



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

**March 23, 2026
6:00 PM**

AGENDA

1. CALL TO ORDER

A. AGENDA ADOPTION

1. Approval of Minutes from February 16, 2026

B. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

1. Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage Committee Updated

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. Project Updates

B. Farmer's Market Sub-Committee Update

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

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, February 16, 2025 at 5:59.m. in Town Chambers. Meeting called to order in person by Cheryl Baker

In Attendance

Present: Cheryl BAKER, Zach BOWMAN, Fred BRILLIANTE, Brett CROSBY, Courtney HAYNES, Mohammed IDLIBI (late), Jim SPINA

Absent: Hannah BUTLER, Micah CASH, Dwayne LOTT (HACH), Shawn MARBLE

Board Administrators Present: NONE

Council Member(s) Present: La'Trecia GLOVER

Planning and Zoning Member(s) Present: Matthew GALLMAN (Sr. Planner), Shelley DE HART (Asst. Planning Director)

Harrisburg Arts, Culture and Heritage (HACH) Member(s) Present: NONE

Agenda Adoption

Motion was made to adopt agenda and November Meeting Minutes as prepared by Zach; Seconded by Courtney – all in favor. Motion passed unanimously.

Special Presentations/Public Comment

A. HACH:

- 1) Working on public art show for showcase
- 2) Working on RFQ for roundabouts and utility boxes (wrap)
- 3) Art in Community engagement
 - i. Young Artist Showcase (Spring) in active planning. Hoping to have in auditorium at the high school. Details to come.
 - ii. Traffic Signal Art around community. Needs to meet with Jim to discuss logistics. Will need to draft plan and submit to DOT.
 - iii. Art display wall at town hall to allow local artists to showcase their own art.
 - iv. Multicultural Festival being moved from September to November
- 4) Art Walk Scholarship will go live in February and will be awarded in May.

B. Public Comment:

- 1) *Jim w/ Friends of Harrisburg Greenways* (cards distributed) -501c3 nonprofit. What our organization is here to do is to promote and grow our greenways in Harrisburg, broaden the community's awareness. Mapped the greenway network and is available on website. Hosted story walk in partnership with library. Organized financial support for rail trail two fundraisers and did a litter sweep. Our greenways are really well maintained. Published toolkit for land donation. 300 new followers on social media. As always, seeking P&RAB support to help grow awareness
 - i. ZACH – is your map limited to current or future? JIM – both. It's interactive and shows current and future extensions.
 - ii. CHERYL – how can we support you? JIM – follow on social media and/or sign up for newsletter. These avenues will, in turn, highlight volunteer opportunities with our group.

A. JIM: Parks & Recreation Projects Update:

- 1) Harrisburg Park – Turf Project with FieldTurf kicked off. It will start being laid this week. 2-3 weeks for installation. Following install, staff will undergo training. Weather permitting, it should be ready by end of March for Soccer.
- 2) Signage is being completed now for Harrisburg Park/YMCA. Due to permit issues, completion has been delayed by a month.
- 3) Historic Pharr Mill Project – TC approved design. Ian Patrick designing building pro bono.
- 4) Log Cabin at Harris Depot – now ADA accessible. Final updates being completed now.
- 5) Wooden Playground plan being designed for Pharr Mill Park (top and bottom). Pricing TBD.
- 6) Main Street Park design in process – going back to McGill for revision for updated rendering. If everyone is happy with rendering, it will go to the next phase of design. This project will likely be fast-tracked due to community and town desire to develop a main street park area (fountain, landscaping, possible stage, etc.)

B. Farmer’s Market Sub-Committee Update New Business

- 1) Jim and committee met last month to discuss specifics regarding funding, marketing, etc. Meeting with Lee and need to meet with Rob to see what’s next .

A. H-2026-01-R – Peach Orchard Subdivision and Park Dedication (see documentation in agenda)

- 1) Seeking endorsement for open state dedication (20acre park dedication associated with the proposed subdivision development)
- 2) Pulte Group is requesting annexation and rezone of a 175-acre site for the purpose of developing a 149lot, single family community off Peach Orchard Road. Legally, would need to provide 4.62acres of open space.
- 3) Applicant is proposing 20 acres of open space.
- 4) Aligning with master plan, the proposed space is adjacent to target area in south Harrisburg.
- 5) BRETT – is it buildable or is it floodplain?
 - i. Shelley – part of it is in a floodplain but most of it is buildable
- 6) MOHAMMED – have we looked at a topographical map? Is it an ideal area for a park?
 - i. Rep. of Pulte Group 0 yes, it is buildable and ideal for a park
 - ii. Mohammed – so is there any reason why we wouldn’t approval the acceptance of a free 20 acres?
 - iii. Shelley/Jim: No, we don’t see a reason why this isn’t
- 7) **MOTION** to endorse the proposed 20-acre park dedication associated with the proposed development. By Mohammed, seconded Cheryl. **All in favor. Passed unanimously.**

B. H-2025-12 Blackwelder Subdivision and Payment in Lieu (see documentation in agenda)

- 1) Seeking recommendation of approval of Payment in Lieu of Open Space Dedication with the dedicated public greenway areas.
- 2) Southern Home Development is proposing 66 lot single-family development. Legally, would need to provide approximately 1.89acre of open space.
- 3) Proposal would include greenway dedication of .40acres and offering PIL for the remaining 1.49acre. Offering payment of \$39,326.42.
- 4) FRED – it looks like there’s a greenway to the south of the development – is there an opportunity for connectivity?

- 5) ZACH – this really doesn't look like there's much land here that could be beneficial to us for banking/development. But we need to
- 6) MOHAMMED – gentle suggestion, not necessarily needing amotion, but in instances like this we should suggest/recommend that the money received be earmarked for park and recreation development.
- 7) **MOTION** to endorse payment in lieu in addition to the greenway dedicated area by Mohammed. Seconded by Zach. All in favor. Passed unanimously.

C. Department Updates –

- 1) Spring Sport registration closed. 2400 kids are currently registered.
- 2) Basketball is wrapping up - recent winter weather has impacted a lot of games. Some rescheduled.
- 3) Two Rec Coordinators had babies on January 30th! Shawn assisting with coverage while both are out on leave.
- 4) Budget Season – Wednesday night with Council. Internal department discussions of restarting art and lego sessions, bringing back Tae kwon do.
- 5) Moving 4th of July fireworks to YMCA which will allow for expanded parking, entry/exit, seating for attendees, etc.
- 6) P&RAB openings – Zach eligible for reappointment. Fred, Mohammed and Hannah are terming out. Please reach out to anyone you think would be ideal for the group. Applications open in April.

Advisory Board Updates

- A. Brett – YMCA is busy! 50 kids registered for Out of School Day today, which was a record number. Summer camp opened and they're already 75% full. Run the Burg – April 25th. Route changed a little bit with the Y opening but mostly the same.

Council Updates

- A. La'Trecia – OneHarrisburg results are online and we suggest reviewing and providing feedback (via email to TC, online option not available).

Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn meeting by Cheryl Baker and seconded by Mohammed Idlibi.

Meeting was adjourned Monday, February 16, 2025.

Next Meeting: meeting on Monday, March 23, 2025 at 6pm in Town Chambers *(rescheduled from March 16 due to Spring Break and TC reschedule).*

Chair

Secretary



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Attachments:

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