

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2018**

Commission members present – President Nancy Crocker, Vice-President Michele Wedel, Treasurer Heather Nicholson, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Bob Kirlin, Member Cathy Martin, and Member Chuck Wills. Commission member not present – Member Michael Fulton. Also in attendance – Musician Dick Hartung and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2) ROLL CALL**

All Commission members present stated their names.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 9-13-18 MEETING**

Member Martin moved to approve the 9-13-18 meeting minutes as presented. Member Bolte seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor of the motion.

**4) PUBLIC INPUT**

Local musician Dick Hartung reintroduced himself to the Commission and asked that he be considered to be a performer at next year's Pavilion Music Series. The Commission took his request under advisement.

**5) COMMISSION UPDATES**

**A. MARKETING**

**• CVB COLLABORATION**

Secretary Hopkins asked if anyone attended the CVB meetings regarding the new CVB website. No one from the Commission attended.

Records Clerk Jones reported that the CVB has yet to submit their invoice for their work done July-September 2018. CVB Director Ellis had sent an email advising that they would be sending out the invoice within the next week. There will also be an additional invoice at the end of this year to be paid by December 31, 2018.

**• ARTWALK – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT**

President Crocker advised that she had some Art Walk traffic as a result of the CVB posts about the event. Secretary Hopkins reported that she is getting good feedback from the art galleries about this year's Art Walk. She noted that the Brown County Art Gallery has not seen as much traffic as the other galleries since they are not located downtown. Secretary Hopkins advised that they will need more sponsors next year for the Art Walk and may also ask the galleries to pay more to participate.

Secretary Hopkins announced that the art show at the Brown County Playhouse will be up through the end of the month. Secretary Hopkins reported that volunteers from the NAEC will be on site at the Brown County State Park for the Brown County Epic Mountain Biking Festival which will be held October 12-13, 2018. Art work will be available for sale to purchase directly from the artists.

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### **B. PLACEMAKING**

#### **• BANNERS**

Records Clerk Jones explained the Stinson's Tree Service gave the NAEC an invoice for \$200 to help in removing the old banner brackets, installing new banner brackets and installing banners on the corners of Main Street and Van Buren. Although they hadn't previously agreed on a price to do the work, it appears to be a fair invoice as they were on-site with a bucket truck for two days.

Discussion. President Crocker noted that Member Bolte is now able to work with Utility Manager Cassiday to hang banners in the future. Discussion.

Treasurer Nicholson made a motion to pay Stinson's Tree Service \$200 from the 275 EDIT Fund Other Supplies. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Member Bolte asked when the last Pavilion Concert Series will be held. Member Wills advised the last concert is scheduled for October 20, 2018. Member Bolte advised he would hang the Art Walk banners after the last concert. Member Kirlin asked when the Christmas banners would go up. President Crocker advised that she has the banners but they will need to be hemmed and cleaned. Member Bolte offered to help President Crocker with this project. President Crocker noted that she has not heard back from the CVB if they would be willing to hang a Christmas banner from their sign.

Member Bolte reported he has received a quote to have banners made for the Back Roads Studio Tour. The BRST Board will choose the banners images and pay for the additional banners. There will be two banners with different images on each side. He noted that Vice-President Wedel will provide the photos for the banners.

President Crocker asked if there were any NAEC funds available to purchase more banners.

Discussion. Secretary Hopkins asked that the \$300 left over from the Art Walk gallery fees be left in the 250 Fund to be used toward next year's Art Walk. President Crocker would like to find money to pay for two more banners like the BRST banners so they can have them on all four corners during the first quarter of the year. Discussion.

Treasurer Nicholson made a motion to spend up to \$400 out of EDIT 275 Fund Other Supplies to purchase banners. Vice-President Wedel seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. Member Bolte asked that the Placemaking Committee meet, including any other interested NAEC members, to discuss the banner images.

### **C. PUBLIC ART**

#### **• CROSSWALKS**

President Crocker explained that the Public Art Committee had an idea to paint leaves in the town crosswalks. They met with Utility Manager Cassiday about the project but learned they did not have the funds to do the project as they originally planned. She proposed that they have the stencil made with this year's funds and do the painting next year. Discussion. The NAEC agreed to get more information on the cost of the stencil and hold a special meeting on October 17, 2018 to decide on spending funds for a stencil.

#### **• MURALS**

President Crocker reported that she received a letter from Brown County Community Foundation representative Jennifer Bube advising that the Brown County Parks and Rec would like to paint a mural along the Salt Creek trail. Parks and Rec is asking for feedback from the NAEC on the mural.

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President Crocker responded that the NAEC could provide advice and artists that might be interested in the project along with a mural idea created by local high school students. Records Clerk Jones noted that the Salt Creek Trail is not within Town limits. Member Kirlin commented that Parks and Rec are also looking for funds to create this mural, and he believes the NAEC can use their funds at the Foundation toward this project.

