

**ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: Room 323, McConnell Center
Meeting Date: 12-7-2020
Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Present: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake (via Zoom), Amanda Nelson (via Zoom), Rick Kincaid, Linnea Nemeth, Yulia Rothenberg (via Zoom), D'Artegnan Stein, Mike Lee, Dennis Shanahan, Julia Kirchmer, Nancy Vawter

Call to Order: 6:35

Citizens Forum

No citizens attended the meeting.

November Minutes

The date needs to be corrected. Linnea made a motion to accept the minutes as corrected and Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

Public Art and Landmarks Mapping

The feeling is that the list is pretty complete. We have 60 locations. Now we just need to start collecting the information behind each location. Yulia and Linnea are going to reach out to the Planning Commission to make sure they are collecting the right type of information.

DAC Logo

No changes have been made. Linnea updated our Facebook page with the new logo.

Marketing Plan

Nancy and Linnea are planning to meet soon to come up with a marketing plan. No new developments between this and last meeting.

2020 Grant Recipients Update

Jane forwarded the final report and video from Marielle to the DAC and Mike Gillis—he's going to do a press release and explore other ways we can share the video. We should make a video of every project that we do to have a visual record to share. Emily redid her informational video and is planning on doing a video of her reading her book. She is still awaiting confirmation as to whether she can get her book published. Jane is going to reach out to the Humanities Council to see if there is some money there to help Emily publish the book. The printing project at the Art Center is going well, however, the teen center was sending too many kids given the amount of space available. They are reevaluating how to keep the numbers down but address the clear interest among the kids.

Local Arts Organizations/Businesses Wellness Check Reports

Jane sent out a wellness check report of the various arts organizations in Dover. We should distill the main threads of the feedback and still hold a roundtable, particularly since we still cannot meet in person. It would be good to bring the groups together as everyone is on an "island". We need a strategy for next steps. The Zoom call should include a discussion on marketing/getting the word out/what is open/what can people do? The second discussion should be around finances. How can



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we tap into members of the population who have expendable income? We are looking at doing the forum in February.

Art Beat

Mike created an outline of the program after talking with Margaret, who is very interested. The Chamber suggested we do a Zoom meeting with their ambassadors. Cliff, Jane, Mike will work as a subcommittee to work out a process—best practices. We are only going to be a matchmaker between artists and the businesses.

Fall/Winter 2020 City Arts Grant Discussion

Jane checked in with Gary about doing ice sculptures at the ice arena, but he doesn't think it is going to work due to potential COVID spread. Maybe the library would be interested in doing something? Perhaps there is something we can do in the spring along the community trail—the new part of the trail is rather stark and might be a good place for a sculpture garden. Nancy volunteered herself and Cliff to work on this. Mike suggested that we prepare “spots” for sculpture that can be switched out and create a rotating show—the artists can apply for a spot.

New Business/Updates

Dennis said that they are trying to get the Governor to put his emergency orders back in place so we can meet via Zoom.

Rick made a motion to adjourn, and Yulia seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:49