

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2018**

Commission members present – President Nancy Crocker, Vice-President Michele Wedel, Treasurer Heather Nicholson, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Michael Fulton, Member Bob Kirlin (left at 11:35am), and Member Cathy Martin. Commission member not present – Member Chuck Wills. Also in attendance – Ironweed Gifts & Floral business owner Deborah Herring Town Utility Manager Sean Cassiday and Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Crocker called the meeting to order at 10:03am.

2) ROLL CALL

All Commission members present stated their names.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 8-09-18 MEETING

Treasurer Nicholson moved to approve the 8-09-18 meeting minutes as presented. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. Member Fulton and Member Kirlin abstained from the vote; all others were unanimously in favor of the motion.

4) REQUEST TO PUBLIC ART ON BUILDING

Ironweed Gifts business owner Deborah Herring was present and explained that the north side of her building's exterior is very plain. On that wall, she would like to paint a mural of flowers and include 3D flowers created by artists Jim Connor and Larry Webb. Discussion.

Secretary Hopkins made a motion to have the public art community review the Ironweed mural proposal and give the approval of the concept. Secretary Nicholson seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) MAPLE LEAF PERFORMING ARTS CENTER – REQUESTING LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR DESTINATION DEVELOPMENT GRANT

President Crocker advised the Indiana Office of Tourism has a Destination Development Grant available. Bruce Gould, of the Maple Leaf Performing Arts Center, has asked that the NAEC write a letter of support for the MLPAC to apply for the grant. President Crocker talked about partnering with the MLPAC in the grant application, or they can simply write a letter of support or write no letter of support. President Crocker noted that she will be the head of the art/music steering committee of the MLPAC.

Secretary Hopkins commented that the commission members should support the MLPAC and be on their boards but not partner with them. Utility Manager Cassiday advised that the Town Council is in support of the MLPAC applying for the grant and the Town Council will be signing a letter of support. Member Fulton asked if this is a grant for which the NAEC might apply, and, if so, do the Commissioners have a project they can use this funding for. Member Kirlin noted that this is a great opportunity for the NAEC but they will have to come up with matching funds. Discussion.

Member Martin asked that the Public Art Committee review potential NAEC projects and possibly apply for the Destination Development Grant. Secretary Hopkins made a motion to send a letter of

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support for the MLPAC to apply for the Destination Development Grant and in the letter note that the NAEC is enthusiastic about their commitment to incorporating art and working with local artists. Member Fulton seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. President Crocker will draft the letter and asked for input from the Commission members. Member Kirlin is to investigate in the Destination Development Grant for the NAEC.

6) COMMISSION UPDATES

A. MARKETING

• ARTWALK – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Secretary Hopkins reported that the B3 Gallery had one of their best days ever due to the Art Walk. Several other galleries have reported increased traffic during the events. Secretary Hopkins also advised that six galleries have not requested the allowed \$50 reimbursement to participate in the Art Walk.

Secretary Hopkins announced that the NAEC purchased a sponsorship for the Brown County Epic Mountain Biking Festival which will be held October 12-13, 2018 at the Brown County State Park. She asked for volunteers to help man the event's NAEC table. Volunteers would set up art displays and hand out the Brown County: Art & Adventure bumper stickers. Secretary Hopkins advised that on Friday, President Crocker will have bicycles for kids and adults to paint. On Saturday, NAEC members will be located at Hesitation Point where they will distribute water, food, and information on arts and entertainment in Brown County. Several Commission members volunteered to work the event, and Secretary Hopkins will send out an email detailing who will be in charge of what tasks.

As for the Community Engagement final report, Secretary Hopkins reported that the final grant report is due to the IAC on September 24, 2018 and that she has completed most of the items. President Crocker advised that she will work with Secretary Hopkins to submit the final report.

B. PLACEMAKING

• BANNERS – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT GRANT

Member Bolte reported that he hopes to have the rigid signs installed tomorrow along with the Art Walk and Pavilion Series banners. President Crocker asked Member Bolte to have someone with a bucket truck help to install the banners/signs. Member Bolte explained that he is still working on the bracket system and believes the new system he will install will work best.

C. PERFORMING ARTS

• PAVILION CONCERT SERIES UPDATE

Records Clerk Jones read aloud an email from Member Wills which said he is still trying to get a hold of Kingsnake Sound to do the sound engineering for two of the Pavilion Concerts and that he will come up with a different plan if they are not available. Treasurer Nicholson advised that she and her husband will help to set up the sound equipment for all but the Acre Brothers concert, as Member Wills will do this since he is part of the band.

