



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

**May 19, 2025
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from April 21, 2025

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. 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

Shawn Marble - Assistant 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, April 21, 2025 at 6:00p.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Brett Crosby

In Attendance

Present: Fred BRILLIANTE, Hannah BUTLER, Brett CROSBY, Courtney HAYNES, Mohammed IDLIBI, , Jim SPINA

Absent: Cheryl BAKER, Zach BOWMAN, Shawn MARBLE

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 Jim Spina; Seconded by Hannah Butler – all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Public Comment

A. HACH – Micah Cash

- 1) Art Walk final numbers pending – no negative feedback – it was PACKED. Largest Harrisburg has had in years.
- 2) May 1st Open Mic Night – 6pm. Currently has 4 registrants, sign-up is still open. Will be at Depot again, similar to last year.
- 3) Final week of Harrisburg Arts scholarship. Can apply online. Currently no applicants.

B. Public Comment:

- 1) JIM E – here on behalf of Friends of Harrisburg Greenways – group seeking to be positive force for advocating for greenway development. Greenways have multigenerational impact, connect kids to nature and isolates pedestrians/cyclists from main roadways, direct benefits and impacts on health. TC adopted masterplan (thank you all for your role in that) – walkability and walking trails are the number one thing we need. But we haven't seen much movement since its adoption. Want to invite P&R to join and/or support our growing group in order to further advance the greenways in our town.
 - a. Mohammed – how often do you meet? JIM E– right now we're establishing a team and hoping to become a formal 501C.
 - b. Mohammed – members? JIM E: one prior TC member plus 4 other community members as of now. Hoping to recruit members and establish a board. I wanted to present to P&RAB board first.
 - c. Brett & Jim S.: we're due for updating the current plan for sure. Conversations need to take place about if we want to develop one whole section verses pieces (when developments come in)

Approval of Minutes

- A. HANNAH – Fred B is listed as absent on March minutes, but was in attendance.
- B. COURTNEY – so noted, will update the record.
- C. Motion was made to adopt minutes from March 2025 by Mohammed Idlibi, seconded by Hannah Butler. All in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Old Business

- A. JIM: Parks & Recreation Master Plan Update:
 - 1) Getting ready to prioritize and plan next steps for roll out. Shawn and Jim have laid out a few visions, but next will be the incorporation into budget planning.
 - 2) (to Jim E) We need to approach TC about the need to update the current greenway plan because that will help tie the furtherment of the greenway development alongside the roll out of components of the MP.
 - 3) BRETT: I know land-banking was something that needed to be done ASAP – any movement on that? JIM – not yet. \$4M for this year, \$4M for next year. A development on Peach Orchard Road has fallen through so we're looking into a piece of it for park development now.
- B. Advisory Board Appointments:
 - 1) April 30th deadline to reapply. Courtney intends to reapply. Brett will remain YMCA representative. Interviews will take place in May with June appointments by TC with terms starting in July.
 - 2) HACH has three open spots – application deadline also April 30th.
- C. Farmer's Market Sub-Committee Update New Business
 - 1) Have met a few times since last meeting, including an in-person meeting at Mathews Farmers Market (noted the variety of vendors, music, accessibility, walkability). Interviewed Shawn Kostner (University City Start-Up) re: start-up costs and overall sustainability. Was invited to next meeting to discuss experience. Strongly suggest walkability area for farmers' market – in front of town hall – so that people could come and not be impacted by vehicle traffic. Would love to see it implemented by fall.
 - 2) Harrisburg will be a distinctive family-focused community
 - 3) MICAH – centralized location and parking are key – fundraising will come easily if alignment can be made in those areas.

New Business

- A. Department Updates JIM -
 - 1) Art Walk & Market on Main: huge success in new location.
 - 1) Spring sports halfway complete
 - 2) Fields are worn – Matt is working on double-aeration and fertilization this week
 - 3) Hop to the Movies – Thursday 17th – final numbers pending but estimated 2K people. Great weather, vendors, etc.

- 4) 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.
- 5) Run the Burg this weekend – weather is looking iffy but should be OK. Right now about 500 registrants
- 6) May 10th – first Rockin’ the Burg. Gump Fiction – 90s music. Huge draw and will likely be asked back yearly
- 7) July 15th – Pop Warner football starts
- 8) July 4th planning is well underway
- 9) Budget was submitted to Rob and TC is reviewing – hopeful that it’ll be accepted at May meeting. Once approved, immediate projects that’ll roll out are astroturfing fields 1 & 2 at Harrisburg Park
- 10) Veterans Park is getting renovated – fountain work, mulch reworked to grass and flowers, stamped concrete being added, moving the military medallions to wall (over being on ground).
- 11) Playground work at Harrisburg Park – trying to resolve the mulch erosion issue – creates dangerous and dirty play following rain. Updating equipment and shading.
- 12) Splash Pad has ongoing renovations going as well – on target to still open Memorial Day weekend.
- 13) Looking for new Parks Superintendent – still open
- 14) Mike Kirby’s prior position transitioning into a Senior Rec. Coordinator position, in effort to recruit someone with more experience and be able to work more independently. Looking for 3-5 years of experience. JD is being finalized/approved now but then will go live for recruitment.

Advisory Board Updates

- A. BRETT – construction going well. Pool nearly complete. Permanent power is being run this week. Still on target for August opening.

Council Updates – Chris FAW

- A. CHRIS –
 - 1) Astroturf – there is definitely a contingent of people concerned about it but TC has approved setting aside money to install some of the most warn fields.
 - 2) Multicultural Festival – September date locked in? MICAH – yes, locked in.
 - 3) RFP discussion for town art – has that been discussed? JIM – we’ need to coordinate with Rob next, now that the plan is decided, and determine budget for McGill.

Adjournment

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

Meeting was adjourned at 6:59pm, Monday, April 21, 2024.

Next Meeting: meeting on Monday, May 19th, 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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Recommendation:

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None



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