

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2019**

Commission members present – President Michele Wedel, Vice-President Chuck Wills, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Treasurer Heather Nicholson, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Cathy Martin and Member Melanie Volland. Commission members not present – Member Jessica George and Member Jayme Hood. Also in attendance – Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

**COMMISSION BUSINESS**

**1) CALL TO ORDER**

President Wedel called the meeting to order at 10:07am.

**2) ROLL CALL**

All Commission members present stated their names.

**3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8-08-19 MEETING**

The Commission reviewed the minutes of the August 8, 2019 meeting. Member Nicholson made a motion to approve the 8-08-19 meeting minutes as presented. Vice-President Wills seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

**4) COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Vice-President Wills thanked Member Volland for her posts on the Arts Village Brown County Facebook page promoting the Pavilion Music Series. He reported that the first concert was a success and the second concert is schedule for this Saturday. Vice-President Wills noted they will need help in setting up the event with chairs, banner and signs. President Wedel asked all the Commission members to check their calendars and see if they could help with the concerts.

Vice-President Wills announced that the Pat Otto Trio is scheduled to play the Pavilion Music Series on Saturday, October 12, 2019. Vice-President Wills will talk with Jenni Johnson today to see if she will again financially support the remainder of the Pavilion Music Series as she has done the last several years. He noted that Member Hood would like to have \$500 more for the Pavilion Music Series this year. They are still working on booking the final concert for October 19, 2019 and have discussed having a music review.

Vice-President Wills asked the Commission what we should do from here forward regarding the Pavilion Music Series and what should he ask Jenni Johnson for funding. If Ms. Johnson does provide additional funding, is the Commission in agreement to spend \$1,000 for one day of music for a review. Vice-President Wills believes that Member Hood would like to have a solid budget available before she asks people to play. Discussion.

President Wedel summarized that it doesn't seem like the Commission has the capacity to be a production company for the Pavilion Music Series. Discussion. Vice-President Wills asked if it is legitimate for him to ask Ms. Johnson for \$1,000 to support the rest of the Pavilion Music Series this year. He also asked the Commission if the final act should be a music review with several acts, or just one act or delete the last event. Discussion. Member Bolte commented that if it will do no harm to ask Ms. Johnson for funding go forward, and if Member Hood can pull the acts together for the last concert within budget she should go forward. Secretary Hopkins asked that the concert be booked a

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couple weeks in advance. Member Bolte noted if the last concert doesn't happen that is ok too. Vice-President Wills will share this information with Member Hood and Member George on the Commission's wishes.

Vice-President Wills reported that tonight they will hold a story slam at the Brown County Inn to with the topic being "oops". Next month's story slam topic will be nightmares. He is still trying to work out details for a grand story slam in November. There is also talk of having ghost stories at the Pavilion for Halloween this year.

Vice-President Wills announced that WTIU will broadcast the Fingerstyle Guitar documentary on September 19, 2019. It will also be available on-line.

### **B. ART WALK AND ART DEMONSTRATIONS**

Secretary Hopkins reported that there were lots of activities in August, with art demonstrations and music. The glass blowing event was a huge success and the event sold out with 32 participants. She noted they will receive in-kind fees from the ticket sales. Records Clerk Jones advised from the barn quilt event they received \$331.10 and the glass blowing event they received \$541.78.

Secretary Hopkins spoke about commissioning barn quilts as discussed in their grant application with the state. They have until June to finish out the grant. Secretary Hopkins wondered if the Hoffman funds could be used as well for this project. She is considering altering the grant to have the in-kind changed from cash to volunteer time.

Secretary Hopkins advised the last art demonstration under the grant will be a sculpture of some sort. She hopes to work with students on this project in the spring. Discussion.

President Wedel suggested they put something in the newspaper regarding the glass blowing event and send a letter to Sharon Bussert a letter thanking her for her work on putting the glass blowing event together. Member Voland noted many galleries also had glass events during that weekend and it was a good collaborative weekend.

Secretary Hopkins announced there are two more Art Walks this year. President Wedel thanked Secretary Hopkins for all her hard work on putting together the Art Walks.

### **C. CROSSWALK STENCILING**

President Wedel picked out the paint colors for the cross walk stenciling. The painting is scheduled to be done in the next couple of weeks.

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

President Wedel reported that the Public Art Committee met with the artists to discuss changing the proposed artwork to make it more interactive. They have an easement in process and will have the Town Attorney review the easement before signing. She hopes to have the artist contract and easement signed off in the next couple of weeks. President Wedel does not want to share the details of the artist contract until they have the final document signed.

