

## **Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes**

Monday, August 2, 2021

Committee Members Present:

Micah Cash-Chair

Kimmy Roberts-Secretary

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

Karen Andrade

Others Present:

Jim Spina-Parks and Recreation Director

Shawn Marble-Parks and Recreation Manager

### **Meeting called to order at 6:06 pm**

- I. Approval of Minutes
  - a. July 2021 minutes approved unanimously
- II. Public Comments
  - a. N/A
- III. New Business
  - a. Preservation Committee Formation
    - Jim presented to town council the Pharr Mill project with a proposed timeline last week. A committee will be formed and hopefully meet later this month to brainstorm ideas and find a consensus concerning the use of the property and reclaimed materials. Request for Proposal (RFP) will be made to design and engineering firms for the project. Once cost projections are obtain, funding may come from a grant or town council. Funding source will determine when the project is ready to move forward but the hope is to be "shovel ready" as soon as possible.
  - b. September Reschedule for Labor Day
    - Unanimously agreed to move the scheduled meeting to September 7, 2021 at 6 pm
- IV. Parks and Recreation Updates
  - a. Shawn Marble
    - The Art Walk postcards have been printed and are ready to distribute. 5 vendors have signed up thus far for the October 9<sup>th</sup> event. The Subcommittee will meet biweekly going forward.
    - Upcoming Events include: Rocking the Burg concerts, Movies in the Park, the Multicultural Festival, Bags in the Burg, Fall sports, and the Art Walk

- Holcomb Woods has 2 new soccer fields for the town's use. Possible use for cricket as well.
- Rachel Wilson, the Art Walk scholarship recipient, will be presented with a plaque at town council next week.

V. Subcommittee Updates

a. Multicultural Festival

- Jeet made a presentation to the committee. It has been slow getting people to commit but about 20 booths are signed up currently. Jeet asked that the committee members reach out to people to participate. Europe and Africa, in particular, are underrepresented. The subcommittee is also reaching out to past participants.
- There are 3 sponsors: YMCA, KMD, and Harrisburg Family Restaurant.
- In lieu of banners, smaller "yard signs" were discussed as a possible way to advertise the event.
- Several outside organizations are in talks to participate including the Girl Scouts, schools (HES), ROTC (for the flag ceremony), Cabarrus County Library, and the Racial Equity Task Force.
- Jeet would like to give back to the MCF volunteers. Shawn and Jeet will discuss possible ways to do that if the budget provides.
- There has been concern expressed about the Delta variant and the MCF. If the event is cancelled a full refund will be made to the vendors but no decision is being made at this time to do so.

b. Art Walk

- See above where Shawn provided update under the Parks and Recreation Update.

VI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:56 pm. Karen-1<sup>st</sup>, Kimmy-2<sup>nd</sup>

Next meeting: Tuesday, September 7, 2021 at 6pm in person.