

**NASHVILLE ARTS AND ENTERTAINMENT COMMISSION MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2020**

Commission members present – President Michele Wedel, Vice-President Melanie Volland, Secretary Anabel Hopkins, Treasurer Cathy Martin, Member Jonathan Bolte, Member Mike Hater, and Member Andra Walters. Also in attendance – Records Clerk Sandie Jones.

COMMISSION BUSINESS

1) CALL TO ORDER

Commission Member Wedel called the meeting to order at 10:02am.

2) ROLL CALL

All Commission members present stated their names. Commission Member Wedel reported that the Council decided to go with a seven member NAEC. She would like to have other volunteers to sit on the NAEC committees. Commission Member Wedel noted this year's Commission will focus on long-term planning.

3) ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commission Member Wedel opened the nominations for officers. Commission Member Martin nominated Member Wedel as President. Commission Member Volland seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Commission Member Hopkins nominated Commission Member Volland as Vice-President. Commission Member Martin seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Commission Member Hopkins nominated Commission Member Martin as Treasurer. Vice-President Volland seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

Treasurer Martin nominated Commission Member Hopkins as Secretary. Vice-President Volland seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

4) APPROVAL OF MINUTES – 12-12-19 MEETING

Member Walters asked that the word donations be changed to interest and support.

Vice-President Volland made a motion to approve the 12-12-19 minutes as amended. Secretary Hopkins seconded the motion. All were unanimously in favor.

5) FUNDING OVERVIEW

The Commission reviewed the financial spreadsheet created by Records Clerk Jones. President Wedel explained that the Commission has received \$6,000 in tax funds from the Town. In order to spend these funds, they must get approval from the Town Council. The Commission also has the 250 Fund which is a donation fund and the NAEC must have a consensus to spend these funds. President Wedel advised the Commission also have Hoffman Endowment Funds at the Brown County Community Foundation and these funds are to be used for Public Art. Treasurer Martin explained how the Hoffman Funds came to the Commission and their intended use is to support public art.

Discussion of events that could be supported by the NAEC. Treasurer Martin would like to see the

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Art Colony Weekend to be sponsored by the Town once again. Member Walters noted that the Art Guild stepped in to put on this event when the event fell by the wayside. Secretary Hopkins advised that they have tried to include other groups in the Art Colony Weekend but difficult to get their support. Member Bolte talked about community engagement and thinks the Art Colony Weekend fits this.

6) IAC 2020 FUNDING GRANT DISCUSSION

President Wedel advised that she does not have the information as to what grant funds will be available from the IAC this year.

Member Hater proposed a few funding ideas for the Commission:

- Selling Chestnut trees – he could pick up the trees in March and sell them at Bear Hardware. The proceeds of the sales would go to the NAEC and Town Park Commission.
- John and Hank Green – Author and YouTube Vloggers that go on tour and give presentations. This could be an intergenerational event. Member Bolte contacted the Literacy Coalition and Library to see if they would partner on this idea.
- Tiny House exhibition – could be held at the BCI parking lot to draw people into the Town.

Member Bolte suggested that they could have students write poetry that are then turned into plays. He noted that the Literacy Coalition had a play writing class last summer and plays were put on at the Brown County Playhouse.

7) COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

President Wedel asked the Commission members to review the list of NAEC committees that were in place in 2019. They will have to decide if they want to keep these same committees or add/delete committees. President Wedel noted that they can pull in volunteers from the community to be a part of these committees. She would like to make committee appointments at the Planning Meeting.

8) ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE COMMISSION

The Commission scheduled a Planning Meeting for February 1, 2020 from 10am to 2pm at the Brown County Community Foundation. The back-up date will be February 8, 2020. President Wedel will contact the BCCF to make sure the room is available those dates and times.

President Wedel advised that she will send out an agenda prior to the Planning Meeting. She would also like the Commission to discuss holding a formal dedication of the interactive sculpture “Marie in the Woods” that was installed at Coachlight Square in December.

Vice-President Voland reported that she met with Secretary Martin and Member Bolte to talk about the brochure that is printed and distributed by the CVB. They would like to make it more informational to highlight the art history of Brown County. They will be meeting with CVB Director Jane Ellis tomorrow to discuss the redesign of the brochure. Vice-President Voland advised that the map is the best feature and they will reduce some of the verbiage. They will focus on art and entertainment venues while maybe deleting the wineries and breweries from the brochure. Discussion.

Secretary Hopkins reported that there was an Art Walk planning meeting today. They would like to promote the buskers during the Art Walk as music livens up the Town.

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9) ADJOURNMENT

Treasurer Martin made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Vice-President Voland seconded the motion. President Wedel adjourned the meeting at 11:48am.

The audio recording made at the Nashville Arts and Entertainment Commission meeting on 1-09-2020 is retained in the office of the Town Clerk-Treasurer.



Vice-President Melanie Voland



Date