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### **E. BANNERS**

Member Bolte advised they have three events to be advertised: Art Walk, Pavilion Music Series and Art Colony Weekend. He asked what combination of banners the Commission wants hung. The Commission asked that the Art Colony and Pavilion banners be hung. Member Bolte will hang the Art Walk banners and Back Road Studio Tours banners the following week.

Member Martin reported that the Hob Nob is allowing for Art Colony weekend information in their front window. She will ask the Hob Nob owner if they can also display information for the Back Roads Studio tour. Discussion. Secretary Hopkins suggested they put the Arts Village Brown County sign in the Hob Nob window as well.

President Wedel would like to have a list of banners and a calendar of when each of the banners will be displayed on which corners. Member Bolte would like the Back Roads Studio Tour to purchase a couple art banners demonstrating art creation.

### **F. OUTREACH EVENTS**

President Wedel reported that she should have brought the EPIC sponsorship before the Commission last month. She went ahead and paid for the EPIC sponsorship and asked if the Commission was willing to reimburse her for this. She advised they sponsorship was \$250, same as last year's fees. President Wedel noted that last year was a good event and they also sold artwork. The Hoosier Epic bike event at the Brown County State will be held October 11-13, 2019 with the full day event being the 12<sup>th</sup>. Discussion. President Wedel Secretary Hopkins and Member Voland will work at the EPIC event.

Member Bolte made a motion to reimburse President Wedel \$250 for the EPIC sponsorship from the 250 Fund. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

President Wedel advised the Brown County Art Guild had asked the Commission to be a sponsor of the Art Colony Weekend. She forgot to bring this up at the last meeting and went ahead and paid the \$125 sponsorship on behalf of the NAEC. President Wedel asked the Commission if they would be willing to reimburse her for this sponsorship. Secretary Hopkins and Treasurer Nicholson advised they did sponsor the event last year.

Secretary Hopkins made a motion to reimburse President Wedel \$125 out of the 250 Fund for the Art Colony Weekend sponsorship. Member Bolte seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Member Bolte suggested that the Back Roads Studio Tour could be a sponsor for art related events next year. Secretary Hopkins asked that Brown County Art Guild Executive Director Andra Walters be invited to an NAEC meeting so they can meet her.

### **G. MARKETING EFFORTS**

Member Voland announced that the Arts Village Facebook page has reached over 20,000 people last month and are close to 1,000 followers. She noted the highest rated posts are the funny things that President Wedel posts to the page.

Member Voland reported that she did some work with the Brown County Music Center gallery on the night of the first soft opening. She will take the BCMC volunteer training, but she will be unable to work past 10pm. She will ask if they can do some staggered volunteer shifts to promote the artwork. Discussion.

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Member Voland advised that she attended the Hohenberger marker dedication last week and complimented Member Martin on her work putting together the event. Member Voland reported that she will be volunteering at the Brown County Art Guild for the Art Colony weekend. Treasurer Nicholson noted the Brown County Playhouse has an art themed showed and they have sold some pieces. The Playhouse is open from anytime the ticket office is open. Treasurer Nicholson noted they will change out the artwork the beginning of October to run for another three months.

Treasurer Nicholson also advised there will be a free community paint together on Sunday, September 15, 2019 from noon to 3pm at the Village Green. This is in conjunction with the Art Colony weekend. Member Voland will market this event on the Commission's Facebook page.

### 5) PLANNING MEETING DISCUSSION

President Wedel asked that the Commission hold a planning meeting in November on a Saturday or Sunday from 10am to 2pm. Discussion. President Wedel summarized that it appears that November 10<sup>th</sup> or 24<sup>th</sup> might be the best dates. She will send out a finalized date to the Commission. President Wedel advised that she would like to discuss the Commission's plans for 2020, possible Commission members and long range planning.

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

President Wedel reported that she, Secretary Hopkins and Member Martin attended the IAC Cultural District Summit in Carmel, Indiana this month. There are now ten cultural districts, and each presented a twenty-slide power point of what makes them proud of their district. President Wedel will show the presentation to the Commission at next month's NAEC meeting. She will share the feedback they received from the power point at the planning meeting. Discussion.

Member Martin advised that Peaceful Valley Heritage is working on getting a marker on the Courthouse lawn designating the area as the Art Colony of the Midwest.

### 7) ADJOURNMENT

President Wedel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Voland seconded the motion. President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 11:34am.

*The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 9-12-19 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.*



President Michele Wedel

10.10.19  
Date