



**Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee
Monday May 7, 2018
6:00pm
Harrisburg Town Hall**

Members Present

**Toni Wheeler Jenske
Marc Brun
Penny Vaughn
Micah Cash
Jitendra Hiremath**

Others Present

**Troy Selberg
Daniel Stines
Shawn Marble**

1st Meeting of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee; called to order at 6:05pm by Daniel Stines

- I. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Starting in June

- II. **Special Presentations:**
 - a. N/A

- III. **Old Business:**
 - a. N/A

- IV. **New Business**
 - a. Introductions –
 - i. Staff was introduced – Daniel Stines, Director, and Shawn Marble, Recreation Programs Manager.

 - ii. Each Board Member introduced him/her-self:
 1. Toni Wheeler Jenske – lived in Harrisburg almost 18 years; been on the Arts Committee and the Art Walk committee and she liked the idea of moving the art into our community; they worked on getting statues and the idea of the historical aspect of this town excited her. Would like to bring out the history of our town.
 2. Marc Brun – has lived in Harrisburg 13 years with wife and 2 kids. Has 20 years construction experience; defaults to historical buildings and how things are put together; interested in the Pharr Mill and cabin at Harris Depot Park; coming at the committee from a heritage/historical viewpoint
 3. Penny Vaughn – lived in Harrisburg 20 years; volunteers a lot because that's who she is. On the Cabarrus County African American committee; was very involved with Boy Scouts; did extensive fundraising; would like to see more in Harrisburg – events center/ museum
 4. Jitendra Hiremath – ("G"); has lived in Harrisburg almost 8 years; would like to see some sort of Cultural Event for Harrisburg – possibly "Festival for the World;" communities come together and share under one umbrella to

exchange cultural idea, food, etc.; liked the festival at Harrisburg Elementary; volunteers and coaches in our league and works at Wells Fargo; has a special spot for special needs children (worked with Joyful Hearts)

5. Micah Cash – has lived in Harrisburg 3 years; he is a visual artist; art teacher at Wingate University; works as the Director of Community Engagement at The Light Factory; wants to sustain the programs we have and bring in new ones
6. Troy Selberg – has lived in Harrisburg 26 years; is serving 1st term on Town Council

b. Overview of Committee –

- i. There once was a Harrisburg Art committee. The committee was disbanded and two members were added to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board with an arts focus, but it was still not enough of a focus on the arts. Hence, the Arts, Culture and Heritage committee was formed. The idea and goal of the committee is to support the arts in Harrisburg.
- ii. Structure: be thinking about elections before next meeting – Chair, Chair Elect and Recording Secretary; officers will serve the rest of 2018 and all of 2019 (since we are already in June)
- iii. Members of the committee will served staggered terms

c. Arts Scholarships –

- i. Six art scholarship applications were submitted to the HACH committee: Adhache Phifer; Kyle Fox; Madison Horton; Mina Taylor; Retha Puvogel; and Morgan Garrett
- ii. The committee discussed that we need to add to the scholarship application – what college the student is applying to go to and what major they are planning to go into. It needs to be specified that the committee is looking to provide a scholarship for someone who is going into an Arts related major.
- iii. The committee reviewed the pieces submitted by the applicants – their visual art, videos and audio recordings.
- iv. Discussion was had amongst members and the applicants were narrowed down to 4: Madison, Mina, Retha and Morgan. The committee members then narrowed the applicants down to 2: Mina and Madison. On final vote, Mina won the scholarship (by 3 votes of a 3/2 vote).

d. Elections and Board Positions –

- i. Discussed earlier in overview of committee – members should be thinking about if they would like to hold an office – chair, vice chair or recording secretary.
- ii. The board will vote in June on the officers, positions will be effective immediately.

e. Event Sub-Committee Discussions –

- i. Committee members requested that staff email and Invite all applicants to the board to the next meeting to see who would like to be a part of a sub-committee. The specific sub-committee that was mentioned was a Cultural Events Sub Committee to begin work on a multi-cultural type festival.

V. Events

- a. Rockin the Burg – May 12th – presenting Kid’s in America – 80’s Tribute Band – at Harrisburg Park from 6:30pm to 9pm
- b. Shawn will send out upcoming opportunities for the board to volunteer – Rockin the Burgs and the July 4th Celebration

VI. Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Discussion

- a. Add Farmer's Market to next month's agenda – ways to ramp up the market or add to the Harris Depot Park area. Discussion was had that this may be a good site to host a multi-cultural festival and perhaps tie it into the market. Other discussions were mentioned of having "mini cultural events" on Farmers Market Days. Use the porch of the post office as a stage and have various types of music, dance or art.

VII. Council Update/ Discussion

- a. Councilman Troy Selberg reported that Town Council is in the budget process right now
- b. Requested name badges be made for both, Parks and Recreation Advisory Board and Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee to wear when volunteering at events or other public settings.

VIII. Public Comment

- a. None

IX. Adjournment

- a. The meeting adjourned at 8pm

Next Meeting: June 4, 2018