

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 4, 2021

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:

Jim Spina-Parks and Recreation Director

Shawn Marble-Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 2021 minutes approved unanimously
- II. Public Comments
 - a. N/A
- III. New Business
 - a. Art Walk
 - The Art Walk is scheduled for this upcoming Saturday (October 9th) with 26-28 vendors signed up to attend. Rain is forecasted this week as well as the day of the event causing concern on if the event will be able to happen or how the fields might be affected. If the event is to be cancelled that decision will be made closer to time and the vendors will receive refunds.
 - There has been discussion about the possibility of moving future Art Walks to the Spring but no decision has been made yet.
 - b. Multicultural Festival Review
 - The MCF was held September 18, 2021. Thirty countries were represented by booths and performances. 1, 500 people attended the event.
 - Karen is working on getting certificates for the volunteers, participants, and executive team. These will be e-certificates and need the mayor's signature. Shawn will reach out to him to get that in electronic form for them.

- c. HACH Committee Open Positions & Term Discussion
 - Per Council’s instructions, open positions on HACH must be advertised and current members whose terms are expiring must reapply. Shawn or April will make an announcement about the vacancies soon. Karen and Kimmy will need to reapply and deliberations on their applications and any others from the public will take place in November.
- IV. Parks & Recreation Update
 - a. Jim Spina
 - Parks & Recreation’s Fall has been busy with Fall Athletics, MCF, Bags in the Burg, and Rocking the Burg.
 - Currently planning for the possibility of Winter Basketball inside. Local schools will allow them in following Covid precautions. An announcement should be made this week.
 - Trick or Treat in the Park is scheduled for Friday, October 29, 2021 from 5:30pm-9pm. Volunteers are needed.
 - A Volunteer Appreciation event is being held November 12, 2021 for food and fellowship.
- V. Sub-Committee Updates
 - a. Historic Pharr Mill Committee
 - Committee met a couple of weeks ago to work on vision points for the project. Jim and his team are working on the request for qualification (RFQ) and hope to present it to the committee by the end of this month and then Council in November. Once the right partner is found for the project, \$50,000 has been budgeted for assessments. This includes survey and looking at the materials to see what is feasible.
 - This project will not be considered a “park” as it will not have fields and playgrounds.
- VI. Council Update
 - a. N/A
- VII. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 6: 37pm.

Next meeting: Monday, November 1, 2021 at 6pm