



**TOWN OF HARRISBURG, NORTH CAROLINA
HARRISBURG TOWN HALL
PARKS & RECREATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING**

**March 22, 2021
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. To Join this Meeting via Zoom visit:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88094734275?pwd=QlFBTkpvOHF1UVRBaVdKSktKREJqUT09>

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Harrisburg Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee Update

C. PUBLIC COMMENT - Anyone wishing to address the Board may do so during the Public Comment section. Please state your name and address for the record, be courteous and do not repeat what has already been said. Please keep your comments about the subject and not personal in nature.

2. CONSENT AGENDA

A. Approval of February 22, 2021 Minutes

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Review of applicants for Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee

B. Department Updates and Introduction of New Parks and Recreation Director

- Athletics
- Events
- Projects

5. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

6. COUNCIL UPDATES

7. ADJOURNMENT

Town of Harrisburg's Vision Statement

Harrisburg will be the best small town in North Carolina based on low density housing, excellent economic opportunities, a safe living environment, and efficient and effective municipal services. Amenities such as excellent recreational programs, adequate open space, attractive shopping opportunities, a diversity of restaurants, and a connected system of roadways, sidewalks, greenways, and bicycle lanes will continue to enhance the quality of life of the Town. These services and amenities will be provided while retaining reasonable tax rates and debt levels.



TOWN OF HARRISBURG

Agenda Item Details

Title:

Approval of February 22, 2021 Minutes

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Minutes February 22, 2021

Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

February 22, 2021 @ 6:05 pm, Meeting called to order via Zoom by Chair, Linda Thurman

Attendance:

- **Board Members:** Brantlee Drake, Jason Marshall, Tim Morris, Delroy Ross, Linda Thurman (Chair) and Carl Westine (Vice Chair)
- **Parks and Recreation Staff:** Shawn Marble
- **Council Member:** Rodney Dellinger
- **Public:** Brett Crosby, Harrisburg (board applicant)

Agenda Adoption:

- Jason Marshall made a motion to approve the agenda, Brantlee Drake second the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations:

Applicant for Board Vacancy:

- Brett Crosby joined the meeting to introduce himself and answer questions from board members. He is currently employed by the Harrisburg YMCA.
 - After the board discussion, Tim Morris made a motion to recommend Brett Crosby to Town Council for this board's vacancy. Carl Westine second the motion. The motion for the recommendation passed unanimously.

HACH Committee Updates:

- Linda Thurman presented the HACH committee report from Micah Cash, current chair of HACH (Harrisburg, Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee). Shawn Marble provided updates as well.
 - Micah Cash and Toni Jenschke will present to the Harrisburg Youth Council on 2/23/21 to help promote the Art Walk Scholarship.
 - The application for the \$1000, 2021 Art Walk scholarship has been posted for seniors to apply. The deadline is 5/1/2021.
 - The Parks & Recreation Staff (Shawn Marble and Adam Abernathy) met with the HACH committee to discuss the process and proposals for the Old Post Office and the historic Pharr Mill.

Consent Agenda/Minutes:

- Approval of the January meeting minutes. One minor correction was made to the minutes, the year was typed incorrectly. The minutes were amended to reflect the correct date (January 25, 2021).
 - Jason Marshall made a motion to approve the minutes, Brantlee Drake seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business:
Election of Officers:

- The board discussed the various roles and which members may be interested. With several new members, it was decided that the more senior members will fill the roles at this time.
- The following recommendations were made:
 - Linda Thurman to remain as chair (Carl Westine made the motion, Brantlee Drake second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - Jason Marshall to be vice chair. (Brantlee Drake made the motion, Tim Morris second the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
 - The secretary position did not get filled at this meeting. Therefore, the board members agreed to rotate that role among the members for each meeting until a secretary is named.

Department Updates:

Shawn Marble provided updates on projects, events and athletics.

