



City of Hamtramck

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Arts and Culture Commission

Regular Meeting

07.March 2024; 7:05PM – IN PERSON at **Ukrainian American Archives & Museum**

1. Call to Order

7:09 pm

2. Roll Call

Present: Lynn Blasey, Jessica Donnelly, Maria Vujic, Dusty Conley, Tim Price

Excused: Jetschri Bhadviya

3. Announcements by Public Officials

Jessi Kwek on behalf of the Beautification Commission discussed efforts to get a beautification survey out, and would like HACC commissioners to take the survey as well.

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

Olga (Ukrainian American Archives & Museum), announces a new exhibit at UAAM at the end of May about tattooing happening on the front lines of Ukraine. They have a call out for art and are working on sponsorships/partnerships.

5. Approval of Agenda

Motion: Lynn

Seconded: Jessica

Motion passed unanimously

6. Approval of Minutes from our last meeting

Motion: Lynn

Seconded: Jessica

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)

Revisited after item 'L'

Jessica Donnelly proposes a silent auction as a fundraiser for HACC projects.

b. Subcommittee update on art in [City Hall](#) (Tim & Lynn)

Time and Lynn want to meet with Max Garbarino and Omar to discuss parameters of how they want HACC involved at this point. Art has already been put up, what more can the commissioners do. Tim will schedule a meeting in the next couple months and report back in June.

- c. Subcommittee update on CED/City of Hamtramck's Alley Project (Tim & Lynn) + merge with our: [Hamtramck Joe Louis Greenway](#)
Things have been put on hold with the alleyway project. The executive director of the Greenway has requested to meet with Tim, he'll report on the meeting in June.
- d. [Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival](#) recap (Tim & Maria)
A poster artist has agreed to do the artwork for the 2024 festival. Jessica Donnelly and Jessi Kwek agree to work on mapping for the festival. Tim has HNAF on the agenda for the next HCI meeting to possibly use them as a fiduciary so we can apply for grants.
Tim and Maria will be reaching out to the Detroit Riverfront Conservancy to either schedule separately or collaborate on the same weekend as the Detroit Harvest fest (clashed with HNAF last year)
The DAA has expressed an interest in hosting their sidewalk sales the same weekend again.
- e. [Labor Day Fest](#) + 2024 info booth at Caniff – (Tim, Maria & Dusty)
Time wants to move the booth to the other end of the festival grounds for greater visibility. We need more people to man the booth during festival hours. We'd like to have art up to promote the HNAF. We will revisit whether the commission will participate in the yacht races again in June.
Tim and Jessica will work on a possible EDM/DJ tent for this year's fest.
- f. [Hamtronic](#) updated for [Movement](#) (Memorial Weekend) + [Labor Day Fest](#) (Tim)
Darren Shelton will not be able to run Hamtronic this year. Maria and Tim will work on putting together a list of all Hamtramck venues doing something during Movement weekend and promoting.
- g. [HQA](#) – update on what's planned for [June Pride Month](#) & organization – (Tim & Lynn)
HQA and DCFC will be in the Detroit Pride Parade June 9th
HQA's late night shopping and pub crawl is on June 14th, Hatch may have an opening that night to coincide, UAAM has the tattoo exhibit during this time
Hatch is one of the participating venues for Mighty Real Queer Detroit 2024 and has agreed for the HACC to do an event there as a part of it, possibly in collaboration with HQA
Tim and Jessi propose working with Oloman to host queer movie nights, to be endorsed by HACC – Motion: Dusty
Seconded: Jessica
Motion passed unanimously
- h. [Juneteenth](#) – update (Lynn & Dwydell)
March from Sarah Garrett to Veterans Park with programming at Veterans Park to follow. Lynn and Dwydell will focus on complementary programming and providing a light breakfast at Sarah Garrett for the marchers. Dwydell would like to work on a fundraiser for the breakfast and HACC programming, but it may not come together for this year's event. Will focus efforts on 2025.

- i. Update on our [HACC](#) website (Tim & Dusty)
We can add print-based merch on Etsy for very little upfront cost and start generating revenue from sales. In the long term Dusty is looking into changing web platforms to wordpress because of their e-commerce integration capabilities.
- j. Merchandise fundraiser through [CustomCat](#) (Dusty & Tim)
CustomCat would integrate with wordpress easily (ties into the updates from item 'i')
- k. Treasurer report – (Tim & Jessica)
Currently no money in our account. Comptroller has mentioned giving HACC their own account through the city rather than us using HCI as a fiduciary.
Dusty is stepping down as Treasurer. Tim nominates Jessica Donnelly
Seconded: Lynn
Motion passed unanimously
Jessica Donnelly is now Treasurer.
- l. Confirm **Thursday, 06.June 2024** Meeting (in person, at [UAAM](#)) – (Tim)
Motion: Lynn
Seconded: Dusty
Motion passed unanimously

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

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

N/A

2. Chairman's Report

- **Tim submitted and presented the annual report to the City Council**
- **Passenger Recovery has recently opened and would like to be involved in more community initiatives, working closely with HACC on some projects**
- **Vote to make Jessi Kwek an official HACC advisor**

Motion: Lynn

Seconded: Dusty

Motion passed unanimously

3. Members' Report

Lynn is acting as conduit for connecting muralists and people wanting murals on their buildings

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Tim

Seconded: Lynn

Meeting adjourned at 8:17 pm

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