



Arts and Culture Commission

Regular Meeting Minutes

01.June 2023; 7:05PM – **IN PERSON at Ukrainian American Archives & Museum**

1. Call to Order 7:05pm
2. Roll Call
**Tim Price, Jetshri Bhadviya, Lynn Blasey, Jessica Donnelly, Dusty Conly, Maria Vujic
Alessandro R (excused)**
3. Announcements by Public Officials **none**
4. Public Comment (*three minutes limited to Arts & Culture issues*)
 - a. **Jesse Kwek (EMU Center for Health Disparities Innovations & Studies and Hamtramck Resident) - Hosting a bike lane education event on August 20th, holding a June 5th meeting to plan that event**
 - b. **Destiny Brown (Global Detroit)- Working to connect immigrant refugees with native residents to bridge the gap in social capital. They are working on a collective calendar of events for the community**
 - c. **Rezaul Chowdhury (Global Detroit and Hamtramck Resident) - hosting Coffee Alley on his block between Buffalo/Conant and Trowbridge/Belmont**
5. Approval of Agenda
 - a. **Amended to add items by Tim - Hamtramck Music Festival
And Lynn - Letters of Support written by our commission**
 - b. **Motion – Tim
Seconded by – Jessica
Motion passed to approve amended agenda**
6. Approval of Minutes from our last meeting
 - a. **Motion – Tim
Seconded by – Lynn
Motion Passed**

SECTION I: AGENDA ITEMS – *For Discussion/Action/Information*

- a. Ideas, and discussion for remainder of 2023 (*each HAC Commission, and attendees partake*)
Nothing new to add that isn't already being discussed in another agenda item
- b. Juneteeth – Lynn & Dwydell
June 19th event at Sarah Garrett park, 10am-1pm, co-organized by Dwydell (commission advisor). The focus is on health education and services. Prior to the event there will be a city clean-up on June 17th. The beautification commission will be doing some landscaping and planting at the park and around the new monument as well. On June 28th there will be a dedication event at the park for the new monument. As part of the Juneteenth event there will be a march going from Sarah Garret Park to Veterans Park.
- c. Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival – Maria, Tim & Jetshri
Festival is being held on October 7th this year. New website will be going live within the next week, the poster art (by Sean Bieri) is ready to go as well as the forms for artist sign-up and the patronicity campaign to begin raising funds for poster and map printing. Maria is working on getting banners printed to advertise the festival along the route DCFC supporters use to get to and from the matches, and is working with Andy from Good Done Daily to create the graphics. There are plans to reach out to bike groups to do organized rides through Hamtramck on the day of the festival. Julie Sailus (Hamtramck Resident in attendance) offered New Dodge Lounge as a location for the festival headquarters this year, as well as a gallery location for the schedule of festival events.

d. HACC website – Tim & Jetshri

Jetshri is focusing on completing the HNAF website first. She needs more organized information to being working on the HACC site. Dusty joins the subcommittee to provide graphics help and for integrating merchandising with the site.

e. Hamtramck Queer Alliance (support June Pride) - Tim

a. Motion to support the HQA and their events in June

Motion – Tim

Seconded by – Dusty

Ayes – all Nays – none

Motion Passed

b. HQA events to include

- i. June 16th Late night shopping, possibly including a pub crawl**
- ii. June 24th collab with DCFC for their pride programming at that evening's match**
- iii. June 11th Motor City Pride parade, HQA will march in the parade this year**
- iv. June 2nd Public sidewalk chalk art 4-7pm meeting outside Book Suey**
- v. Date TBD literary event hosted at Book Suey**

f. Subcommittee update on CED/City of Hamtramck's – JLG Design & Engineering of the Hamtramck Alley Project (Tim & Lynn & Alessandro) + merge with our: [Hamtramck Joe Louis Greenway](#)

There will be a Joe Louis Greenway event in October

Community organizing around cycling and cycling safety (see above - Event hosted by EMU August 20th)

