



Brett Stanciu, Zoning Administrator

November 16, 2022

Dear Brett,

On behalf of the staff and board of directors of Highland Center for the Arts, I am writing to request an amendment to Condition #5 from HCA's conditional use permit, to allow for amplified sound for events on January 27 & 28, 2023 from 5:30pm to 8pm and February 18 or 25, 2023 (date and time still pending). Condition #5 provides that "performances and events conducted on the site will not utilize amplified sound outside of the structure."

HCA is seeking an amendment for the above dates for limited amplification for HCA's 3rd annual Snowlights Festival and a new event - a winter cheese festival and cheese curling competition. HCA would like to feature Vermont musicians as part of the events. The February date for the cheese festival/cheese curling competition is pending, but the music will not exceed 2.5 hours throughout the afternoon.

Based on the experience from the previous year we believe these plans would be responsive to the needs of the community and would not cause undue or adverse levels of noise or any undue effect on the character of the area. The music ensemble planned for the Snowlights Festival is the same ensemble featured last year and the band planned for the the winter cheese festival is similar in nature. The location of the bands and audience layout will be the same as last year.

The DRB previously granted a reprieve of Condition #5 for HCA's Snowlights Festival last year (which ran for two weekends) and no grievances in connection with HCA performances were filed with the Town of Greensboro or HCA. The nature of the music and duration of time for the winter cheese will be similar to the Snowlights Festival.

This winter HCA aims to provide immersive art experiences for people of all ages, foster a renewed sense of community during this difficult time, and provide vital support to artists from the region.

I understand that this request will be forwarded to the Development Review Board for a hearing.

Thank you,

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Executive Director

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