- Spring athletic registration is currently taking place (mostly online but one in person event was held).
 - Youth baseball and softball will be on a regular schedule and will begin at the end of March. Youth soccer will be offered through a camp series again, starting up in April.
 - Adult softball will be starting on a regular schedule. Adult soccer is on hold due to the nature of that sport.
- Events:
 - The YMCA will be hosting a 5K (with proper safety measures and staggered start times) on May 15, 2021 at Harrisburg Park.
 - For spring (Easter holiday), the possibility of having a scavenger hunt throughout the various town parks is being explored.
- Projects:
 - Harrisburg Park is planning for a springtime opening. Date is yet to be determined due to the unfinished work in key areas, ADA compliance, electricity, concrete pads, scoreboards, etc... The additional funds to finish the park have been approved by the Town Council. It was decided to keep the park closes until all the construction is complete due to safety concerns.
 - Carl Westine did discuss the importance of improving the communication, especially on the Town's website and social media platforms, to give members of the community updates on the park's progress. Shawn Marble will work with the appropriate town staff to update the communications when and where possible.
 - Several board members held a brief discussion inquiring about the legal contracts for the park however those questions could not be answered during this meeting due to the nature of those questions. Councilman Dellinger did provide as much information as he could on this topic.

- Historic Pharr Mill: working on ideas on how to safely deconstruct the mill and preserve the wood to be used for a future project, honoring the mill's history. The Town's Sustainability Committee along with the HACH Committee will provide input on this project. Tim Morris is also on the Sustainability Committee and can be the liaison from that committee to this board as needed.
- Holcolmb Wood's soccer fields. The town is waiting on the erosion control permit from the state. Then the fields can be built. No lights and no restrooms at this time are planned however it is in the town's future plans. Tim Morris and Delroy Ross asked for the background on the project.
- Budget & Staff Updates:
 - Town Council will meet on March 11, 2021 to discuss the budget.
 - A new director has been selected. Start date will be March 15, 2021. More information will be provided by Town Council in the near future. The director will be able to join the March 22, 2021 Parks & Rec Board meeting.

Advisory Board Updates:

- Delroy Ross mentioned the Cultural & Heritage Event is set for the fall. They expect an even larger turnout this year. The event was met with high praise from many of the community members. This event is coordinated by the HACH Committee.
- Linda Thurman inquired about the ART Walk. Shawn Marble stated it will be held in person come the fall in as of now.

Council Updates:

- Councilman Dellinger stated the Town Council will host a public budget meeting on Thursday, February 25, 2021 from 6-9 pm. The public is encouraged to log into the online meeting.
- Councilman Dellinger also provided information on the closing of Stallings Road based on his knowledge of the subject. NCDOT is running that project and has not provided the town with many details of this meeting.

Adjournment:

- Jason Marshall made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Carl Westine second the motion. The motion for the recommendation passed unanimously.
- The meeting was adjourned at 7:17 pm

The next meeting will be held via Zoom on Monday, March 22, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

Linda Thurman, Chair and Acting Secretary for this meeting



TOWN OF HARRISBURG

Agenda Item Details

Title:

Review of applicants for Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Three members of the Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee terms expired in January 2021: Micah Cash, Jitendra Hiremath and Toni Wheeler Jenschke. The vacancies have been advertised to the public. We have not received any external applications. The three members whose terms expired have applied for re-appointment. All fit the criteria in the by-laws.

The applicants were reviewed by the remaining board members (Kimmy Roberts and Karen Andrade). Both recommended the three applicants to be re-appointed to the HACH committee for another term.

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Jitendra Hiremath
2. Micah Cash
3. Toni Wheeler - Jenschke



TOWN OF HARRISBURG ARTS, CULTURE & HERITAGE COMMITTEE

Application for Town of Harrisburg Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

Town of Harrisburg Parks Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee

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APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Name Jitendra (Jeet) Hiremath		Date 03/011/2021	
Address 7536 Chasewater Drive		Apartment/Unit #	
City Harrisburg	State NC	Zip 28075	
Phone 704/947-3748	Email Address jit.hire@gmail.com		
Are you able to attend regularly scheduled meetings once a month?	YES ☒	NO ☐	
Are you a resident of Cabarrus County?	YES ☒	NO ☐	If so, dates? Sept. 2010
Are you a resident of Harrisburg?	YES ☒	NO ☐	If so, dates? Sept. 2010
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	YES ☐	NO ☒	If yes, explain?