Treasurer Nicholson reported that the Blue Gill in the Slaw concert was rained out and they were paid the \$50 rain fee. She asked the Commission if they would like to give the band an option of a rain date. Records Clerk Jones advised that the open dates for the Pavilion on Oct. 26 during the Art Walk, or Saturday, October 27, 2018. Discussion.

Member Fulton made a motion to offer Blue Gill in the Slaw a rain date of October 27, 2018. Vice-President Wedel seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

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Treasurer Nicholson reported that President Crocker talked with the high school band director about his students playing in the Pavilion Concert Series. The director thought this fall was too early for them to do a performance but that they may want to in the spring.

D. PROJECTS

• ART EXPLORE APPLICATION UPDATE

Vice-President Wedel reported that she spoke with Matt Hottell of the IU School of Informatics and that three interns have applied to work on the Art Explore Application. Vice-President Wedel has offered to dedicate several hours a week to work with the students. She believes they can get the app done in both IOS and Android. The plan is to do a soft launch test this winter and launch the app in the spring. Vice-President Wedel noted that Mr. Huddle is committed to getting this project done.

Member Bolte commented that he would like to monetize the app to sell to other communities in the future. Discussion.

E. PUBLIC ART

• CROSSWALKS

President Crocker announced that she and Member Martin will be submitting an application today to INDOT to paint “falling leaves” in the street crosswalks. She noted that all the responsibility for creating the crosswalks will be on the NAEC.

Utility Manager Cassiday passed out information concerning painting the sidewalks and reviewed the options and costs associated with doing this work. Discussion. President Crocker suggested the Public Art Committee talk about this further and come back to the Commission with a recommendation.

• HISTORY CENTER MURALS

President Crocker reported that the murals on the History Center parking lot wall were an Art Alliance project. She asked that Secretary Hopkins be a part of the committee discussing adding to the murals as Secretary Hopkins was involved with the mural project from the beginning.

• SCULPTURES AND BROWN COUNTY PLAYHOUSE

Treasurer Nicholson asked about the maintenance of the High Lonesome sculpture and if it would be moved to be more visible. Member Fulton advised that the artist had resealed the sculpture in the spring. President Crocker suggested that the Public Art Committee discuss the location of the sculpture at their next meeting.

Treasurer Nicholson announced that the Brown County Playhouse board is willing to install more permanent lighting for the art work that is hanging at the Playhouse. President Crocker advised that she donated some lights for this project. They will need more lights and an electrician. Discussion.

7) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

President Crocker would like the NAEC to write a letter to the Town Council to encourage them that when they do hire someone for Town Manager position, that they hire someone with an art administration background. Utility Manager Cassiday advised that the Town Council has decided not to fill the position at this time and will reevaluate after the first of the year.

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8) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Wedel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Fulton seconded the motion. President Crocker adjourned the meeting at 11:41am.

9) CALL TO ORDER

President Crocker called the meeting back to order at 11:41a.m. to discuss one more item of business. Commission Members present – Member Fulton, Secretary Hopkins, Vice-President Wedel, President Crocker, Member Martin, Member Bolte and Treasurer Nicholson.

10) INDIANA ARTS HOMECOMMING

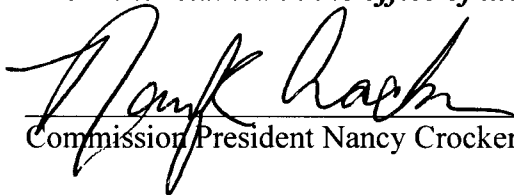
Treasurer Nicholson advised that she has registered and paid the fees to attend the Indiana Arts Homecoming event in Fort Wayne. President Crocker reported that she received a scholarship to attend this event. She was able to get a room for \$50 per night and therefore she won't need financial assistance to attend. President Crocker asked that whatever funds they designated for the event be given to Treasurer Nicholson to defray the costs of attending and to pay for gasoline to all those driving to the event.

Records Clerk Jones noted last month's motion was to provide funds for registration fees and accommodations only. President Crocker advised they will not ask for reimbursement for gas after all.

11) ADJOURNMENT

Member Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Member Fulton seconded the motion. President Crocker adjourned the meeting at 11:44am.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 9-13-18 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.


Commission President Nancy Crocker

10-11-18
Date