

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

Monday, February 7, 2022 - virtual

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

Adam Abernathy – Parks and Recreation

Altyn Cotel – Council Member

### **Meeting called to order at 6:03 pm**

- I. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 2021 minutes approved unanimously
- II. Public Comments
  - a. N/A
- III. New Business
  - a. 2021 HACH Advocacy Report
    - This report is a combination of what the committee has accomplished, future ideas, and ways to serve the town. Presented formally to Jim Spina.
  - b. 2022 Officer Elections
    - Chair - Karen Andrade was nominated by Jeet, Toni motioned, Kimmy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed, Karen Andrade is the 2022 HACH Chair
    - Vice Chair – Micah Cash self nominated, Jeet motioned, Kimmy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed, Micah Cash is 2022 HACH Vice Chair
    - Secretary – Kimmy Roberts self nominated, Micah motioned, Toni 2<sup>nd</sup>, all in favor, none opposed, Kimmy Roberts is the 2022 HACH Secretary
  - c. Old Post Office
    - Adam Abernathy gave an update on the Old Post Office located at Harris Depot Park. The current efforts are to preserve the facility and identify

the history. It has a new roof, new electric, and waterproofing of the crawl space. HVAC and restroom have been put on hold due to budget. The only time it is in use is during the Farmers' Market. Asking for ideas on how to use the facility. Adam proposed having the next HACH meeting there, weather and COVID restrictions permitting.

- Jeet proposed the idea of having school trips there with a person who could explain the history to the children.

d. 2022 Harrisburg Multicultural Festival Go Forward Plan

- 1-2 people are doing 80% of the work for the Multicultural Festival. The committee is trying to find ways to get more help/spread the work around. Plan A is to find someone to chair the festival with Jeet remaining the subcommittee chair. No one has stepped up for this role. Plan B is to have subcommittee members to take on more responsibility, sharing the workload.
- Per Jim, if it's going to grow it cannot be through the Parks and Recreation staff but rather with community involvement.
- Jeet suggested the possibilities of using interns, creating a new position, and adding it as part of the staff's job description.
- This discussion is to be continued as ideas for the community to take ownership of this event are brainstormed.

IV. Parks & Recreation Update

a. Jim Spina/Shawn Marble

- Jim is in the process of the budget for Fiscal Year '23 and will make a presentation to council on March 1<sup>st</sup>. He is also working on a 10 year personnel plan and a 10 year master plan for Parks and Recreation. Jim would like to break down the advocacy report in a future meeting, possibly in April. The Pharr Mill project's RFQ is being worked on and he will update the council on it.
- Shawn is working on the calendar and will have the calendar of events for the year included in the March water bill. Bands have tentatively been scheduled for all the Rockin the Burg concerts and 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration. Coming up is the Egg hunt, Earth Day celebration (4/23), YMCA 5K (4/30) and Spring sports. Current registration for Spring sports is 1800. Positions for part time concession and splash pad staff to be posted in February, starting age 15. Shawn is also updating the Art Walk Scholarship application and will share with the subcommittee once it's completed.

V. Sub-Committee Updates

a. All committees

- To celebrate Diversity Month, the Multicultural Festival Committee is planning a food drive in April.

VI. Council Update

- Altyn Cotel is our new assigned council member. She introduced herself to the committee stating her door is always open and she is looking forward to working with HACH.

VII. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 7:00 pm after Jeet thanked Micah on behalf of the committee for his 3 terms as Chair. Thank you Micah!

Next Meeting: Monday, March 7, 2022 at 6:00 pm, Old Post Office – weather and COVID restrictions permitting