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**Arts and Culture Commission**

Regular Meeting

20.March 2025; 7:05PM – **IN PERSON** at [Passenger Community Center](#)

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1. Call to Order 7:02pm

2. Roll Call

**Tim Price, Lynn Blasey, Jessica Donnelly, Jetshri Bhadviya, Maria Vujic**

**Excused: Dusty Conly, Jesse Kwek**

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

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

5. Approval of Agenda

**Approved with amendment to move item a to item m**

**Lynn motioned**

**Maria second**

**Passed unanimously**

6. Approval of Minutes from our last meeting

**Lynn motioned**

**Jessica 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)

**Moved to item m**

b. Intro to Alicia from [Hamtramck Parks Conservancy](#) & 2025 working together (Tim)

**Alicia is new to the HPC and is working on the following in the next several months to build programming-there's mainly just the events surrounding Juneteenth that the HPC is involved with, which will continue. This is an area of possible collaboration with HACC's portion of Juneteenth celebrations.**

**-Patio opening (Veterans park/Yemen Cafe) April 2nd - will include sidewalk activities for kids, the cafe is providing refreshments**

**-Earth week event programming, Volunteer day on the Tuesday of that week, clothing swap, possible community bike ride in collaboration with the Joe Louis Greenway organization. Tim is suggesting Cruise Detroit as another possible partner for that and will connect Alicia with Justin Fenwick(sp) from that group. There will be a "build a person" event (building a person out of discarded boxes), and Max Ryan (from the city) will be running programming on littering/seven**

Rs/sustainable consumption/responsible disposal of waste. Will have an onsite rapid lead screening table in collaboration with Michigan Health and Human Services. Someone from Huron Metroparks will be doing a pollinator workshop. Possible collaboration with Carhartt to install insect hotels (though this might come at a later time unrelated to Earth Week). Tim brought up the need to have some kind of recycling awareness program/plan for the city, which might be something HPC and the Beautification Commission could work on.

-Planning to partner with HACC on Juneteenth event and with the HNAF org for that event

- c. Subcommittee update on [CED/City of Hamtramck's](#) Campau Cut (Tim & Lynn) w/ [JLG](#)  
Cross-points will start going in this summer, there are upcoming community engagement events about the Campau cut. The plan/desire is to have one piece of permanent art per block of the cut. HACC was asked by Isabel (from city CED) to compile a list of artists that could be involved in doing this. The possibility of doing a mapping project with this was discussed, most likely would be Jesse Kwek involved/spearheading this. Jetshri will work with her on planning for this.
- d. [Hamtramck Neighborhood Arts Festival](#) recap (Tim & Maria)  
HNAF had a successful year with 35 Events at 31 Venues, Tour of new Utility Box Murals, Launch of the Hamtramck Night Bazaar, and the Patronicity campaign raised \$1,800. We have a poster artist already working on the artwork this year which should be done by May. The goals for this year are to recruit more volunteers to help with the organizing as Maria started a new job and won't have the same capacity to run it this year. HNAF is officially partnered/supported by Passenger, which is also acting as the fiduciary for the festival. Another major goal for the year is to apply for a Michigan Arts Council grant to support the fest and hopefully make it possible to provide stipends for the participating artists.
- e. Artwrap presentation by [Dane Crotto of Stay Productions](#)  
Dane is a graphics artist, musician, music producer, and works with different orgs getting arts events going. They're in their 4th year of the DIY fest Artwrap. They're expanding to 2 days this year, July 4-5th, and having two full days of music and art. Trixie's is for sure one of the venues, the other is not yet confirmed. They're also looking to have a park as a possible third/outdoor venue-Alicia from HPC is on board to work with them. They're hoping to get involved with HACC and get support in terms of advising, resource sharing, etc.  
Tim motions for HACC to officially support Artwrap  
Lynn seconded  
Passed unanimously  
Subcommittee formed for Artwrap - Tim Price

- f. [HQA](#) – update on organization & programming [Queer-Matic Film Night](#) (HACC endorsed?) (Tim)  
**Tim officially invites the queer/women only skate group brought up by Artwrap to join HQA in Motor City Pride, June 9th.**  
**Queermatic-film night every Monday night at Passenger**  
**Jetshri motions for HACC to officially support Queermatic**  
**Jessica seconded**  
**Passed unanimously**
- g. [Juneteenth](#) – 2025 update (Lynn & Dwydell)  
**Lynn and Dwydell will continue to do the welcome breakfast at Sarah Garrett park prior to the march to Veteran’s Park. Lynn is hoping to coordinate with HPC and the leader of the march to make the three events more cohesive.**
- h. Announcement of [Passenger Radio – WHCK](#) (through [Passenger](#)) and HACC endorsement (Tim)  
**Passenger Recover is launchign their own streaming radio station on March 21st called Passenger Radio. Launch event happening during Hamtramck Blowout. Tim has his own show on Saturdays 8-10pm. In June a queer culture show will launch.**  
**Maria motioned for HACC to officially support Passenger Radio**  
**Jetshri seconded**  
**Passed unanimously**
- i. Update on our [HACC](#) website & Merchandise fundraiser through [CustomCat](#) (Tim & Dusty)  
**Pat from Dunwell is launching web ordering capabilities, so we’re thinking of going with them instead of CustomCat, keeping the business local to Hamtramck.**  
**Dusy will provide designs for the merch. Jetshri officially joins the subcommittee.**
- j. Update on HACC fiduciary as need look into other options (Tim)  
**There is no immediate need. HCI still will not answer about funds but when they have another meeting HACC will officially resign from HCI. HACC could get a separate bank account as a city entity.**
- k. Treasurer report (Tim & Jessica)  
**We have no funds at this time.**
- l. Proposed Thursday, 05.June 2025 Meeting (*in person*, at [Passenger @ 2697 Caniff St](#))  
**HACC members propose July 10th instead.**  
**Jessica Motioned**  
**Lynn seconded**  
**Passed unanimously**  
**Location is changing to Passenger Recovery as our hosts are not able to be at the Ukrainian American Archive and Museum at the time of our meetings**

- m. **New ideas, and discussion for 2025 (intro'd by each HACC member, and attendees partake)**  
**Mapping project - Jetrshir and Jesse form a subcommittee**  
**HACC will be in support of Lynn if she is called up to serve as a council member**

## SECTION II: OTHER ITEMS

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

**The Hamtramck Parks Conservancy launched a stipend for events to be in parks, there is info on their website.**

### 2. Chairman's Report

**Tim is involved in the launching of a new project, House of Tarot, coming up in April. Tim is the director with 5 other producers. There will be a fundraiser for the project at Northern Lights on March 29th.**

**Tim is on the board of the Detroit Sound Conservancy and working on a documentary on the Heaven Club, and an event *Hotter than July*, which will use the restored sound equipment from the historic club.**

### 3. Members' Report

**- Lynn is likely going to be taking a vacated seat on City Council, meaning she would need to resign her position on the commission. Her department at College for Creative Studies is hiring teaching artists for part-time roles teaching kids after school.**

**- Maria has started a new role at Michigan Medicine as a Sr Solution Architect. As she is taking on her new responsibilities there is a need for other volunteers on HNAF, though she will continue to support in some capacity.**

**- Jetschri's sole exhibition was dropped by the affiliated museum 2 weeks before the opening due to the museum's concern over supporting "DEI". Jetschri is looking to transition to employment in Michigan, or closer than Florida, allowing her to be more active with the arts programming we support in person rather than just virtually.**

## ADJOURNMENT

**Motion to adjourn the meeting: Tim**

**Seconded: Lynn**

**Adjourned: 8:27pm**