



City of Hamtramck

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Arts and Culture Commission

Regular Meeting

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

1. Call to Order

7:14 pm

2. Roll Call

Tim Price, Lynn Blasey, Dusty Conley, Maria Vujic, Dwydell Garret (Advisor)

Excused: Jetshri Bhadviya, Jessica Donnelly

Not present: Jesse Kwek (Advisor)

3. Announcements by Public Officials

N/A

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

Olga from UAA&M welcomes us as our host

Jon Sniezek – HNAF photographer, resident, has been doing more photographing of city events and wants to get more involved in the events the commission is supporting.

5. Approval of Agenda

Lynn motioned

Maria seconded

Passed unanimously

6. Approval of Minutes from our last meeting

Dusty motioned

Lynn seconded

Passed unanimously

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

- a. New Ideas, and discussion for 2025 (intro'd by each [HAC Commission](#), and attendees partake)
Tim – pursuing filling the empty commissioner seat, there have been 2 applicants/applications sent to the city that have been ignored
Lynn – her new position at CCS is focused on grants, she will keep an eye out for any grants that would be suitable for the projects around town that we are working on
- b. Subcommittee update on CED/City of Hamtramck's Alley Project (Tim & Lynn) + merge with our: [Hamtramck Joe Louis Greenway](#)
The bike lane from Holbrook between Jos Campau and I-75 was approved under a former director, current status is unknown
Tim is meeting with Chrstina from JLG in the coming weeks and will report on any new information at the next meeting

- c. [Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival](#) updates & assignments (Tim & Maria)
Good reception from our presence at the Labor Day Festival booth.
The DDA will likely come on as sponsors again with a combination of monetary donation + social media feature through Discover Hamtramck.
Florian East and Dos Locos also gave verbal confirmation for sponsoring this year.
Past participants have been contacted earlier this week, so far 3 participants are signed up, with more expected based on verbal confirmation of intent to participate.
Tim is working on having an artists' market at either the yet to be opened new business, The Works, or possibly at Planet Ant for daytime hours.
Partnership is being explored with the organizers of the Labor Day Fest/Hamtramck Blowout to do a porch festival possibly sometime in the Spring/Early Summer. Idea still in development, but the intent is to keep the momentum from Blowout going throughout the summer, leading into Labor Day Fest and HNAF.
Web developer came on and automated the sign up to website process, we're attempting to revamp the map this year with the help of a graphic designer.
Future idea is to get grant funding in order to sponsor artists/musicians doing events in their homes.
- d. [Labor Day Fest](#) + 2024 info booth at Caniff – (Tim, Lynn, Maria & Dusty)
Overall consensus is that our participation and presence at the festival went well. Several commissioners were there to setup/man the booth, and we had a good location between the two main stages, got a lot of foot traffic and spoke to a lot of people.
- e. [DDA's – Discover Hamtramck](#) new Friday Night Market (Tim)
Friday night market at Pope Park with roughly 10 booths planned for next year, with soft launch this fall during HNAF. They are working on getting grants to purchase tents, have bathroom facilities, etc.
The DDA wants artists in the booths as well, Tim is proposing to the HACC the question of whether we get involved. If so, subcommittee would need to be formed and those members attend DDA meetings.
- f. [HQA](#) – update on [June Pride Month](#) & organization – (Tim & Lynn)
HQA marched in the Motor City Pride parade as well as the Hamtramck Labor Day Parade.
Tim's intent for the HQA is still to start a queer movie night event, plans for this Fall.
- g. [Juneteenth](#) – update (Lynn & Dwydell)
Lynn & Dwydell hosted walkers at Sarah Garrett park before their march to Veterans park. They are okay with this level of involvement for the day's event, plan to continue with this next year.
- h. Update on our [HACC](#) website & Merchandise fundraiser through [CustomCat](#) (Tim & Dusty)
Website was renewed, however we do not have access to our financial records.
Pat from Dunwell can maybe do an online sales site for HACC as he did for Labor Day fest this year, and will possibly do for HNAF.

- i. Review options for HACC fiduciary. HCI? Passenger? (Tim)
HCI is not producing requested financial records for HACC.
There may be a new non profit business association forming that we could get involved with.
HCI is losing members, Lynn's disaster relief organization couldn't access funds to spend a grant so they left, Hamtramck Mutual Aid also ran into problems and left HCI. Lynn's impression having been a member is that HCI wanted to micromanage how members spent their funds, the culture of HCI was exclusionary, and they are not fulfilling their mission to support ALL of the Hamtramck community.
Lynn motions to use Passenger Recovery as the new HACC fiduciary
Maria seconded
Passed unanimously
- j. Treasurer report – (Tim & Jessica)
Reiterated that we don't have access to information on our funds with HCI, so we don't know the state of things for HACC.
- k. Proposed Thursday, 05. December 2024 Meeting (*in person, at [UAAM](#)*)? (Tim)
Maria motioned to approve next meeting date
Dusty seconded
Passed unanimously

SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

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

Jon will promote our projects, hang up posters etc at his work, Woodward Camera. He will have his prints of Labor Day Fest up at HNAF this year, he is also hoping to get Alan Chen (Documenting Detroit) involved in HNAF this year.

2. Chairman's Report

SMART Bus has new line options that will run through Hamtramck, Tim encourages commissioners to review the proposal, add comments for SMART.

Tim asks HACC Commissioners to help distribute HNAF posters and other promotional materials

3. Members' Report

Lynn –

“Rabbit People” An organization from Grand Rapids that works with artists to paint utility boxes are planning to work with an artist from Kuwait in Dearborn, and would like to also do utility boxes in Hamtramck.

This is not officially a part of Month of Design but was intended to happen during September, Lynn is attempting to work directly with the artists who may be doing this in Hamtramck.

Month of Design is happening throughout September, there are events on the 12th at the Riverfront and on the 19th at Eastern Market.

Lynn is working out of the DesignCore office once a month to work more intentionally with all cohorts, have more collaboration, hire artists to do work in the community.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn the meeting: Tim

Seconded: Lynn

Adjourned: 8:30pm