There is a Wednesday night ride out of techtown that wants to come through Hamtramck and stop at restaurants/other businesses for their halfway point break

g. Hamtramck Events Calendar update (Tim & Lynn)

Tim's connection, Josh, has done some groundwork on finding the software that could be used to publish a community events calendar - the calendar will be for all events happening in the city, hosted by other orgs not just what our commission is involved in. The Review will print the calendar in addition to it being found online. Tim proposed connecting with a new Hamtramck business, Corkboard, to collaborate on this project as well.

h. [Labor Day Fest](#) – 2-4 September HAC booth (Tim)

i. Tim will head up the events planning for Labor Day Fest including hosting a booth that is community focused and will allow space for other commissions and orgs doing work in Hamtramck.

ii. Planet Ant is planning a dance/rave tent. Motion to support the planning/organizing of this tent.

Motion – Tim

Seconded by – Lynn

Motion Passed

iii. The commission will enter the yacht race again, Dusty is working on building a frame, subcommittee on the yacht race event headed up by Dusty, Lynn joined and Max (Hamtramck resident) expressed an interest in contributing to the team as well

i. Update on our [HACC](#) website, and launch new platform in June (Jetshri & Tim, and Dusty) j. Merchandise fundraiser through [CustomCat](#) (Dusty & Tim)

See item d. above, added that the hope is to have a PayPal connected to the website and to have up by Labor Day

k. Treasurer report – (Dusty)

Still in the black, and paid the fiduciary for the year. There will be upcoming expenses related to the new website, i.e. url and web hosting platform.

l. **Added Item - Hamtramck Music Festival (Tim)**

i. New organizers keeping it small this year with 3-5 venues on October 14th

ii. Motion to support the festival planning and organizing

Motion – Tim

Seconded by – Lynn

Motion Passed

iii. Subcommittee formed including commissioners Tim and Jessica, Hamtramck resident, Julie Sailus will join them

M. Added Item - Letters of Support (Lynn)

The HACC offers this to support organizations seeking grants or other support. This year we have written letters for city grants for Urban Forestry and to increase our tree canopy, and one with the Hamtramck Historical Museum in their effort to acquire funds for a textile exhibit.

Confirm **Thursday, 07.September 2023** Meeting (*in person, but LOCATION tbd*) – (Tim) **Confirmed for UAAM**

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. Public Comment (*three minutes limited to Arts & Culture issues*)

Public attendees introduce themselves: Max, Jessie Kwek (resident and EMU CHDIS), Stephanie (resident), Karl (resident and HQA member), Rezaul (resident, Hamtramck Residents Forum, Global Detroit), Ephemera (resident), Grace (resident and ATA Detroit), Sean (resident and HATCH), Sophia (resident), Karen (resident), Julie Sailus (resident), Rumana (resident)

Karen - Believes the commission's work and support of work being done by other organizations is so important for the city. She wants to show her support for the commission and encourages the commission to continue supporting the things they choose, and to not be swayed to remove support from other organizations or events.

Grace - Announces the weekly trans night social that is held at either Outer Limits Lounge or Kelly's. Upcoming special event on June 8th at Outer Limits Lounge will be a clothing swap, starting at 8:30pm

2. Chairman's Report

**Collaboration with the DDA for November and December sustainable business programming
Thanks our host and confirms the UAAM will host the next quarterly meeting.**

3. Members' Report

Lynn

- **Saturday June 3rd 1 year anniversary Communi-Tea at 11am at Zussman's Park (event happens every first Saturday of the month, at the park during summer)**
- **Reminder to join in on planning activities for the Sarah Garret Park or with planter boxes on Joseph Campau reach out to Lynn**
- **Mural support/public art support is a part of what our commission does, and if there are artists or businesses seeking to have a mural or public art installed, reach out to the commission members to facilitate**

Jessica - introduced as new Commissioner

ADJOURNMENT

Motion – Tim

Seconded by – Jessica

Meeting Adjourned 8:34 pm

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