Cedar Rapids Municipal Band Commission Meeting for 26 January 2014 at Coe College

Attending:
- Commission: Cummings, R Haney, Hills, Millar, Sadilek, Sams, Sternowski
- Staff: H Haney, Shanley
- Others:

Meeting called to order at 5:02 PM by Sadilek.

Minutes of Previous Meeting
1. Read from online version, approved as written. (Hills/Sadilek, passed without dissent)

Financial Report through December
1. Band levy revenue $49,445.40 (52% of budget, on track).
2. Additional revenues from Hooverfest and Musician's Performance Trust bring the total to $56,745.40 (59% of budget).
3. Only expense since last report is for Kidd to work on logo. Other expenses were filed, but not paid by the time of the most recent report.
4. 2015 Budget
   1. Expected levy for FY2015 is $99,788 (an increase of 4%). City has already adjusted several line items for FY2015 to match, so no further action should be required IF Commission agrees that the budget is acceptable. (This will depend on discussions of the season under New Business.)
   2. R Haney's estimate for FY2015 was $100,000, only $212 over actual.

Old Business
1. Publicity Manager
   1. Shivhan Dohse formally approved as Publicity Manager. (Hills/Sternowski, passed unanimously.)
2. Band Logo
   1. No report from Publicity Manager as yet.
3. BMI/ASCAP
   1. Some original paperwork found, mainly bills (some for zero dollars. Presumption is we are billed quarterly but pay yearly).
   2. R Haney will contact BMI directly in February.

New Business
1. Election of Chair and Vice Chair (mandated by Constitution/By-Laws).
   1. Sadilek nominated as Chair. No other nominations made, so approved by acclaim.
   2. Hills nominated as Vice Chair. No other nominations made, so approved by acclaim.
2. Venues and Schedules
   1. The following was discussed prior to discussion of schedule, as R Haney (as Business Manager) indicated it would make scheduling go much more smoothly.
      1. Xavier
         1. R Haney was unable to meet with Mike Winker before meeting – delayed school days scuttled scheduled meetings. Will meet over this next week if possible.
      2. NCSML
         1. H Haney and R Haney scouted location and spoke directly to S Jacobmeyer of NCSML. This looks like it could work – Parks Department will check the location to make sure. “Amphitheatre” refers more to where the audience sits rather than the band. We would pull the shell up on the grass in front of it. Electricity is available. (See map.)
2. Parks Department will check to make sure parking the shell there will work.
3. Suggestion was to simply have the concerts at Sokol Park as usual. This will work for all parties involved.

3. New Bo/Freedom Festival
   1. Millar reports that FF has offered CRMB the mid-day slot on Saturday, 21 June at New Bo Market. They are having a “patriotic event”, retiring of a flag, and so forth. Downbeat is approximately at noon. After CRMB, they hope to have a military band play. (This may affect programming.) Quote from FF rep: “I hope nobody is offended that we do not have a slot for you to play on the 4th.” This is the only opportunity CRMB will have to be a featured band for FF.
   2. FF did agree to advertise for CRMB if we schedule a concert elsewhere during that time.
   3. H Haney and R S Haney scouted New Bo. They have a small, concrete stage/performance area that looks as if it will accommodate the band. (Did not measure the stage, but the normal footprint for the bandshell is 28x28 feet plus the space R Haney uses off to one side.) We are not aware of available electricity. At a noon concert on 21 June, the sun will be high in the sky, behind the second trombones relative to the conductor.
   4. Ellis Fireworks – possibility, but was unable to find a reliable contact for this. R Haney's personal contact was ill for a week, then on overseas travel.
   5. Amphitheatre – no concerts here. We did not receive the technical packet from Venuworks prior to the meeting, and do not have the bandwidth to work it out later this year.

2. Schedules
   1. Sample schedules were submitted by R Haney and Sadilek. Parameters:
      1. We'd like Noelridge on 9 July to coincide with a convention at a nearby hotel.
      2. Ushers Ferry, if June per tradition, will therefore have to be 25 June.
      3. There are several dates in play to tie to events at NCSML (Sokol Park area).
      4. There are several dates available to play in Manchester on a Saturday.
      5. Hooverfest would like us to play again on the first Saturday in August.
   2. Considerable discussion took place regarding the pros and cons of various venues in the last two years.
   3. Schedule was approved (see addendum at bottom of these minutes).
      1. Schedule is TENTATIVE and may change slightly as certain venues are confirmed to be available.
      2. These changes will pertain only to location. The dates and times are now considered set.
      3. R Haney will check on Xavier, Jefferson and Taft (Sams to assist with one).

3. Auditions
   1. H Haney prepared a chart showing spring break weeks and local and state contests.
   2. After discussion of the breaks, schedules of Commissioners and Director, auditions will take place on 21 March and 23 March. (Sams/Millard, passed without dissent.)
   3. R Haney will do the scheduling, Dohse will publicize with assistance from H Haney.

Meeting closed at 6:56 PM by Sadilek.

Addendum: Season Schedules
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Notes:
- Jefferson and Taft need to be confirmed as available.
- Need to confirm second Farmers Market
- Xavier is 90% sure, but needs to be confirmed.