REFERENCES	
<i>Please list three references.</i>	
Name Mark Curko	Relationship Sensei (Teacher)/ Friend
Company Integrated Martial Arts Academy	Phone (704) 363-6236
Address 3816 Highway 49 South, Harrisburg, NC 28075	
Name Delroy Ross	Relationship Neighbor / Friend
Company	Phone 860 573-4121
Address 7539 Chasewater Drive, Harrisburg, NC 28075	
Name Sridevi Vinnakota	Relationship Colleague
Company Wells Fargo Bank	Phone 704 733-8009
Address Blume, 8462 Rosemary Way, Harrisburg, NC 28075	

EMPLOYMENT	
Company 1 Wells Fargo Bank	Phone 704 590-2444
Address CIC, 1525 West W.T. Harris	City / State Charlotte
Job Title Lead System Associate	
Responsibilities Lead multiple team across multi locations	
Dates	From 2009 To Till Date
Company 2	Phone ()
Address	City / State
Job Title	
Responsibilities	
Dates	From To

EDUCATION	
School Christ College	From 2004 To 2006
Degree Masters	Major Foreign Trade
Additional Information DCSc, BA, MBA, PGD-IB	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Provide a brief statement outlining why you wish to serve on the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee.

Harrisburg Arts, Culture & Heritage (HACH) committee offer a unique platform to serve our diverse communities and opportunity to explore new ideas to build a strong united community.

Being a sub-committee of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, helps represent our communities and vice versa for various activities and initiatives related to Arts, Culture, and Heritage.

Harrisburg is one of the fastest growing township with diverse communities, HACH committee can work closely with Parks and Rec to bring our diverse communities together to share their rich culture, art and traditions.

Connect and learn from like minded members who are passionate to serve our community.

Based on what you know about the Town of Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee, what skills and abilities can you provide that will make the Town of Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee able serve the community better?

1. Ability to connection with our diverse communities
2. Relationship with our local businesses
3. Relevant Experience
4. Engage and motivate our Youth (Jr. Members)
5. Passion for the cause (Provide platform to Connect, Share & Embrace diverse cultures)
6. Reliable, Responsible, Accountable & Approachable
7. Positive Attitude

Please list any current civic and/or community participation you may be involved with, in the space below. Include any public boards or commissions on which you may have served.

1. Presently serving on Harrisburg Racial Equity Task Force
2. Presently serving on the branch board of Harrisburg YMCA.
3. Harrisburg Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee (HACH), since 2018.
4. Harrisburg Multicultural Festival (HMCF) - Chair
 - Organized the 1st HMCF in 2019
 - Organized the 2nd HMCF 2020 (Virtual).
5. Cabarrus Health Alliance - 'Key Informant' for 2020 Community Needs Assessment
6. Soccer Coach with Harrisburg Parks & Recreation since 2012.
7. Member of 'Diversity of the Globe' at Wells Fargo Bank
8. Volunteer at various Non-Profit Organizations
 - a) Joyful Hearts
 - b) Beyond Creations
 - c) Children Religious Orientation Program (CROP)
 - d) Carolina Kannada Balaga (CKB)
 - e) Charlotte Marathi Mandal (CMM)

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Jitendra Hiremath

Signature

Date: 03/ 11/ 2021



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APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Name Micah Cash		Date March 11, 2021	
Address 7801 Asheby Drive		Apartment/Unit #	
City Charlotte	State NC	Zip 28213	
Phone (803) 466-3622	Email Address micahcash@gmail.com		
Are you able to attend regularly scheduled meetings once a month?	YES ☒	NO ☐	
Are you a resident of Cabarrus County?	YES ☒	NO ☐	If so, dates?
Are you a resident of Harrisburg?	YES ☒	NO ☐	If so, dates?
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	YES ☐	NO ☒	If yes, explain?

REFERENCES	
<i>Please list three references.</i>	
Name Leslie Antoniel	Relationship Coworker
Company Charlotte Symphony Orchestra	Phone (704) 714-5139
Address 128 S. Tryon St. Ste 350, Charlotte, NC 28213	
Name Anne Cash	Relationship Spouse
Company	Phone 443) 803-8670
Address 7801 Asheby Drive, Charlotte, NC 28213	
Name Jennifer Garrison	Relationship Co-Director
Company Queen City Zine Fest	Phone 803) 448-3089
Address	

EMPLOYMENT	
Company 1 Charlotte Symphony Orchestra	Phone (704) 714-5108
Address 128 S. Tryon St. Ste 350	City / State Charlotte, NC
Job Title Individual Giving, Senior Manager	
Responsibilities Responsibl for CSO's annual fund, general donor communication and strategy.	
Dates	From 03/2019 To present
Company 2 The Light Factory	Phone (704) 333-9755
Address 1817 Central Avenue	City / State Charlotte, NC
Job Title Director of Exhibitions	
Responsibilities Managed exhibitions, including all logistics and voluneers.	
Dates	From 02/2017 To 03/2019

EDUCATION	
School University of Connecticut	From 2012 To 2014
Degree Master of Fine Art	Major Studio Art
Additional Information	

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Provide a brief statement outlining why you wish to serve on the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee.