President Crocker spoke about the Hometown Collaborative Initiative and explained their capstone project will be connectivity to food and food awareness. She thought perhaps the NAEC could partner with the HCI to artistically promote food awareness with a mural.

### **D. PROJECTS**

#### **• ART EXPLORE APPLICATION UPDATE**

Vice-President Wedel reported that she met with Matt Hottell of the IU School of Informatics and that they posted an internship through the school. They interviewed perspective students and chose Carolyn Davis and Ben Yang to pick up the project from where the previous students left off. The goal is to have the IOS version of the application completed by the end of the year. The hope is to launch the IOS version in the spring and the android version by the end of next year. Vice-President Wedel noted that Mr. Hottell is committed to getting this project done.

Vice-President Wedel has committed to meet with the students once a week, and Member Wills will also meet with them as often as possible.

### **E. PERFORMING ARTS**

#### **• PAVILION CONCERT SERIES UPDATE**

President Crocker reported that two concerts have been rained out this year. The Hamilton Creek concert held September 29, 2018 was great with lots of people in attendance. Treasurer Nicholson estimated that approximately 120 people sat and listened throughout the performance.

President Crocker advised that the Acre Brothers band was scheduled to play September 22, 2018. It was a rainy and gloomy day but looked like it was going to clear to play the concert. At 3pm it was still raining, and at that point President Crocker said since they will have pay them anyway since all the musicians, equipment and sound engineer were on site, she decided to cancel the concert. President Crocker took full responsibility for this decision and believes the band should be paid even though the concert was cancelled. Member Bolte agreed that the band should be paid. President Crocker noted that the cancellation policy is not spelled out this way in the contract, therefore the NAEC and Town Council will have to approve of this payment.

Treasurer Nicholson asked that they use funds from the 275 EDIT funds for the payment rather than using the 250 Fund donated money for the event. She read aloud the contract and rain policy to the commission. She noted the policy states they should make a decision to cancel or not by 1pm. Discussion.

Member Kirlin made a motion to pay \$500 to the Acre Brothers band from the 275 EDIT Fund Other Supplies. Discussion. Vice-President Wedel seconded the motion. Member Wills abstained from the vote, all others were unanimously in favor. Member Bolte commented that in the future they should combine the policy with the contract so there is no confusion. President Crocker asked for a NAEC member to present this to next week's Town Council meeting as she will be out of Town. Discussion. Member Kirlin offered to present President Crocker's written request to the Town Council.

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### F. FINANCE

Treasurer Nicholson asked if the NAEC still planned on holding a musician's workshop as they had discussed earlier this year. Member Wills advised that they were not able to make this happen as the key instructor was not available.

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

Member Kirlin commented that he has a hard time finding art information easily on the CVB's website. He asked what they get from the CVB for the \$1,200 per year the NAEC pays them. Vice-President Wedel explained the money goes toward social media posts and emails, it does not pay for a website. Discussion. President Crocker will email CVB Director Ellis and ask to have a larger arts presence on the CVB's new website.

Member Bolte announced that the BRST has funded a student art scholarship in the past. Now they will be collecting funds to create an early art scholarship. They are looking at public art that would involve more than one young artist. Member Bolte explained that they are looking at collaborative art along the same lines as the BETA sculpture created by students with a local artist.

Member Martin asked about the availability of arts education in the local schools. Discussion. Secretary Hopkins suggested they formally request a meeting with the school superintendent to discuss art education in the schools.

President Crocker reported that the IAC asked her to do a blog with pictures of the Arts Village Brown County Cultural District for the IAC website. She noted that it should be sent out via the IAC website soon. President Crocker noted that the Indiana Arts Homecoming will be held next week in Fort Wayne and that she, Treasurer Nicholson and Member Martin will be in attendance.

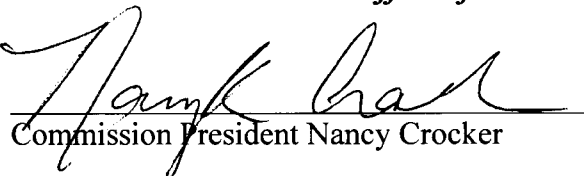
President Crocker advised she was contacted by the Indiana State Museum for an ornament to be on display on the Indiana State Christmas tree. She had asked members of the Art Alliance if they were interested in making the ornament but did not receive a response. President Crocker then created an upcycled ornament and presented it to the commission for their review. The Commission members thanked her and asked her to send it to the museum.

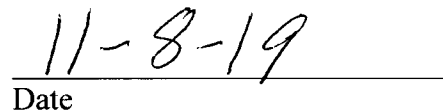
Member Kirlin reported that Brown County Community Foundation representative Jennifer Bube emailed him asking for possible locations in Brown County to house an artist in residence, who would hold workshops and artist led discussions. Discussion.

### 7) ADJOURNMENT

Secretary Hopkins made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Wills seconded the motion. President Crocker adjourned the meeting at 11:55am.

*The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 10-11-18 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.*

  
Commission President Nancy Crocker

  
Date