

## **Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission Meeting**

**Thursday April 11th, 2024**

Commission Members Present: Vice-President Lisa Hall (& Gus the dog), Secretary Emily Stone, Member Ross Benson, Member Ann McCann, Member Holly Salo, Member Phil McKown, Member Andi Bartels and Via Zoom: President Melanie Voland. Also in attendance: Town Manager Sandie Jones and guests: Annie Hawk, Kathy Anderson, and Jimmy Tilton.

### **Commission Business**

#### **1. Call to Order**

Vice-President Hall called the meeting to order at 10am and called the roll.

#### **2. Approval of Minutes from March 14, 2024**

Member McKown moves to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2024 meeting. Member Benson seconded the motion. All in favor by roll call vote.

#### **3. Grant Requests**

##### **A. ChamberFest**

Annie Hawk with ChamberFest, August 18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> 6 classical and 1 tango performance. She spoke on new initiatives directed towards children. A children's opera at Parkview Church (for 3<sup>rd</sup> 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the community). Asking for \$2,000 to sponsor this event OR asking the NAEC for \$2,000 to sponsor the first concert of the series. Offering a separate poster noting that the Town of Nashville was the sole sponsor for one of those events.

##### **B. BC Playhouse Mural**

Kathy Anderson speaking on the Playhouse mural (Yay!). Putting out a call for entry (hopefully someone local) asking for \$2,500 from the NAEC. Discussion. The Commission advised that once a mural proposal is made, we are more than happy to help with, however with the parameters of the Hoffman Fund we cannot help with the call for entry.

#### **4. Discussion on 2024 Art Walk**

Thanks to Town Manager Jones for her help with brochures and finalizing all the sponsors and participants. Vice-President Hall suggested recommitting people asap to the 2025 Art Walk 2025 before the end of the year.

Member McCann passed out info on WFIU advertisements and will finalize what to say this week for advertisement to begin the week of the April Art Walk. There will be 10 ads a day during the week leading up to the Friday Art Walk.

Member Bartels motioned to allow Town Manager Jones to sign our WFIU contract, Member McKown seconded the motion. All unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

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Discussion on the status of the Arts Village Brown County Facebook page. President Voland is managing and posting on this page. She encouraged the commission members to like and share the page.

Member Bartels will contact all Art Walk participants to make sure they all have the necessary signage. Do they want to do a scavenger hunt this year? Let us know any info on make and takes or demos etc. that might be done throughout the art walk season.

**5. Cultural District Grant**

President Voland, Vice-President Hall, Member Salo and Member Bartels will meet tomorrow Friday April 12, 2024 to discuss the idea of bringing live art back to the Pioneer Village as part of the cultural district grant. This would be an art and education event. The money would be used to pay for the actors, artists, and promotional materials. We are hoping to be able to work with both the Playhouse and The Historical Society.

Secretary Stone moved to allow the group of 4 members to write the cultural district application for this concept. Member Miller seconded the motion. All unanimously in favor by roll call vote.

Member McCann asks about a back-up plan for this funding if the historical society is not in tune with the idea. President Voland said we could pivot quickly and use the grant fund to help with the Indiana Fingerstyle competition and the support we usually give to other community projects. The commission members were in agreement with this plan.

**6. Adjourn**

Vice-President Hall adjourned the meeting at 11:08am

  
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NAEC President Melanie Voland

  
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