



City of Hamtramck

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Arts and Culture Commission

Regular Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

7:11 pm

2. Roll Call

Tim Price

Lynn Blasey

Dusty Conley

Maria Vujic

Excused: Jessica Donnelly, Jetsri Bhadviya

Advisory Members in attendance: Dwydel Garrett

3. Announcements by Public Officials **N/A**

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

- a. **The Hamtramck Historical Museum is holding an exhibit on the Bangladeshi Community next year. They will be holding a co-creation meeting to plan for this exhibit the week of January 13th at the museum**

5. Approval of Agenda

Tim is adding Agenda item L to discuss fundraising and launching merchandise storefront through CustomCat

Motion to approve: Lynn

Seconded: Dusty

Motion passed unanimously

6. Approval of Minutes from our last meeting

Motion to approve: Dusty

Seconded: Lynn

Motion passed unanimously

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

- a. New Ideas, and discussion for 2024 (intro'd by each HAC Commission, and attendees partake)
The commission would like to recruit more involvement from the community members for our subcommittees so we can have more input/work being done by more than just the limited number of commissioners allowed on the subcommittees.
- b. Hamtronic 2024, and what do start planning it (Tim)
Last year Hamtramck had 4 locations. Tim is working his TV Lounge connections for next year. Meetings to plan will begin in January. Darren Shelton still will be involved in this event.
- c. HAC open Commissioner's seat is open. Jessi Kwek has applied (Tim)
Hoping to have an update on Jessi Kwek's application at the city council meeting coming up to fill the current vacancy.

- d. Subcommittee update on CED/City of Hamtramck's – Alley Project (Tim & Lynn) + merge with our Hamtramck Joe Louis Greenway

We want to make the alleyway an arts destination, not just murals

- **Jessi Kwek will join this subcommittee**
 - **Meetings will be held monthly starting in January**
 - **Goals are for pr and marketing of why the bike lanes are good for local businesses and the community to change the current outlook on them, we don't want Hamtramck to miss out on being part of this historic greenway, it will attract people, and bring people to our city and businesses**
 - **The subcommittee will reach out to HB (Joe Louis mural artist) to get permission to use image of his work in promotional materials**
- e. Hamtramck DDA's website calendar, be liaison to Hamtramck Arts&Culture on it (Tim & Lynn)
Hamtramck DDA is getting funding for a city calendar, this subcommittee will work with them to include arts & culture events
- f. [Labor Day Fest](#) – (Tim)
For this year, want to ask to move the HACC booth to a location that gets better foot traffic, the booth can act as a sort of information booth for the event and the city
Recruiting other commissions to be involved in the booth has gone well, and other commissions may join next year
- g. Update on our [HACC](#) website, and launch new platform in June (Tim, and maybe Dusty)
Dusty and Tim will focus on the website and integration of the merchandising platform
- h. Assist w/ curation, logistics & promotion of exhibiting art at City Hall (Tim)
There are concerns about the possible censorship and parameters of art that will go up in City Hall, the commission proposes setting up a meetin with Max Garbarino to discuss how art would be selected and what the guidelines of "in good taste" mean to him and city leadership.
Motion to setup meeting: Dusty
Seconded: Maria
Motion passed unanimously
- i. [Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival](#) (HNAF) – recap, and planning for 2024 (Maria & Tim)
2023 figures:
- **45 events/participants at 39 locations, new this year was a collective show and artists' market**
 - **Patronicity raised \$1272 from 16 individual donors**
- Goals for 2024**
- **Recruit more volunteers, create a board/committee**
 - **Revamp sign up form – get non-artists/people who want to be involved in other ways, could even "donate" space for people to setup**
 - **Recruit a web designer to help integrate the signup form with an event listings page**
 - **Work on a grant from the State next year**
- j. Treasurer report – (Dusty)
No money/no transactions
- **HCI dues are coming up soon**
 - **May be looking into a new fiduciary**
 - **Dusty re-upped with his commissioner position but is wanting to step back from Treasurer duties, Tim will discuss the possibility of Jessica Donnelly stepping into this role**
- k. Confirm **Thursday, 07.March 2024 Meeting** (*in person, but LOCATION tbd*) – (Tim)
March 7th meeting at the Ukrainian American Archives & Museum
All 2024 meetings can be held at the UAA&M
Motion to approve: Dusy
Seconded: Lynn
Motion passed unanimously

I. **CustomCat merch and fundraising (Tim)**

**We could be the generator of all kinds of Hamtramck merch, not just specific to the commission
We need to setup a system for the artists whose work is used to be compensated from the sales
March meeting will we discuss bank accounts/business accounts to attach to the merch store
Create a merch subcommittee with Tim and Dusty**

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

1. Public Comment (*three minutes limited to Arts & Culture issues*) **N/A**
2. Chairman's Report
Tim is being re-appointed for another term on the commission, his goals for this term are to build up and solidify the team for long term success
3. Members' Report
 - **Lynn was 4th in City council elections, there is a chance if a member of council steps down that Lynn would next in line for the vacancy. Lynn is passionate about supporting our senior citizens, the city may be forming a commission for seniors**
 - **Maria has asked for help in finding someone to send to Gary Saganski at the Hamtramck Historical Museum to help him learn/train him on the use of Lightroom. The museum is working on a project to digitize print materials for when the Hamtramck High School students come in to do research. They have a camera rig, and this product, but would like someone with the knowledge on how to use it to teach them.**

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Tim

Seconded: Dusty

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm

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