Cedar Rapids Municipal Band Commission Meeting for 29 October 2017 at Coe College

Attending:
- Commission: Sadilek, Hills, R Haney, Millar, Sams (joined in progress), Sternowski
- Staff: H Haney (joined in progress)
- Others: -none-

Meeting called to order at 7:02 PM by Sadilek

Minutes of Previous Meeting
- Result: Moved Sternowski, seconded Millar, passed unanimously.

Financial Report
- Budget 2017
  - Revenue (current budget $110,384.13)
    - Total revenue of $11384.49
      - $4024.49 tax revenue
      - $7360 in sponsorships
        - $5500 of this is the payment for Hoover. I’ve asked this to be moved to the “charges for services” category.
      - Tax revenue typical to end of September (the last report from City).
      - Sponsorship revenue inflated per comment above.
  - Expenditures (current budget $110,384.13)
    - Total expenditures $61,121.21 (primarily musician/staff pay)
    - This is higher than usual due to the pay for the Hoover event.

Old Business
- 2017 Season Reports
  - Business Manager
    - 20 concerts scheduled, including two Saturday events.
    - Three Wednesdays canceled prior to start due to weather.
    - Two Wednesdays canceled about 10 minutes in due to weather.
    - Two issues with venues to note:
      - Mix-up on toilets at Johnson…which ended 10 minutes in, so it didn’t matter.
      - Had to move from McGrath to Greene Square for week with jugglers. Concert canceled due to weather.
    - Only real issue with staff was our Banner/Dedication singer not showing up week 9.
    - New Bo worked well except for the heat. R Haney and Shanley think we should avoid morning concerts going forward. (Wouldn’t rule out a Wednesday evening at New Bo, if possible.)
  - Personnel Manager
    - Five musicians left the band prior to 2017 season.
      - Joanne Chadima (chair not filled to reduce section)
      - Larry Klima (deceased, chair not filled to reduce section)
      - Tony Mai (left for grad school, Hayley Graham hired)
      - Ann McClenathan (retired, chair not filled to reduce section)
• Percussion – slot empty in 2016, Christine Augspurger hired.

  ▪ Ten leaves of absence for season:
    • Shivhan Dohse (maternity)
    • Christine Burke
    • Beth Davies (maternity)
    • Dennis Hodge
    • Brian Crew
    • Caleb Lambert (played three weeks)
    • Lee Dytrt (medical leave)
    • Chris Bird – played several weeks, shared chair with Wiatt Cariveau
    • Alan Lawrence (short season due to death of mother)

  ▪ Full-time Members: 55
    • Played five weeks: 11 (minimum expectation)
    • Played six weeks: 15
    • Played seven weeks: 9
    • Played eight weeks: 11
    • Played nine weeks: 6 (maximum available)

  ▪ Absences:
    • Total Absences to be filled: 150 – 19 more than last year
    • Fewest subs needed in a week: 7 (Week 2) – 3 fewer subs needed than last year
    • Most subs needed in a week:
      o 23 (Week 7) – 2 more subs needed than last year (included Sat)
      o 22 (Week 9) which is usually the highest value
    • The recording session roster was independent of that week’s roster, which added an additional 55 slots to be filled, which brings the count to 205 for the season.
    • Tardiness / Unavoidable Absences:
      o Instances of docked pay due to tardiness: 0
      o Concert absences excused:
        ▪ Wes Anderson missed a week due to a Monday illness
        ▪ Bob Sadilek took pre-bereavement leave

  ▪ Remainder of report is included with agenda

New Business
  • 2018 Season Early Considerations
    o R Haney met with CR Parks staff to establish a bandshell location at Noelridge. Parks is fully considering band needs, and we’ve picked a decent spot on the new parking lot that should work well. (They are taking this seriously enough that they are removing a small tree to accomplish this.)
    o R Haney and H Haney scouted a number of potential locations to expand the band’s presence, particularly on the west side.
      ▪ Ample room for band at Lowe Park in Marion. Conductor Shanley would like to have a concert there with Marion band and prelude. Problems to solve include parking and access to stage by equipment trailer. R Haney will talk to Marion Parks about this.
• Sternowski shared his experiences with the venue and working with Marion Parks.
  ▪ Squaw Creek might work, but R Haney thinks that CR Parks will not want to pull the bandshell up the hill to the location. It’s a tricky drive.
  ▪ Seminole Valley Park might work. It’s certainly spacious, but lacks shade. Might make a good location for early/late season event when sun is not so bad. R Haney to talk to CR Parks.
  ▪ Sokol Park area still under construction (although the levy looks good). CR Parks says that Sokol will be a great place to play once they have their work done there. Again, considering CRMB needs.
  ▪ Not much luck with other venues. Need to recheck Ellis.
    o Millar suggested possibly being able to play indoors at Czech Village or CSPS sometime.
    o Independence Day
      ▪ This is on Wednesday this year. Shanley and R Haney think we should do a concert on that day, and to this end, R Haney has acquired Guthridge Park in Hiawatha. R Haney will also get that park for another event, possibly a Sunday.
      o No word from Hoover or anyone else about that.
      o R Haney will set up a couple of McGrath dates like last year. With luck, CRMB will not be asked to move again.
• Bandshell Esthetics
  o R Haney shared a suggestion from a long-time supporter that the back of the bandshell be painted, as white shirts on white walls tend to blend a bit.
  o Parks will not paint the bandshell because the white walls are there to reflect the lights…but then the question came up of how CRMB could use those.
  o The LARGE lights are 240V units, may not be 240 V available at all parks. R Haney will write to Parks about it.

Meeting closed at 7:54 PM by Sadilek.