

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 10, 2019**

Commission members present – President Michele Wedel, Vice-President Chuck Wills, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Treasurer Heather Nicholson, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Jayme Hood, Member Cathy Martin and Member Melanie Voland. Commission member not present – Member Jessica George. Also in attendance – Town Council Member Nancy Crocker and Administration Manager Phyllis Carr.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

President Wedel called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

**2) ROLL CALL**

All Commission members present stated their names.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9-12-19 MEETING**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the September 12, 2019 meeting. Secretary Hopkins asked that the sentence using the Art Walk sponsorship fees be removed as if she had said that at the last meeting she misspoke.

Vice-President Wills made a motion to approve the 9-12-19 meeting minutes with the deleted sentence. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

**4) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. PAVILION MUSIC SERIES AND STORY SLAM**

Member Hood reported that the music series event for this weekend is posted on the Arts Village Brown County Facebook page. The contracts will be finalized later today. She noted the group playing will be the Pat Otto Trio from Chicago playing gypsy jazz type music. Member Hood asked for help from the Commission members to help put up chairs for the event.

Member Hood asked to move the music series to Sunday the following week rather than Saturday. She has checked and the Pavilion is available. Member Hood would like to have the winners of the South Central Blues Challenge play that day, they are the Delta Duo. This would be on October 20, 2019 from 2-4pm, right after the Nashville Farmer's Market. Treasurer Nicholson asked that they advertise in the Things to Do part of the local newspaper as not everyone has Facebook to learn about these events. Member Hood will try to get the concert listed in the Brown County Democrat. Member Martin also asked that the CVB be notified about music series as well.

Secretary Hopkins asked if Jenny Johnson will be sponsoring the music series again this year. Vice-President Wills advise that he emailed Ms. Johnson and has not heard back from her yet. Discussion of setting up the budget for the Pavilion Music series for next year.

Vice-President Wills reported that tonight's story slam at the Brown County Inn will be the last open mic style story slam for the year. The theme will be nightmares and have received a pretty good response from people wanting to tell their stories.

They are still working out details for a grand story slam in November. This will be the last story slam

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of the year. At their planning meeting in November, he would like to talk about the story slam and perhaps make some significant changes.

### **B. ART WALK**

Secretary Hopkins reported that she was out of Town for the September Art Walk but assumed that it went well. As for October's Art Walk, Hoosier Artists will be having a tent sale on Friday and Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>. They will be selling unused supplies as well as artwork. Secretary Hopkins noted that this will be the last Art Walk of the year.

Treasurer Nicholson commented that the Art Alliance Art Show/Gallery at the Brown County Playhouse had people stopping in to look at the art show. Playhouse show tickets were also purchased as a result of the Art Walk activities last month.

### **C. CROSSWALK STENCILING**

President Wedel announced that the crosswalks have been painted using the leaf stenciling. She advised that comments about the crosswalks were positive on Facebook. Member Voland reported that Principal Gavin Steele of Van Buren Elementary asked if they could pay to use the stencil for the school's crosswalks. She thought that renting out the stencil might be a way to raise funds for the Arts and Entertainment Commission. President Wedel will check with the Town Administration to see if they can rent out the stencil. Discussion.

Town Council Member Crocker reported that she recently attended an INDOT meeting and talked with some officials there about the traffic issues in Nashville. She also talked to them about the leaf crosswalks on INDOT roads as well as installing art work in the triangle area of State Road 46 and 135. Discussion.

### **D. PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION**

President Wedel reported that the easement has been signed by Missy Davis owner of the Coachlight Square. The selected artist, Brad Cox, will be in the office today to sign the public art contract. President Wedel explained that the interactive art piece was inspired by a photograph of Marie Goth creating a plein air painting. The artwork will include an artist's easel and stool and 4-5 frames of different heights. A person can sit on the stool and pretend to be the artist or be in a frame as a piece of artwork. President Wedel noted that Town Councilmember Crocker came up with the idea for the artwork and she will be recognized on the plaque.

President Wedel asked that the Commission make a motion authorizing Town Council President Jane Gore to sign the public art contract on behalf of the Town. Secretary Hopkins made a motion to authorize Town Council President Gore to sign the public art contract on behalf of the Arts and Entertainment Commission. Member Hood seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Secretary Hopkins asked about the full cost of the public artwork. President Wedel advised that \$5,000 will come from the Hoffman Fund, \$5,000 from the IAC matching grant for a total of \$10,000 to the artist. Additional fees will be needed of the new concrete pad, plaque any other additional fees that may come up. President Wedel explained that Brown County Foundation CEO Miller suggested they ask for more funds than they may need and send back any unused funds. Treasurer Nicholson made a motion to cap the additional funds for the public art installation to \$6,000 from the 714 Hoffman Fund. Member Bolte seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

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### **E. BACKROADS STUDIO TOUR**

Member Bolte reported that the tour is going well. The artists have commented that the tour has seemed to turn a corner and they are seeing more local people attending.

Member Bolte spoke about the Youth Art Grant that the Backroads Studio Tour artists have created. Donations for the grant go to the Brown County Backroads Studio Tour with the goal of the grant to foster in our young people a sense of themselves as artful people by funding public art projects created in collaboration with other young people and artists.

### **F. OUTREACH EVENTS**

President Wedel reported that this is the weekend for the EPIC event at the Brown County State Park. She thanked those that will be out there to help work the event on Friday and Saturday. Member Bolte will bring a canopy for the volunteers to use.

President Wedel advised that the Brown County Music Center has donated four tickets to each of the shows happening this weekend: Josh Turner on Saturday and George Thorogood and the Destroyers on Sunday. They will work with the EPIC staff to hold a drawing for the tickets to bring more people into Town from the park. The Season's Lodge and Councilmember Crocker have each offered one room to go along with the winning tickets for Sunday night.

### **G. MARKETING EFFORTS**

Member Voland reported that the post about the new leaf crosswalks reached 14,000 people. Their Facebook page reached 16.8 thousand people last month and an increase of 15% in engagements and an increase of 173% of new likes. Member Voland advised that the shares are increasing as well.

Member Voland announced she is promoting the Back Roads Studio Tour and she will put out the tour information for the shop local announcement at the end of November. She talked about the other cross promotional postings that she has down throughout the month.

### **5) PLANNING MEETING DISCUSSION – DATE SET: SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 2019 FROM 10AM – 2PM**

President Wedel advised that the Commission will be holding a planning meeting on Sunday, November 10, 2109 from 10am to 2pm the Brown County Community Foundation lower level. She would like to discuss the Commission's plans for 2020, possible Commission members, update of the Arts Village Brochure and start a foundation for long range planning. Discussion.

Town Councilmember Crocker commented that the Town doesn't have an official town flag and she thinks this is something that the Arts and Entertainment Commission might look into creating the flag. President Wedel noted if this is branding the Town, this should be a larger discussion. Town Councilmember Crocker would also like to see the Town collaborate more with the new music center and the art gallery that is located there. Discussion.

### **6) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION**

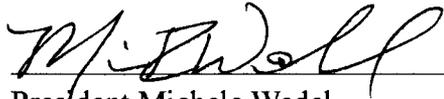
Vice-President Wills asked if the Commission is doing anything with the Halloween activities this year. Member Voland advised she is sharing all the information of events on her Facebook page as well as the Arts Village page. Vice-President Wills noted that there will be storytelling events on October 26<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> as a result of the Story Slam events held earlier this year.

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**7) ADJOURNMENT**

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Hood seconded the motion. President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 11:27am.

*The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 10-10-19 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.*

  
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President Michele Wedel

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