

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, February 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

Adam Abernathy-Parks Superintendent

Meeting called to order at 6:01 pm

I. Approval of Minutes

- a. Toni called for approval of January minutes. All approve.

II. Public Comments

- a. N/A

III. New Business

a. Historic Pharr Mill Discussion

- Shawn gave update. Shawn and Adam are meeting with Woodworks to determine if they are able to deconstruct the Mill and move it to another location for storage. There is concern on the amount of usable lumber from the Mill.
- A committee will be formed with members of the community including 1 HACH member to help guide the town as they determine the vision. Toni expressed interest in joining as well as willing to document the Mill using photography. Diamond suggested including a member of the Sustainability Committee.

b. Old Post Office Discussion

- Adam gave update. The Old Post Office needs several updates to be usable to future programming. These updates include waterproofing and sealing the crawlspace, installing a split HVAC, a new roof, sealing the

eaves, installing a single stall restroom, and improving parking including 2 ADA pads for accessibility.

- To show support for this project the following motion was made: "The Harrisburg Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee approves of the Parks and Recreation Department's plan to improve and update the Old Post Office for programming and general use." A roll call vote was done and all committee members approved.

c. Parks and Recreation Director Interviews

- Interviews have been conducted over the last few weeks. Currently down to 2 finalists who will have their third round of interviews before the town makes their decision. Hoping to have a new director in a few weeks.

IV. Sub-Committee Updates

a. Art Walk

- The Art Walk application went live today (February 1, 2021).
- Toni and Micah will meet with the Youth Council to discuss promoting the scholarship.
- Virtual nonpaid events are being considered for the Spring to showcase area artists.
- Tentative in person Art Walk to be held in Fall 2021.

b. Multicultural Festival

- The first meeting to kick-off the 3<sup>rd</sup> MCF planning team is this week. Jeet has emailed the volunteers to invite them to join the team.
- Jeet has met with Shawn to discuss a budget for the event and it will fall under the town's umbrella this year.
- The first participant has signed up. Belly Dancing will be represented.

V. Council Update

- a. Diamond provided an update. The town had their 1<sup>st</sup> budget meeting on Saturday. She is looking forward to interviewing the candidates for the director position and finding a good fit for the team. When asked about the park opening, Diamond informed the committee that there is still work that needs to be done and no date has been set yet.

VI. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at 6:39 pm.

Next meeting: Monday, March 1, 2021 at 6pm at Harrisburg Town Hall in the Parks and Recreation Conference Room or via Zoom, dependent on future restrictions.