

Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, June 3, 2019 6:00pm

Harrisburg Town Hall

Committee Members Present:

Jitendra "Jeet" Hiremath – Vice Chairman, Sub Committee Chair – Harrisburg Multi- Cultural Festival

Micah Cash

Marc Brun

Toni Wheeler Jenschke

Others Present:

Daniel Stines, Parks and Recreation Director

Erica Dagon, Guest, Local resident, invited by Jitendra

Meeting called to order at: 6:01pm

I. Approval of Minutes:

- a. Approval of minutes from May 6, 2019 Motion made by Jitendra; Seconded by Toni. All in favor; none opposed.

II. Special Presentations:

- a. Ted McCachren presented on several historical items. He has done much work and had many thoughts over the years. Recommends that Harrisburg would benefit from having dedicated curator; someone who will have a business card (paid or unpaid), knowledgeable about the area. This gives the public someone to contact regarding historical questions.

Ted has had several struggles over the years: preservation of buildings, like the old drugstore which is no longer there. He mentioned Dr. Lubchenko who used the building. It contained asbestos and was demolished however, some of the sidewalk was re-used for the cabin. In addition, Ted has 6 to 8 video recordings (SD, VHS) of long-term residents that may offer historical perspective of the town. In attic of store, Ted has stored records from Dr Lubchenko. Ted suggested regular meeting / porch talks at the historical store to serve as information sessions for public to learn stories from residents to bring public awareness.

Work as started on the Pharr Mill, but the structure was neglected and in disrepair. The original plan was to leave opening in the roof and let it fall in on itself. He has tried to salvage several different components of the mill and store them at the store. Troy requested pricing to relocate some of the mill stones. Ted's information is on his site, Historic-harrisburg.com

III. Public Comment:

- a. N/A

IV. Old Business:

- a. N/A

V. New Business:

- a. Jeet presented an agenda and milestones for the festival update. The registrants total approximately 16 to date. Jeet requested approvals for several challenges the group faces.
 - Core Team forming a junior core team to help recruit volunteers from Hburg schools. Committee approved formation of the JCT
 - Flyer – Asked for proof and approval for the 1st Flyer. Committee approved distribution.
 - Further discussion is needed for electrical receptacles and additional parking.
 - Assistance / ideas are needed for sponsorships. Troy suggested speaking at the next HBN meeting. Preparedness checklist. Core Team.
 - Payment Options – Registrants are requesting online payments. Daniel will confirm if the HYA fund can be used instead of the typical general fund.
 - Town Promotion – When can the Town start promoting? Daniel suggested a few mentions of the event in the near future, however, recommends consistent marketing approximately 30 days prior. Jitendra requested a link on the Town's site to direct visitors to the MCF website.
 - Declaration of Harrisburg MCF week. Suggestion was made to wait until after event to debrief and confirm dates worked prior to asking the mayor to declare a set date.

VI. Sub-Committee Updates:

- a. ARTwalk Committee

- i. Shawn contacted the winner and Micah sent out notices to others.

- b. Multi-Cultural Festival Update

- i. Jeet mentioned has received eight registrants so far. This weekend there is a meet and greet with the twenty volunteers who are signed up to help act as ambassadors. The flyer is created and will be sent out for proofing and ideas. A suggestion was made to break up the flyer into two types depending on the main points; awareness versus recruitment. Weekly social media notifications are planned to start in early July. Harrisburg Elementary has shown interest participating and will confirm with Jitendra. Hickory Ridge HS will play the national anthem. Shawn suggested using sign up genius to assist the process. Jeet will create a prelim schedule of groups to give to Shawn and the production vendor. Jeet expressed concern that the registrants are not represent enough diversity. Shawn noted that there is plenty of time for more groups sign up and as time nears it will be more front of mind.

VII. Council Update:

- a. Troy Selberg – No formal update to present, however, Troy shared his compliments regarding Jeet's MCF sub committee meeting.

VIII. Events:

- a. June 8 – Rockin' the Burg with Edwin McCain, 6:30pm
- b. July 4 Celebration - Daniel mentioned Shawn is doing well with the July 4 Celebration volunteers, however, is still in need of several key types – golf cart drivers, cleanup crews.

IX. Adjournment:

a. Jitendra motioned to adjourn; Toni seconded. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 7:09pm

Next Meeting: Monday, July 1, 2019 at 6pm at Harrisburg Town Hall in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room