



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

**February 19, 2024
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from January 22, 2024

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Harrisburg Arts, Culture and 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

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

B. Board vacancies

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. Department Updates:

- 1) Jim Spina - Parks and Recreation Director

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.

MINUTES

Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

January 22, 2024 at 6:03p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Mohammed Idlibi

In Attendance

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

Absent: Hannah BUTLER

Board Administrators Present: Jim SPINA Shawn MARBLE

Council Member(s) Present: Chris FAW

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 –

- 1) Last meeting – coordinated all Spring/Summer events.
 - Art Walk Scholarship open NOW until April 19 – open to any college-bound art-major
 - Discover the Burg – July 20th
 - Art Walk April 27th
 - Open Mic Night April 4th – originally only for HS students but opening to school-age and young adults to broaden scope of event
 - Bluegrass Night – TBD
 - Multicultural Festival – September 21st – contact Karen or Jeet for details on serving on the festival planning committee

B. Public Comment

- 1) NONE

Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion was made to adopt minutes from December 2023 by Courtney Haynes and seconded by Brett Crosby. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

A. Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update:

- 1) JIM:

- a) Finishing data review now. Many statistically-valid surveys remain outstanding - cannot close review period until its done.
 - b) Before they move into drafting phase, they will meet with TC members. Once TC portion and surveys are done, it'll be drafting period (minimal updates during this process)
 - c) Prelim data update provided to team – foresee three (3) new parks will be needed over 10-year timeline. Large athletic field complex priority then develop other – east & west of town center. Mapped out potential park areas. Once concern is financial (ex. parks vs. housing development, etc. – may need funding upfront to secure land).
- B. Vacancy on Advisory Board:
- 1) Jim spoke with Rob, who recommended going with last applicant pool's No. 2 (Zach Bowman) - Jim and Chris to approach and see if want spot. Will need to reapply in April;
 - 2) Current members whose terms expire this year – Mohammed, Hannah, Fred, Vacancy. They will need to reapply in April. KAREN – HACH will have 4 openings

New Business

A. P&R Department Updates:

- 1) SHAWN:
 - a) Dec 19th – final 50th anni event. Beautiful cap to a celebratory year.
 - b) Spring sports – open enrollment now (day 1 had 500+ applicants)
 - c) Basketball – midway through season now.
 - d) All events for year have been scheduled and the calendar of events will go out with water bill soon.
 - e) First official event – Hop to the Movies (last year inaugural but weather cancelation)
 - f) Rockin' the Burg events – bands being finalized now.
 - g) Maintenance Staff currently working on park upkeep.
 - h) Multipurpose Room being converted to office space.

Advisory Board Updates

- A. MOHAMMED: met with Town manager of Concord/University City to discuss greenway planning. Posed to board: do we want connectivity or remain disconnected. JIM – open to discussion, need a sense of what is coming close to Harrisburg/where there would be connectivity in order to build into plan(s).

Council Updates

A. Councilman Faw:

- 1) Council assignments finalized – Chris Faw now P&R
- 2) Budget planning going on now -currently closed door. Three sessions to work on budget and will be finalized by June.
- 3) Wants P&R feedback to ensure out needs and wants are addressed.
- 4) Reevaluation of property tax (currently 0.43)

Adjournment

Motion made to go into closed session by Fred Brillante and seconded by Cheryl Baker.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:52pm., Monday, January 22, 2024

Next Meeting: meeting on Monday, February 19, 2024 in Town Chambers

Chair

Secretary



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Agenda Item Details

Title:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None



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Department Updates:

1) Jim Spina - Parks and Recreation Director

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None