I have served one term on the Arts, Culture & Heritage committee and desire to help the group continue to grow Harrisburg's programming and arts community. I am a resident of Harrisburg and remain excited at the growing artistic presence and cultural diversity of the town. I would like to continue volunteering my time and expertise to aid the Parks & Recreation department.

Based on what you know about the Town of Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee, what skills and abilities can you provide that will make the Town of Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee able serve the community better?

I am a capable leader that understands how to organize community programming. I have experience in team-based environments and have helped plan and implement Harrisburg's Art Walk and Multicultural Festival. As the town grows and programming needs change, my experiences in curatorial work, stakeholder stewardship, and board governance would be an addition to the committee.

Please list any current civic and/or community participation you may be involved with, in the space below. Include any public boards or commissions on which you may have served.

I served one term on current Arts, Culture & Heritage committee. I also serve on the national Board of Directors for the Society for Photographic Education and am on the Executive Committee as Secretary.

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature



Date

March 11, 2021

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APPLICANT INFORMATION					
Name	Toni Wheeler Jenschke		Date	3/3/21	
Address	6230 Roseway Court		Apartment/Unit #		
City	Harrisburg	NC	State	Zip	28075
Phone	(704) 713 3729		Email Address	toni.wheelerjenschke@gmail.com	
Are you able to attend regularly scheduled meetings once a month?	YES ☒	NO ☐			
Are you a resident of Cabarrus County?	YES ☒	NO ☐	If so, dates?		
Are you a resident of Harrisburg?	YES ☒	NO ☐	If so, dates?		
Have you ever been convicted of a felony?	YES ☐	NO ☒	If yes, explain?		

REFERENCES

Please list three references.

Name	David Henderson	Relationship	pastor
Company	Venture Church	Phone	704 707 6939
Address	4245 Main Street Harrisburg NC 28075		
Name	Nancy Hoffarth	Relationship	friend
Company	retire Cas teacher	Phone	704 526-6117
Address	6000 Creekview Dr Harrisburg NC 28075		
Name	Tami Mulhearn	Relationship	sister
Company	American Airlines	Phone	704 491-6984
Address	301 Bryson Rd Indian Trail NC 28079		

EMPLOYMENT

Company 1	Toni Wheeler denschke	Phone	704 773 3729
Address	6230 Roseway Ct	City / State	Harrisburg NC
Job Title	photographer - landscape / Illustration (logo design)		
Responsibilities	in house logo design / landscape, sports photography		
Dates	From 1995 To current		
Company 2	US Airways	Phone	()
Address	Charlotte, Douglas	City / State	Charlotte, NC
Job Title	flight attendant		
Responsibilities			
Dates	From 98 To 2005 (retired)		

EDUCATION

School	Uncc / Charlotte, NC	Liberty U	From 98-98 To 2010
Degree	BA Education	Med Ed. Education	Major
Additional Information			

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS

Provide a brief statement outlining why you wish to serve on the Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee.

I would like to continue serving on the HACH Committee, to serve my community in be able to enrich our community through the Arts, also, to be able to have our community grow in its culture diversity that is in Harrisburg, while preserving the integrity of Harrisburg's heritage.

Based on what you know about the Town of Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee, what skills and abilities can you provide that will make the Town of Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee able serve the community better?

As an artist myself, I believe I can enrich this committee from an artist point of view. And as an avid history buff myself, I have love to research the past and preserve it within our community.

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HACH Committee currently serving
ART Committee of Harrisburg (original committee)
HOA vice president Rocky River Crossing 2 years
HOA member Rocky River Crossing 3 years

DISCLAIMER AND SIGNATURE

I certify that my answers are true and complete to the best of my knowledge.

Signature

Date

3/11/21



TOWN OF HARRISBURG

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Title:

Department Updates and Introduction of New Parks and Recreation Director

- Athletics
- Events
- Projects

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None