West Franklin Street.

6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Member Walters reported that a letter of intent was submitted for the ROI grant to install three entrance signs to the Town as well as to create decorative crosswalks. They received a rejection notice for this grant as well as for the Women's Legacy Grant application. President Wedel suggested they might create one large sculpture of an influential woman of Brown County. Discussion.


7) ADJOURNMENT

President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 11:05am.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 7-09-2020 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.



President Michele Wedel



Date