



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

**November 18, 2024  
6:00 PM**

**AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**A. AGENDA ADOPTION**

1. Approval of Minutes from October 21, 2024

**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**

**3. OLD BUSINESS**

**A. Master Plan Updates**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Department Updates:**

- 1) Jim Spina, Parks and Recreation Director
- 2) Shawn Marble, Assistant Parks and Recreation Director

**5. ADVISORY BOARD UPDATES**

**6. COUNCIL UPDATES**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

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**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.

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# MINUTES

## Harrisburg Parks & Recreation Advisory Board Meeting

*Monday, October 21, 2024 at 6:01p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Cheryl Baker*

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### In Attendance

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**Present:** Cheryl BAKER, Zach BOWMAN, Fred BRILLIANTE, Hannah BUTLER, Brett CROSBY, Courtney HAYNES, Mohammed IDLIBI, Shawn MARBLE, Jim SPINA

**Absent:** NONE

**Board Administrators Present:** NONE

**Council Member(s) Present:** Chris FAW

**Planning and Zoning Member(s) Present:** NONE.

**Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage (HACH) Member(s) Present:** Micah CASH

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### Agenda Adoption.

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Motion was made to adopt agenda with amendment of special presentation by Mohammed Idlibi; Seconded by Hannah Butler – all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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### Special Presentations/Public Comment

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#### A. HACH – Micah Cash

- 1) Arts & Cultural Festival Sept 21<sup>st</sup>: HUGE SUCCESS! Thank you to P&R and all the volunteers that helped make it happen. Looking for people to join planning committee for next year.
  - MOHAM: what made it a bigger success this year than years past?
  - MICAH: Jeet's reorganization and assignment of tasks this year, bigger push for entertainment/performances.
- 2) Open Mic Night was cancelled – no registrants. Same issue as last year for fall event– no registrants Will try running again in Spring.
  - CHERLY: how many registered for spring last year?
  - MICAH: 8-10 performers. Was open to community beyond just students.
- 3) Down member – submitted resignation in August. Jim and La'Trecia are working on filling open vacancy now (will be a short term as incumbent was terming out in June but hoping to find someone interested that will reapply to maintain position).

#### B. Public Comment:

- 1) NONE.

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### Approval of Minutes

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- A. Motion was made to adopt minutes from August 2024 by Hannah Butler, seconded by Mohammed Idlibi. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

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## Old Business

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A. JIM SPINA: Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update:

- 1) MC was adopted by TC in September. In play now. Will start being broken down ahead of budget season so planning can be done for early next year.
- 2) New program that counts attendees at events has been implemented. Once those details are finalized, Jim is going to start reviewing general park attendance so that dept. can present specific needs to TC for MP execution planning. Likely going to take a few months – target is presenting in Jan/Feb.
- 3) Pharr Mill Planning – public forum completed in September. 2 different plans created that night. Next step is coordinating plan for site-surveys for McGill's, Rob and Lee (currently trying to coordinate formal review of public input data and merging the two plans into one cohesive plan to be presented to TC (target December presentation to TC).
  - CHERLY: question re: prioritization of projects? Pharr Mill project impact roll out of projects in MP?
  - JIM: Pharr Mill was already planned before completion of the MP so it could run parallel and not really need to be decided in lieu of projects outlined there. TC budgeted \$4M for land purchase next year; with \$4M next year too. TC will ultimately ask for P&RAB feedback on what gets introduced, proposed, rolled out, etc.
  - BRETT - any leads on what will be in first 4 mil?
  - JIM – not yet. Will happen over winter season. Waiting on go-ahead from Rob
  - COURTNEY - did the team end up touring Riverwood/land for sale in Harrisburg?
  - JIM – toured, thought it was going to be too expensive for what they could offer. It would have cut into plans for other, more time sensitive/important plans. Did not make offer. Land currently under contract.

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## New Business

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- A. SHAWN MARBLE: Before Jim arrives – general update: spoke with TC last week re: McGill park renovation. 55 people attended meeting and was a successful public input meeting. McGill working on blueprint plan to present to TC eventually. Shawn provided an update to Council as they'll need to take design and planning into account in next year's budget planning.
- B. SHAWN MARBLE - P&R Department Updates:
- 1) Fall Sports – wrapping up next week then moving into tournaments. 4 PopWarner advancing to playoffs. Jr. PeeWee Cheer going to Regionals.
  - 2) Basketball registration going on now – currently at 1200 registrants.
  - 3) Multicultural Festival was a big event – see notes above.
  - 4) Bags in the Burg – huge turnout- biggest event yet.
  - 5) HBN presentation at Rockin the Burg for 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary – presented the Y with a check for \$100K.
  - 6) **Upcoming Events:**
    - a. Trick or Treat in the Park - Halloween event: Oct 25th 4:30-9pm. Food, games, performances, candy. HUGE crowd anticipated. Volunteers for second shift needed.

- b. Christmas Tree Lighting– planning ongoing. Trees will go up after Veterans day.  
The tree lighting event will be December 6<sup>th</sup> at Harrisburg Park.

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### Advisory Board Updates

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- A. MOHAMMED – Tying this together with HACH and Councilman Faw’s comments about history- any discussion of art-installation development in the town?
- JIM RESPONSE – haven’t gotten to a concise plan but discussions have happened about adding sculptures and art exhibits in the town.
- MICAH: we’ve been having these conversations for many years – both officially and unofficially. It would take a lot to get a commission sanctioned. It’s something HACH is passionate about, but timing hasn’t been right.
- B. BRETT - YMCA Update: few months from roads going in. Way ahead on site, on schedule for building. On target for being done in July, opening in August if all goes accordingly to plan.

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### Council Updates – Chris FAW

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- A. Pharr Mill – an opportunity for rebranding; and gives us an opportunity to outline the history of the town.
- B. Chris asked for people to advocate for what they want, and to determine what is most important now.

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### Adjournment

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Motion made to go into closed session by Mohammed Idlibi and seconded by Hannah Butler.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:48pm, Monday, October 21, 2024

**Next Meeting:** meeting on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 6pm in Town Chambers

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Chair

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Secretary



## TOWN OF HARRISBURG

### Agenda Item Details

**Title:**

Master Plan Updates

**Presenting Personnel:**

**Suggested Motion or Action:**

**Description/Background:**

**Recommendation:**

**Fiscal Impact:**

**Attachments:**

None



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