
Attending:
- Commission: Sadilek, Hills, Cummings, R Haney, Millar, Sams, Sternowski
- Staff: Comer, Davies, H Haney, Klima
- Others: Doug Anderson, Doreen Anderson

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Sadilek.

Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Minutes of 18 January 2015 approved with no dissent.

Financial Report (approved by acclaim, no vote needed)
- Revenues
  - $48,494.71 in taxes as of end of December (49%).
  - $5,500 fee paid by Hoover Hometown Days
  - $1,425 from Musicians Performance Trust
  - Total is 55.6% of 2015 revenue budget. (Reminder: revenues and expenditures are two separate budgets.)
- Expenditures
  - $53,824.52 total as of end of December (56.5%).
    - Includes additional payments to musicians and staff for Hoover Hometown Days.
    - We have played five weeks of nine budgeted for FY2015, which is 55.5% of the season. Both revenues and expenses are tracking well.
- Account Balance
  - We have approximately $45,000 available to spend on things like bandshell repair and equipment trailer replacement. We should not spend more than half of that at most, as we need to retain “rainy day” money for emergencies.
- Comments
  - FY2016 will net us a bit more than $2,000 in additional tax revenue. R Haney will run scenarios to determine if we can afford a raise for musicians this year.

Old Business
- Equipment Trailer
  - Four bids received (included as attachments for discussion).
  - All four were in the $5,000 range, some over, some under.
  - Commission is free to award to the one that fits our needs, or to none.
  - Klima expressed concern about the width between wheel wells for those units that have internal wells. R Haney to ask Procurement about this. (All correspondence with the bidders is to go through Procurement for legal reasons.)
- Bandshell
  - Current Bandshell
    - The current bandshell is available for the 2015 season.
    - Repairs are already underway, as directed by Council/City Manager.
    - CRMB will pay half the repair cost, but no more than $6,000.
    - These repairs will get us two seasons at most.
  - Replacement Bandshell
    - Commission is instructed by Council/City Manager to take the lead on a capital campaign to acquire a new bandshell.
      - City will provide some support, but will not lead the effort.
• We are free to involve companies like Hall-Perrine, or community foundations, or the public...whatever is needed. We are required to lead the effort, but we're expected to get help.
• All donated money will go to Greater Cedar Rapids Community Foundation, which will then give a single donation to the city.
• The Commission and city leadership must determine before that time who “owns” the bandshell – Parks as with the old bandshell, or the Commission. This is important due to the Iowa Band Law's restrictions on the band levy.
  ▪ New shell will cost around $125,000.
  ▪ The lower figure discussed at previous meetings is for a “bare bones” model. A more typical model runs higher.
  ▪ Wenger no longer offers a “lease to own” program.
  ▪ Delivery costs should be factored in.

New Business
• Season Schedule
  ◦ Per last meeting, checked on playing in a pavilion. This is not an option, as picnic tables are being bolted to the floor.
  ◦ Commission voted against indoor concerts at Vets Memorial or Paramount.
    ▪ Note: Vets may be available as a “rain-out” venue. H Haney is pursuing.
  ◦ McGrath Amphitheater
    ▪ Commission wants to try two events (Wednesday and Sunday) to see how the venue works for the Band.
    ▪ Parks will ask Venuworks if a sound baffle can be erected behind the band.
• Audition Schedule
  ◦ Chart of spring breaks, events, and holidays was passed around for reference.
  ◦ We have known openings in tuba and bassoon, with a need for subs in sax and horn sections.
  ◦ Weekend of 27 March chosen for auditions. Commission will meet briefly prior.
  ◦ Commission may also meet in February to approve a bid for equipment trailer.

Meeting closed 8:28 PM.

Addendum: Tentative Schedule

JUNE
3 Noelridge
7 Ellis
10 New Bo (to be confirmed)
14 Bever
17 Washington High School
21 Ellis
24 Taft
28 Bever

JULY
1 McGrath
5 Ellis
8 Jefferson High School
12 Bever
15 Noelridge
19 Ellis
22 Bowman Woods/Chatham Park
26 McGrath
29 Sokol Park

AUGUST
2 Bever