

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 1, 2021

Virtual Zoom Call

Committee Members Present:

Micah Cash-Chair

Toni Wheeler-Jenschke-Vice Chair

Kimmy Roberts-Secretary

Jitendra "Jeet" Hiremath, Subcommittee Chair-Harrisburg Multicultural Festival

Karen Andrade

Others Present:

Shawn Marble-Parks and Recreation Programs Manager

Diamond Staton-Williams-Council Member

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. February 2021 minutes approved unanimously

II. Public Comments

- a. N/A

III. New Business

a. Artist Showcase

- In lieu of a Spring Art Walk, a virtual Artist Showcase event is being planned. April is reaching out to local artists through various mailing lists and social media to send in videos to talk about who they are and their work.
- Jeet will also share this information with the MCF artists.
- This event will be free for the artists with the intent of staying involved in the art community.

b. HACH applications and process

- There was a misunderstanding about the application process for current board members. Jeet, Toni, and Micah must reapply for their positions in HACH and are currently considered "interim" board members until their applications are filed with the town and they are approved by Karen and Kimmy.
- The public also has the opportunity to join the board and apply during this time.

c. Parks and Recreation Updates

- Due to updated Governor orders, a possible May concert is being planned. Currently discussing options and how to make it work.
- New park opening is TBD.
- A kids' Zoom art class was successful. An adult watercolor class is being planned.
- The Post Office project is being presented for budgeting. Shawn is meeting with another potential contractor for Pharr Mill.
- Spring event planning is underway including Athletics and the Easter Egg hunt.
- A new director has been hired and will start mid March 2021. The town will make an announcement soon.

IV. Sub-Committee Updates

a. Art Walk

- Toni and Micah made a presentation to the Youth Council about the Art Walk Scholarship. The Youth Council is discussing ways to share the information with their peers.
- Toni has emailed the application to guidance counselors at Hickory Ridge and Robinson HS. She will also send it to Central Cabarrus.
- April is reaching out to last year's winner to ask if he will record a testimony about what the scholarship meant to him.
- Tik Tok was discussed as a possible way to advertise the scholarship.

b. Multicultural Festival

- Karen and Jeet both provided the update for the MCF. The MCF is getting volunteers and beginning to form teams. Currently they are meeting once a month.
- The MCF is the second Saturday in September. In 2021, this date falls on September 11<sup>th</sup>. The team would like to move it to the following Saturday, September 18<sup>th</sup>. Shawn will need to check with Parks and Recreation that date is available.
- The MCF team would like to reach people all year long and is discussing ways to do this. One idea is to have a community food drive benefiting the Harrisburg Food Pantry.

V. Council Update

- a. Diamond provided an update. Hopefully the corrections needed for the new park will be done soon including widening and improving the track so it can open.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:41 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, April 5, 2021 at 6pm at Harrisburg Town Hall in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room or via Zoom, dependent on future restrictions.