

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 8, 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

Others Present:

Jim Spina-Parks and Recreation Director

Shawn Marble-Parks and Recreation Manager

Diamond Staton-Williams-Council Member

Kim Rotzell

Meeting called to order at 6:02 pm

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. June 2021 minutes approved unanimously
- II. Public Comments
 - a. Kim Rotzell, a community member, joined the meeting. She had no comments or concerns but was curious about HACH and wanted to learn more. Micah gave her a summary of our activities and mission.
- III. New Business
 - a. Art Walk Updates
 - A meeting was held June 22, 2021 where the date of October 9, 2021 was set for the Art Walk to be held in Harrisburg Park.
 - Further discussion is needed to determine the time. Potentially a google form will be sent out to the vendors for their input.
 - Subcommittee will meet in the next few weeks.
- IV. Parks & Recreation Update
 - Jim Spina emailed the committee pictures recently taken of the salvageable materials including millstones, wood, tin from the roof, and other equipment from Pharr Mill. These materials have been placed in a container to preserve them while a plan is made for their future use.

- Jim will make a presentation to the council next Monday and then the next step will be to form a committee with members from the community, Parks & Recreation, council, and HACH for the Pharr Mill Project.
- A budgeted feasibility study will be done to determine potential for a future park, additional recreation, and/or historical opportunities for the site.
- A railroad mail arm was discovered off of Stallings Road in the woods and is being cleaned up.
- The old Post Office is being renovated to increase its usefulness.
- The Log Cabin currently cannot be occupied. Reaching out to the county to see what needs to be done.
- 4th of July was a successful event and the new Harrisburg Park worked out better than expected.
- HGTV House Hunters is filming in Harrisburg and will use Harrisburg Park for interview scenes.

V. Subcommittee Updates

a. Multicultural Festival

- Shawn and Jeet will coordinate to get registration up, hopefully in the next week.
- The budget has been approved for the MCF.
- The Y is the first sponsor.
- Representation of different countries is slower compared to past years. Jeet asked to committee to spread the word to get more countries involved.
- Possible Health component may be added this year (in form of a booth) specifically about health impact on various communities.
- The subcommittee continues to meet monthly.

VI. Council Update

- a. Diamond thanked Parks and Recreation for a good job on the 4th of July event. She mentioned the possibility of making connections with the Sustainability Committee who raised concerns about air quality after the fireworks.

VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6:47 pm. Micah-1st, Kimmy-2nd

Next meeting: Monday, August 2, 2021 at 6pm in person.