

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 11, 2020**

Commission members present by remote access via Zoom: President Michele Wedel, Vice-President Melanie Voland (arrived at 10:44am), Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Treasurer Cathy Martin, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Mike Hater, and Member Andra Walters. Also in attendance by remote access – Town Councilmember Nancy Crocker, Brown County Community Foundation CEO Maddison Miller, Brown County Parks and Rec Director Mark Shields, Records Clerk Sandie Jones and Municipal Operations Consultant Dax Norton.

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) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5-14-2020 MEETING

Member Walters made a motion to approve the 5-14-2020 meeting minutes as presented. Treasurer Martin seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) MURAL PROJECT PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION – MADDISON MILLER & MARK SHIELDS

BCCF CEO Miller and Brown County Parks & Rec Director Shields gave a presentation on a proposed mural project to be installed under the Salt Creek Trail bridge. They asked the NAEC to financially help with the project by using some of their Hoffman Funds. The mural will have a theme of the Art Colony of the Midwest. They would like to make a broad call to artists outside of Brown County.

BCCF CEO Miller explained that the community would help to paint part of the mural. Director Shields noted that this area has a lot of graffiti and the mural would help to prevent the graffiti. There is also a graffiti block application that can be put on the mural to protect it. Director Shields advised that Brown County Parks & Rec maintains the trail and they will be asking the County Council for funds to maintain the mural. Discussion.

President Wedel advised that the Commission is interested in the mural project but would like more information on project costs. The Commission will also need to look at long-range planning for the Hoffman Funds.

5) WOMEN'S LEGACY GRANT PROJECT – NANCY CROCKER

Town Councilmember Crocker advised that there is a grant opportunity through the Lt. Governor's office with a focus on women. She explained that the grant is a 1:1 match and they will be asking for \$15,000. The applicant will be the Town's Main Street Committee and Councilmember Crocker will be the lead. The plan is to create ten mini (18" – 20" tall) limestone carvings of historic women of Brown County and perhaps a video of the sculpture trail with a historical aspect. The carvings would have a QR code to the video which would allow people to access all the carvings.

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Town Councilmember Crocker asked the NAEC if they would put \$4,500 of their Hoffman Funds toward the match for this grant. BCCF CEO Miller advised the Foundation could put \$3,000 toward the match. Councilmember Crocker advised that without the partnership and funding from the NAEC they cannot apply for this grant and the application is due June 15, 2020.

President Wedel asked that BCCF CEO Miller, Director Shields and Councilmember Crocker temporarily leave the meeting so that the Commission could discuss the funding requests. The Commission talked about the Hoffman Funds and how they want to use them in the long term. President Wedel would like to hold a special meeting to discuss a plan to use the Hoffman Funds.

A lengthy discussion ensued concerning the request of funds and support for the Women's Legacy Grant.

Vice-President Volland made a motion pending the approval of the Brown County Community Foundation Board, that the NAEC will commit up to \$4,500 in Hoffman Funds to support the Women's Legacy Grant project and want representation in the decision making process throughout the entire project. Also, their preference is that they commit \$3,000 and ask that the applicant look for the additional \$1,500 elsewhere. Member Bolte seconded the motion. Discussion. President Wedel, Vice-President Volland, Treasurer Martin, Member Bolte and Member Walters voted in favor of the motion. Secretary Hopkins and Member Hater voted against the motion. The motion passed 5-2.

President Wedel advised that going forward they will not approve last minute requests for funding. She also asked the Commission to consider having a separate meeting to discuss the Hoffman Fund as to what projects they want to do and how to set up a process to use the funds.

6) COMMITTEE UPDATES

A. PUBLIC ART

Member Walters reported that the committee has met in the last month. They will be finishing the Marie in the Woods art installation by creating a garden around the sculpture. The committee is working on two plaques for the sculpture. Member Walters will send out the plaque language to the Commission members for their feedback prior to ordering the plaques.

Member Walters advised that she worked with Town Councilmember Crocker to write the letter of intent for the ROI grant. The grant request is for \$250,000 to fund signage at three entrance points to the Town as well as creating decorative crosswalks.

Member Walters reported that the Public Art Committee is taking the lead on reinstalling the High Lonesome sculpture that was removed from the Nashville House patio. They will talk with the owners of the Artist Colony Inn about the easement the Town has in this area for public art. Member Walters noted they will inspect the sculpture for any restoration requirements.

Member Walters advised that they have met with members of the Brown County Playhouse and they are interested in having a mural painted on the outside of their building. The playhouse is also asking the NAEC for funding of this project with the Hoffman Funds. At this point, the Public Art Committee will be consultants for the project. Once they have further defined the project the NAEC could consider the funding request.

Member Walters spoke about the sanitizing stations throughout town. Town Councilmember Crocker

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is leading the project and noted these ten stations will be permanent structures throughout town. She asked for the Commission's help in jurying the proposed artwork for the stations. Town Councilmember Crocker advised that the Town would put in \$5,000 from their COVID-19 grant funds for the project and the Brown County Community Foundation will also provide funding.

B. PERFORMING ARTS (BUSKER CONTRACT)

Member Hater advised it has been difficult to get buskers to turn in their paperwork in order to play at the Art Walks. He does have two buskers for June and one for July so far. He asked the other Commission members to send him contact information on buskers that may be interested in playing.

Member Hater asked the Commission if he can't find buskers, would they be willing to allow an electronic show. Discussion.

C. BANNERS

Member Bolte advised he needs some straps to finish the banner project and will order them from Bear Hardware. The Town will pick up the straps when they are available.

D. MARKETING

Vice-President Voland reported that she is looking for things to put out on their Arts Village Facebook page. Secretary Hopkins will send her information regarding the upcoming Art Walk.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

President Wedel advised that she will send out possible meeting dates to the Commission to discuss short term and long term plans for the NAEC funds and the Hoffman Funds.

Secretary Hopkins reported that the completion date of the Barn Quilt project has been extended until June 2021.

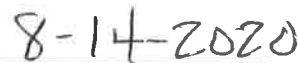
8) ADJOURNMENT

Member Walters made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Treasurer Martin seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 12:00pm.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 6-11-2020 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.



President Michele Wedel



Date