

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, AUGUST 13, 2020**

Commission members present by remote access via Zoom: President Michele Wedel, Vice-President Melanie Volland, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Treasurer Cathy Martin, Member Jonathan Bolte, and Member Mike Hater (arrived at 10:20am). Commission member not present: Member Andra Walters. Also in attendance by remote access – Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

President Wedel called the meeting to order at 10:06am.

2) ROLL CALL

All Commission members present stated their names.

3) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 6-11-2020 AND 7-09-2020 MEETINGS

Vice- President Volland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 6-11-2020 as presented. Member Bolte seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Vice- President Volland made a motion to approve the meeting minutes of 7-09-2020 as presented. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) BUDGET – FINANCIALS

President Wedel advised the Commission had the financial information emailed to them in their packets and asked if there were any question. No questions from the Commission. President Wedel asked to have all information on money spent on the interactive sculpture sent to her so that she can present this information to the BCCF. She noted that they have the landscaping installed but still need to order plaques for the sculpture.

Treasurer Martin asked if the local newspaper has written about the interactive sculpture, Marie in the Woods. President Wedel reported that she wants to wait until they have the plaques installed before they have some type of dedication ceremony. They are unsure how they will have a ceremony due to COVID-19 restrictions and may have to do a virtual dedication.

5) BANNER UPDATE

Member Bolte reported that he has the banner bracket parts but has not installed the banners yet. He will install the Art Walk banners soon. Member Bolte will turn over all the banners and parts to the Town for them store. He will make a video of how to install the banners so that perhaps the Town can take over this task.

Member Bolte advised they had placed the brackets higher on the posts due to the length of the Christmas banners. It was decided to lower the bracket height to accommodate for all the other banners and perhaps purchase new Christmas banners. Treasurer Martin will contact art teacher Andi Bartels about having the students create the banners. It was noted that the Brown County High School Eagle Manufacturing program could possibly design and make the new banners.

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6) HIGH LONESOME RELOCATION

President Wedel advised that she talked with the Artist Colony Inn about the possibility of installing the High Lonesome musical sculpture on their property. They are interested but want to see photos of the sculpture first. They also agreed to have a busker on their property during the Art Walks. President Wedel noted that this area is very sunny and hot during the time of the Art Walk and it might be better if they had someone in front of the Brown County Playhouse. She has talked with the Playhouse manager and they have agreed to have a busker in front of their building.

7) UPDATE ON GRANTS

A. REGION 8 PROJECT GRANT – ANABEL

Secretary Hopkins advised they have until June 2021 to complete the Barn Quilt project. They may wait until the spring semester to start the project. President Wedel suggested they create a virtual Barn Quilt project packet as a backup. She offered to help put this together. Secretary Hopkins will contact the art teachers at the school.

B. CULTURAL DISTRICT 2020 FUNDING GRANT

President Wedel advised that they have received an extension of time to complete the 2020 funding grant. The scope of the grant is inclusion and collaboration within their community. She reported that Lisa Dotson and the CVB are proposing to hold a two-night Christkindl Market event in the Foxfire parking lot on December 4 & 5, 2020. The plans include a tree lighting, visits with Santa around his sleigh, food trucks and artists booths. President Wedel suggested they could use the 2020 grant funds to help sponsor this community event. Secretary Hopkins commented that they could pay for the booth fees for the participating artists. Discussion. President Wedel will contact Ms. Dotson to get more information on the event.

President Wedel announced that while she was recently doing census enumerating, she came across a replica of the Picasso sculpture located in Chicago's Daley Square. The local homeowners of the replica might be interested in sharing the artwork with the community. President Wedel will send out photos of the replica for the Commission members to consider.

8) ART WALK UPDATE

A. JULY EVENT

Secretary Hopkins reported that the first art walk in June went well but the July event was not as good as it was an extremely hot night. She commented that the Playhouse entrance would be a great place for a busker at the next Art Walk.

B. BUSKERS UPDATE

Member Hater advised that Roger Grissette and Tony Hopkins will be busking for the August Art Walk.

Secretary Hopkins asked if the buskers could have amplified music or play louder. Member Hater advised that amplified music is not allowed per the busking contract.

Vice-President Volland suggested that Member Hater contact local musicians, the Roush ladies, to play during future Art Walks. She will get the contact information to Member Hater to follow up.

9) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

President Wedel reported that the Brown County Playhouse still wants the NAEC to help with a

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mural on their building. At this point they do not have a budget or an idea of what type of mural. The Playhouse mural committee will put out an RFP for a mural and asked that the NAEC help review the RFP that are due by September 30, 2020. President Wedel asked that Treasurer Martin and Member Walters represent the NAEC on this project.

President Wedel thanked Vice-President Voland and Member Walters for signing letters of support for the two grants the Town recently applied for. Although they were not awarded the grants, they may look into creating one large sculpture of an influential woman of Brown County.

Vice-President Voland asked about the status of the sanitizing stations. President Wedel advised all the picture have been printed on metal and they will have ten new stations.

Member Hater asked if they should revisit the idea of having a tiny home/tiny gnome/tiny art event. The Commission members thought this was a great idea. Member Hater suggested having the event in March or April at the Brown County Inn parking lot. He could generate a list of tiny home businesses to host, maybe starting with four vendors. Vice-President Voland suggested adding gnomes to the event would be fun; additionally, Member Hater thought they could also have tiny art for sale at the event.

Member Hater announced that he has canceled the Ukulele Festival previously scheduled for January 2021 due to COVID-19.

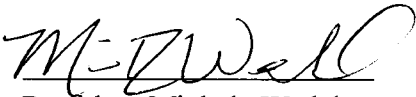
Vice-President Voland reported that the Rotary's A Taste of Art Auction is an on-line only event this year. For those wishing to see the art in person, they must make an appointment to see the artwork at the library on August 27, 2020. The on-line auction began August 11th and final bidding will be on August 29, 2020.

Secretary Hopkins advised she is doing the Arts in the Park program at TC Steele this month. She is teaching how to do acrylic pour artwork.

10) ADJOURNMENT

Vice-President Voland made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor. President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 11:14am.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 8-13-2020 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.


President Michele Wedel

10-13-2020
Date