\'edar Rapids Municipal Band Commission Meeting for 24 Jan 2016 at Marquis Hall, Coe College

Attending:
- Commission: Sadilek, Hills, Cummings, R Haney, Millar, Sams, Sternowski
- Staff: Comer, H Haney, Klima, Shanley
- Others: -none-

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Sadilek

Election of Chair and Vice-Chair of Commission
- Elections were not held this meeting. Moved to next.

Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Minutes of 20 September 2015 – passed by acclaim

Financial Report
- Budget 2015
  - Revenue
    - $107,552.03 (99% of budget). Discrepancies were late deposit of donation from Divine Engineering and lower than expected tax revenues.
  - Expenses
    - $97,022.58 (88% of budget). Discrepancies were from not purchasing an equipment trailer last year, and $541 that wound up charged to fiscal 2016. (See 2016 budget report below.)
- Budget 2016
  - Revenue
    - $53,200.34 as of end of December (51% of budget). This is typical for the year as tax revenues are normally due in September and March.
  - Expenses
    - $48,340.06 as of end of August. This is 47% of the annual budget, and is typical for that time of year.
      - 2016 budget has not been amended to include an equipment trailer.
      - 2016 budget has not been amended to cover bandshell donations (Commission approved doing so in 2015, but it’s not in this year’s budget).
    - $541 from 2015 budget ended up billed in 2016.
      - A reimbursement check for music purchased was inadvertently sent to publisher rather than Steve. Publisher returned check, but Finance did not inform us. By the time R Haney learned of the error and got the money to the correct person, the 2015 books were closed.

Old Business
- Equipment Trailer
  - Bid status
    - R Haney reviewed the various bids with all present.
    - Klima asked for further information concerning interior width, the rubber mat on the ramp door, and the jack. R Haney to pass questions through Fleet.
    - Commission selected the Wright Way bid, but formal approval is put off pending answers to questions from bidder.
- Bandshell Campaign
  - As of the end of December, total donations (from public, grants from GCRCF, Hall-Perrine, and Rotary) were $137,324. Check from Rotary has been cashed, check
from GCRCF will be sent shortly. Rotary will be negotiated and given to the city at some point, but this will be handled by Parks, not the Commission.

- Bandshell is ORDERED! Price not including delivery fee, rounded to nearest thousand, is $142,000.
- This leaves a difference of roughly $5000 (factoring in the delivery fee), leaving the Commission to cover $2500 or so. This will be included in the budget amendment in March.
- Parks will inform us when the bandshell is delivered so it can be greeted appropriately.

New Business
- Auditions
  - Auditions will be held 1-2 April (Friday evening and Saturday afternoon) at Washington High School.
  - Friday auditions to be preceded by a Commission meeting.
- 2016 Schedule
  - Greene Square is again available. Performance will be at “southwest” corner, near library and railroad tracks.
    - This is next to the electrical system, and creates the least concern for Parks and the bandshell. Parking spaces on the street will be reserved for the equipment trailer.
    - Other parts of the park might work, but there were concerns. But it is essentially where we played when the Farmers Market was in the park.
  - Noelridge Park is being renovated near the lagoon.
    - After some conversations between R Haney and Parks, they have agreed to postpone demolition of the parking lot and construction of the new playground until September! This means we can play this year in our customary location with minimal disruption.
    - The pavilion and restrooms, however, will be demolished before the season starts. There will be portable toilets in place. We are free to bring in additional units as needed (on our dime, of course).
    - 2017 will require that we move, probably near the current playground.
  - Season expected to start 6 June.
  - Hoover Hometown Days is off the schedule. The planning committee has decided to do something else. No reasons were given, but R Haney and the HHD contact do not think it was the price.
  - After considerable discussion, tentative schedule was set. R Haney to confirm venues and dates. Adjustments are possible over the next few weeks.
- Municipal Band Festival in Boone
  - Shanley asked if CRMB should play the festival.
  - Discussion involved these main points:
    - Musician pay for that event would need to be very much higher, given the distance and time involved. That money might be better spent on general raises in rates for the season.
    - Bus alone would be at least $1500.
    - H Haney reported that week would have more substitute players than usual due to absences for Iowa Ambassadors of Music Tour.
    - Commission indicated 3-2 that CRMB will not play the festival. (Note: this was an informal indication, not a formal vote. Per Constitution and by-laws, all formal votes are quorum votes. Measures must have at least four votes in favor regardless of the number of Commissioners present.)
- Marketing
Millar asked if money from reserves could be used on a marketing campaign for the band this year. Suggestions included TV, radio, schools, presentations at local clubs, and possibly small ensemble preludes in various locations.

Commission was largely agreeable to this. Possibilities will be explored before the next meeting.

Meeting closed 8:42 PM.