

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2016**

Commission members present – President Cathy Martin, Vice-President Kathy Anderson, Treasurer Scott Hutchinson, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Member Nancy Crocker, Member Anne Miller, Member Chuck Wills and Member Suzannah Zody. Commission member not present – Member Michael Fulton. Also in attendance – Tim Meyer, Intern Anne Ellis and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER by President Martin at 10:08am.

2) ROLL CALL all Commission members present stated their names.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 5-12-16 Meeting

President Martin advised that the Commission had been given the draft minutes from the May 12, 2016 meeting. Vice-President Anderson moved to approve the minutes as presented. Member Wills seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) TREASURER’S REPORT/FUNDING

Treasurer Hutchinson reviewed the Treasurer’s report with the Commission and advised that he has met with Clerk-Treasurer Young regarding the budget. President Martin announced that Jenny Johnson through the Johnson Family Trust has donated \$1,900 to support this summer’s summer concert series. The \$336 for promotional materials came out of the Commission’s budget instead of the donated fund line item. Commission President Martin asked if this could be corrected and Records Clerk Jones will check on this.

The Commission will purchase the BETA sculpture for \$2,500 from their Public Art fund line item. Records Clerk Jones reminded the Commission they also need the Council’s approval to purchase the sculpture with Town funds. Member Crocker will ask for the Council’s approval at the June 16, 2016 Town Council meeting.

Vice-President Anderson asked about receiving some of the Parking and Public Facilities funding. President Martin explained that is not presently legally possible. Vice-President Anderson advised the Indiana Arts Commission is looking at different ways of funding the arts, and it was suggested that commission members talk with Representative Eric Koch about changing the funding legislation. The IAC is working on getting money for cultural districts and looking for tax breaks as well. President Martin reported that she and Town Manager Rudd have talked about ways to fund their cultural district. Intern Ellis reported that she has been looking at ways that other communities fund their cultural districts. President Martin would like the Commission to work harder on talking with County officials and bringing them along to help fund the district. She and Intern Ellis will attend County Commissioner meetings to help this conversation.

Member Crocker suggested they write a letter to Representative Koch about ideas to help fund the cultural districts and artists. President Martin considered inviting Representative Koch to a future NAEC meeting.

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5) COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. PUBLIC MUSIC

President Martin commented that the first concert was a success and that Member Crocker was a good MC, the band was wonderful, there was a good mix of local people as well as visitors and the weather was good. Ryan Seward of Brozinni's Pizza put out some chairs for people to use at the pavilion, and Member Crocker offered to bring some blankets for people to sit on at future concerts.

Tim Meyer thought this first concert was a success with lots of people in attendance and the length of the concert seemed long enough. Member Crocker suggested the speakers be adjusted to create a bigger sound. Member Wills noted that each band will have their own set-up of sound systems.

President Martin advised they had a question concerning if it were to rain on a concert day who will call off the show and when. Member Zody commented that when she was doing these types of events they would call it off at noon. Discussion. It was decided that President Martin, Member Wills and Mr. Meyer will collectively make the final decision by noon whether to cancel the concert due to rain. Member Wills will send out a list of the musicians' contact numbers to Mr. Meyers.

Mr. Meyer will ask Mr. Seward of Brozinni's Pizza to put out more chairs for the next concert. Treasurer Hutchinson offered the use of the Gallery's fifty chairs and Member Crocker will bring the chairs over to the pavilion. Member Miller suggested that Brozinni's Pizza be a sponsor next year of the concert event.

Regarding the posters, Member Zody reported that she passed out posters and cards to businesses and hotels. She asked that Commission members look for other places to put out signs/cards and wondered about passing out fliers to the I-65 hotels. President Martin would like to have someone at the Visitor's Bureau corner directing people down to the event. Member Zody asked that they also pass out cards at the event so the audience has a list of future concerts.

Mr. Meyer asked if there was anything written in the Democrat about the concert series. Nothing was in the paper, and Member Zody suggested calling Suzannah Couch of the Democrat to see if they can get photos and an article. Mr. Meyer would like to get a bio of each of the bands with photos to put on various websites and send to news outlets. Member Zody recommended contacting Marci Crepes at the Bloomington Herald Times about the concert series. Treasurer Hutchinson will give a list of contacts to Mr. Meyer to help promote the concerts. Discussion. Member Wills suggested they create an event on Facebook and Member Zody added that they should pay to boost the post as well.

Mr. Meyer asked for help to put out signs and hang up the banner at the pavilion on Wednesday before the concert. Treasurer Hutchinson offered to put out the signage for the next concert. President Martin asked who will MC the next concert on June 18, 2016. Member Crocker offered to do this again if no one else wanted to do it. President Martin agreed to have Member Crocker lead the next concert.

