



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

**September 18, 2023
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

- A. AGENDA ADOPTION
- B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS
 - 1. Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee
- 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 Minutes from August 21, 2023 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting

3. OLD BUSINESS

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Introduction of new member - Chris Faw
- B. McGill Associates - Parks and Recreation Master Plan

5. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES

6. COUNCIL UPDATES

7. ADJOURNMENT

Vision Statement

Harrisburg will be a distinctive, family-focused community where memories are made.

Mission Statement

Together, we enhance our quality of life by collaborating, planning, and investing to create our community of choice.



TOWN OF HARRISBURG

Agenda Item Details

Title:

Approval of Minutes from August 21, 2023 Parks and Recreation Advisory Board meeting

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

1. Minutes August 21, 2023

MINUTES

Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

August 18, 2023 at 6:05p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Mohammed Idlibi

In Attendance

Present: Cheryl BAKER, Fred BRILLIANT, Hannah BUTLER, Brett CROSBY, Courtney HAYNES, Mohammed IDLIBI

Absent: NONE.

Board Administrators Present: Jim SPINA, Shawn MARBLE

Council Member(s) Present: Altyn COTELL

Planning and Zoning Member(s) Present: NONE.

Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage (HACH) Member(s) Present: Karen ANDRADE

Agenda Adoption

Motion was made to adopt agenda by committee. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Public Comment

A. HACH –

- a. Added two more members to the committee this week!
- b. *Discover the 'Burg: Amazing Race Challenge* on Saturday July 22nd –
 - i. 13 teams participated
 - ii. Positive feedback – want to do it again next year
 - iii. Petitioned to council last week to be included in budget next year since it was so popular
- c. Multicultural Festival: September 16th 10:30am – 2pm
 - i. Need more European countries represented – contact HACH directly

B. Public Comment

- a. David Christenbury – family lived in area for over 120 years. Knows the importance of parks and open space and hopes to be a resource to team. Architect & storyteller.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion was made to adopt minutes from July 17, 2023 by Courtney Haynes and seconded by Hannah Butler. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

A. Master Plan Update

- a. Readvertised MP in June – tightened language and scope:

- i. 7 interest, 5 submittals.
- ii. 4 interviews conducted, heard pitches, narrowed to 2 favorites, and currently negotiating terms/scope before confirming what will work best for HPR.
- iii. In good shape to present who we're going with to TC at Sept 11th meeting.
- iv. Advisory Board will be involved in development – goal is present MP to TC in June so it can approved/introduced in next fiscal year.

B. Advisory Board Updates – New Member Information

- a. Jim & Altyn had 4 applicants for one seat – all fantastic. Going to continue discussions and decide over the next week on who will take seat.
- b. Will be on TC agenda next month and will be appointed in time for Sept PRAB meeting
- c. Term will be until June 2024.

New Business

A. Parks and Recreational Department Updates

- a. Shawn Marble:
 - i. Youth Athletics started
 - Push to start sports earlier to align with school ending in spring (Fall sports started Aug 12th, hoping to start basketball earlier (again, playability of grass in alignment with Bermuda season
 - Discussion of implementing Heat Policy with current heat waves/indexes
 - Games start this weekend - Aug 26th
 - Splash Pad open weekends until Sept 2nd (Labor Day)
 - ii. Resodding/maintenance of the fields – heading into fall will continue overseeding with a rye grass – need to maintain playability.
 - iii. RTB August was a success – decent turnout considering theme/possible rain.
 - iv. September is Garth Guy Sept 9th
 - v. 50th anni planning – into the nitty-gritty of logistics and planning. 2nd planning meeting tomorrow (sound, public works, fire, etc.)
 - vi. Fall adult sports and arts classes coming soon

Advisory Board Updates

- A. Boys & Girls Club in Downtown Concord announced today that they're discontinuing youth athletics due to "expense and market saturation."

Council Updates

A. Councilwoman Cotell:

- a. Council really liked HACH presentation about the *Discover the Burg* event and their involvement in 50th planning;
- b. TC keen on seeing numbers and outline of MP to see what the futures holds for our parks going forward.

Adjournment

Motion made to go into closed session by Hannah Butler and seconded by Brett Crosby.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:44 p.m., Monday, August 21, 2023.

Next Meeting: tentative meeting on September 18th, 2023 in Town Chambers

Chair

Secretary



TOWN OF HARRISBURG

Agenda Item Details

Title:

Introduction of new member - Chris Faw

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Chris Faw was appointed to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board at the September 11, 2023 Town Council meeting to serve a term from September 12th, 2023 to June 30, 2024.

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None



TOWN OF HARRISBURG

Agenda Item Details

Title:

McGill Associates - Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

McGill Associates was chosen to create an updated Master Plan for Harrisburg Parks and Recreation. The board will meet staff from McGill and Associates and have an opportunity for a question and answer session.

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None