



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

**April 21, 2025
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2025

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
- B. Advisory Board Appointments
- C. Farmer's Market Sub-Committee update

4. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Department Updates:
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

Monday, March 17, 2025 at 6:00p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Cheryl Baker

In Attendance

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

Absent: Fred BRILLIANTE,

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

Agenda Adoption

Motion was made to adopt agenda as prepared by Hannah Butler; Seconded by Mohammed Idlibi – all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Public Comment

A. HACH – Micah Cash

- 1) Harrisburg Arts Scholarship has been renamed. It is now an automated online application with an online media upload. OPEN NOW. Being pumped into schools, etc. now.
- 2) Art Walk rebranded and moved - will be Art Walk & Market on Main. Will be **April 5th** - planning is ongoing now and details will be available online soon.
- 3) May 1st Open Mic Night – currently has 4 registrants, sign-up is still open. Will be at Depot again, similar to last year.
- 4) This is the year that original HACH members are rolling off with new appointments and if anyone wants to get involved, particularly with the Multicultural Festival subcommittee, please reach out to Micah for further details.

B. Public Comment:

- 1) NONE.

Approval of Minutes

- A. Motion was made to adopt minutes from February 2025 by Mohammed Idlibi, seconded by Hannah Butler. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

A. JIM: Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update:

- 1) No new updates – budget planning on going. Resubmit estimates for Pharr Mill project due to exceeding limits. Jim will present to TC next month.

B. Advisory Board Appointments:

- 1) Three current terms expire this year: Cheryl Baker, Brett Crosby (YMCA position), Courtney Haynes– ALL eligible for another term
- 2) Applications will be available in April, interviews will take place in May with June appointments by TC with terms starting in July.

New Business

A. Farmers Market Discussion:

- 1) Discussions have been ongoing internally and wanted to suggest the creation of a sub-committee to plan and discuss how we can improve/strengthen current FM.
 - i. CHERYL: I hereby announce the creation of subcommittee. Are there current members who wish to participate:
 1. Cheryl, Zach, & Mohammed (primary) – Courtney later this summer/fall.
 2. Mohammed: budget? JIM/CHRIS: not specified, but there is a discretionary fund in budget for projects such as this/
 3. Brett – feedback from friend who used to participate: Harrisburg originally stemmed from overflow from Kannapolis market, but Harrisburg has grown enough to support a Saturday market.
 4. JIM: connect with Shawn to coordinate time/meeting for subcommittee.

B. Department Updates JIM -

- 1) Budget Season – draft 2 meeting is Thursday (20th)
- 2) Field maintenance ongoing, getting amped up for spring sports and recreation

C. SHAWN UPDATE:

- 1) 1000 baseball/softball & 1400 for soccer.
- 2) Art Walk & Market on Main: planning in progress now. Currently have 61 vendors. Looking for volunteers now. Youth council will be involved this year doing an activity with kids. Will have food trucks, music and Percent is doing beer/wine
- 3) Hop to the Movie – Thursday night (week of Easter – April 17th)
- 4) Tennis Lessons –Abe Lopez new instructor. Spring registrations open now. Currently half full
- 5) Run the Burg – April 26th – registration ongoing now.
- 6) Chip-Seal project at Harris Depot – similar to a concrete to update entrance, part of lot and area around post office. Will be completed within next month or so.
 - i. CHERYL: what's the annual maintenance on that? JIM: first use of this type of concrete but ideal for low-traffic areas so it should last for an extended period.
- 7) General up-keep ongoing across town:
 - i. sign project– working on updating faded signs
 - ii. Pharr Mill Park will be remulched this year
 - iii. Maintenance to bathrooms around town – ideally, we'll replace sinks and toilets but for now we're focusing on updating paint, cleaning, etc.
- 8) Concession stands at Harrisburg Park open in late April – looking for workers now, ideally for Saturdays (positions can transition into Splash Pad).

- 9) JIM – McGill designing streetscape in front of Town Hall and will be on retainer for other projects in town (Ex. drainage near playground at Harrisburg Park).
- 10) ZACH – You [Jim] mentioned that the town gave The Burg Church money to extend their parking lot. Is that happening? Can it be monitored online?
 - i. JIM: it was discussed but don't believe the money has not been given to the church to date. Will check the status and let you know next meeting. In the end, when the greenway is extended, the church lot will be an access point to the new access point which is why there was discussion of the town assisting with extension of lot since town can use on weekends.

Advisory Board Updates

- A. BRETT – Still on schedule for opening in August. Pool has been dugout and everything is coming together. \$21M mark passed this week in funding – still looking for another \$2.5-3M to be at goal.

Council Updates – Chris FAW

- A. CHRIS –
 - 1) Prepared to fight for several things during planning sessions:
 - i. Astro turf but need to be armed with facts/financials (long-term costs, health impacts, heat retention, etc.) Can we make a case for it?
 - ii. Land-banking.
 - iii. Branding for town – signage. You want people to know they're in Harrisburg while they're here.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:55pm, Monday, March 17, 2024.

Next Meeting: meeting on Monday, April 14, 2024 at 6pm in Town Chambers

Chair

Secretary



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Agenda Item Details

Title:

Master Plan Updates

Presenting Personnel:

Suggested Motion or Action:

Description/Background:

Recommendation:

Fiscal Impact:

Attachments:

None



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Farmer's Market Sub-Committee update

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Department Updates:
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