President Martin asked the Commission what kind of acts they would like to have for next year. Mr. Meyer advised that Member Wills has had contact with other acts in town who have

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expressed an interest in playing. Perhaps Commission members can provide Member Wills with a list of potential names. He suggested at some point they also have a discussion as to what types of acts they should have as well. Discussion.

On a side note, President Martin announced that Mr. Meyer is the proud grandfather of Indiana's Mr. Basketball Kyle Guy!

B. PUBLIC ART

Member Zody reported they have gotten the approval to go forward with their option to purchase the Michael Evans sculpture of High Lonesome for \$5,000. She will forward the contract to Member Miller to have Mr. Evans sign and then return it to Town Hall for the Council to approve and sign. The question was raised if the Commission had voted on making a purchase of the sculpture. Discussion.

Member Crocker made a motion to draft and send the letter of an option to purchase the High Lonesome sculpture by Michael Evans for \$5,000. Member Zody seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Member Crocker advised there is a sign in front of the bison explaining what it is but the sign is very close to the edge of the drop-off. She thought it would be better to get another sign and put it nearer the sidewalk or move the current sign. Discussion. The Commission agreed to move the sign closer to the sidewalk.

President Martin advised the letter to William Galloway requesting that the Dancer's sculpture be moved was mailed out today.

President Martin reported on the Village Green revitalization program and advised they met with two people from the Helmsburg Beamery who have offered to help to construct the playground equipment at the Village Green. The owner also offered to work with Brown County Rotary with supplies for their project. President Martin noted the water element that they want may be to install a working old fashioned water pump in the area. The owner of the Beamery advised he has the old Helmsburg School pump and perhaps this can be installed at the Village Green.

In terms of designing the Village Green restrooms, President Martin reported this is on hold and Town Manager Rudd has suggested they get a consultant to plan the whole thing out.

C. VENUE LEAVES

Secretary Hopkins offered to deliver a leaf to TC Steele State Historic Site. Vice-President Anderson will get her a leaf and President Martin will get her a stake for the leaf.

D. GRANTS/PLACEMAKING/WAYFINDING

Treasurer Hutchinson advised he and Member Fulton would like to work on the NEA Our Town Grant with the Town. In working on this grant, they would also like to use this as a jumping off spot to produce some other smaller grants. Treasurer Hutchinson wants the Commissioner's input as to what their vision is and their wish list. President Martin commented that one idea would be to have a fancier entryway into the Town. Discussion. President Martin also announced that the highways linking Brown County, Morgantown, and Martinsville might be

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declared a scenic by-way by the State. With the designation would come access to publicity and small amount of funding.

E. MARKETING/INTERNS/STAFFING

Intern Ellis reported she has talked with Town Manager Rudd about projects and there are three things she will be working on: looking at the value of a visitor to Nashville, sustainable measures for funding the Commission and helping out with the Village Green project. She advised that she will be working for the Commission about 10 weeks, until mid-August. President Martin commented that the Commission is glad to have her helping them.

President Martin reported they have had responses from four people for the Media Coordinator position. They will try to interview as soon as possible and bring it before the Council for their approval to hire.

President Martin personally invited everyone to attend the IHA reception tomorrow, June 10, 2016 at 6pm at the Brown County Art Gallery.

F. PUBLIC INPUT

None.

6) COMMENDATIONS

President Martin commended Records Clerk Jones for tying so many things together for the Commission with efficiency and competency.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

Secretary Hopkins would still like to pursue getting some kind of structure on the HobNob to put banners on. Member Zody suggested they find someone to monitor the banners for the owner. President Martin offered to talk with the building owner, Marilyn Rudd, to see if this would be something she would be willing to discuss.

President Martin spoke with Brown County Commissioner Biddle about signage and she was unaware that the signs could not be placed on the HobNob anymore. The Brown County Commissioners will look at making a policy for signs on the courthouse lawn.

Secretary Hopkins encouraged everyone to come to the Art Walk this Saturday which begins at 4pm. She also asked they go by The Thomas Treehouse Gallery as he is new to the area.

Secretary Hopkins reminded everyone about the CineFest June 17-18, 2016. She asked for help in passing out brochures about the event. Member Zody offered to see that they were passed out next week when the Playhouse publicity is distributed.

Vice-President Anderson announced Dick Ferrer's memorial will be this Sunday at 2pm at the Brown County Art Gallery.

Member Crocker asked the Commission members to attend the Town Council meeting on June 16, 2016 as they are deciding whether to extend the Village District. She believes this would be a good thing as it will include her business. Member Crocker and business owner Andy Tilton have also suggested that extend the village district on down to the CVS. Discussion.

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8) ADJOURNMENT

President Martin adjourned the meeting at 11:31am.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 6-09-16 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.

Catherine A. Martin
President Cathy Martin

July 14, 2016
Date