

Arts, Culture, and Heritage Committee Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 4, 2022 – at the Old Post Office

Committee Members Present:

Karen Andrade – Chair

Micah Cash – Vice Chair

Kimmy Roberts - Secretary

Jitendra “Jeet” Hiremath - Subcommittee Chair, Harrisburg Multicultural Festival

Others Present:

Jim Spina - Parks and Recreation Director

Shawn Marble - Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

Adam Abernathy – Parks and Recreation

Liz Fitzgerald – Executive Director Cabarrus Arts

Meeting called to order at 6:08 pm

- I. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 2022 minutes approved unanimously
- II. Public Comments
 - a. Liz Fitzgerald
 - Liz Fitzgerald introduced herself to the committee. She became the Executive Director in Jan 2022 and is interested in finding out what the council can do for the community while forming connections within those communities.
- III. New Business
 - a. 2021 HACH Advocacy Report
 - Karen and Jim are looking at the report to determine where our energy should be put. Requested we brainstorm some ideas for the town’s anniversary and will discuss at the next meeting.
 - b. Art Walk Scholarship
 - Shawn gave an update. Only 1 application has been received despite social media posts, flyers, directly contacting school administrators, and advising the Youth Council. Shawn will provide an update closer to deadline to determine if extending it will help.
- IV. Parks & Recreation Update
 - a. Jim Spina/Shawn Marble/Adam Abernathy

- Adam provided an update on the Old Post Office (our meeting space). Current intent is to preserve the structure. New electric, new roof, and crawlspace improvements have all been made. It will be painted and have its porch restored soon. Would like to see an organization of the history in a way that is easily read and engaging.
- Jeet requested to be able to put in a pollinating garden at Harris Depot on behalf of the sustainability committee. Adam will coordinate with Jeet.
- Shawn provided an update on events. The pump track is open and being used. The Golden Egg Search still needs volunteers to hide eggs. Spring Athletics has over 2,000 kids signed up. Future events include a 5K on April 30th and Rockin the Burg has its first concert on May 14th.
- Jim has been tasked with creating a 50th anniversary committee and would like a member of HACH to join.

V. Sub-Committee Updates

a. Multicultural Festival

- To celebrate Diversity month, a food drive kicks off on April 9th. There are 16 dropoff locations. The MCF team also is releasing 8 videos this month from community leaders celebrating diversity.

b. Art Walk

- No update at this time.

VI. Council Update

- No update due to budget meeting conflict.

VII. Adjournment

- Adjourned at 7:07 pm

Next Meeting: Monday, May 2, 2022 at 6:00 pm