

ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Room 323
 Meeting Date: 3-1-21
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Yulia Rothenberg, Jane Hamor, Linnea Nemeth, Mike Lee, Cliff Blake, Julia Kirchmer, Dennis Shanahan, Amanda Nelson

Absent: Nate Stewart (excused), Rick Kincaid(excused), Nancy Vawter (excused), D’Artagnan Stein (unexcused)

Guest: Gregory Hankinson

Call to Order: 6:34 This meeting was held virtually due to an emergency declared by board chair Jane Hamor. Linnea is in room 323 at the McConnell Center. Jane did a roll call of participants.

Citizens Forum

No citizens were present.

January Minutes / Feb Notes

When we postponed the last meeting, Jane was supposed to submit another agenda but did not know this. Therefore, our last meeting did not count as a proper meeting. Jane made a motion to approve January meeting minutes and Yulia seconded. Passed unanimously. Since February was not considered to be an official meeting, the minutes from that meeting are considered to be merely notes, therefore there was no vote on the notes as a vote on notes is not required.

Public Art and Landmarks Mapping

Linnea presented the proposal to the City Council and manager. Our next steps are a meeting with Chris Parker and Strafford County regional planning.

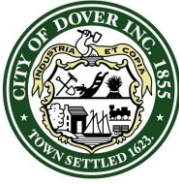
Marketing Plan/DAC Display

Linnea has the old suitcase, but all of the stuff in there has our old logo on it and so those materials won’t be useful for marketing purposes.

2020 Grant Recipients Update

Jane has spoken with Steve Pappajohn, who sent more students down in the beginning of 2021. He also sent artwork to Rebecca to frame for display. Jane also circled back with Emily regarding the book. Jane asked her to submit a budget on what she’s spent so far. Jane told her not to bother with doing a recording of her reading the book, with the hope we can get back to some of the original events planned before Covid.

Local Arts Organizations/Businesses Wellness Plan



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Julia is a little behind on the project. She asked everyone to please send her the contact information for the organizations individual members reached out to.

Art Beat Project

Jane met with the ambassadors from the Chamber and made sure they all had copies of the proposal. One of the ambassadors recommending making a video of the artist and the business. They also recommended that we reach out to the restaurants—that there is a group communication among the restaurants, but we don't know who the point person is. Jane and Cliff are going to do some research. Jane made a motion to appropriate a \$100 stipend (a total of \$200) for each artist who participates in the pilot program, said stipend payable to the artist upon the signing of a contract between the artist and business. Linnea seconded. Passed unanimously.

Fall/Winter 2020 City Arts Grant Discussion

Last meeting, we discussed appropriating money to encourage artists to do a winter public art project. We are into 2021 at this point so more likely a spring project. Yulia said that there are several discussions amongst community groups about projects on the community trail.

Community Trail

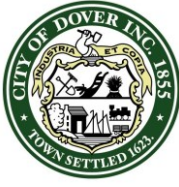
Cliff and Nancy met to discuss the trail. Cliff has been able to get in touch with various city officials about public art installations. The trails are not lit and only open during the day, so any installation would need to be grounded and built to withstand vandalism. City officials have been very open to public art and are willing to work with the Arts Commission. Yulia, Cliff, and Nancy will come up with a framework for an RFP. The third phase needs an overall plan—including potentially decorative trash cans or dog waste disposal containers. Perhaps we can get the high school kids to decorate the trash barrels.

Welcome to Dover Mural

Linnea and Jane met with the developer and the artist-Northeast Color-to discuss the location and the proposed artwork. The buildings are located on Chestnut and Grove Streets. The building is scheduled to be completed in spring 2022. They also went over community feedback regarding the city and aesthetics. They are developing concepts and will bring them back to the city and DAC. Dennis suggested that we formalize our feedback in writing, whether an email or letter.

DAC Logo

We are working to get it on as many materials as possible.



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Ninja Turtle Ideas

Amanda, Linnea, and Jane met with James Lane via Zoom. Lane emailed Jane about making a Ninja Turtle plaque on Union Street. He will write up a proposal and send it to Jane.

Skatepark Status

Linnea didn't have any updates. There is no timeline on the skate park. The financing is in place, but the final plans have been delayed due to Covid. There has been some sitework done. Cliff will follow up on the graffiti wall.

Master Plan Goals - 2021

Performing Arts Space in HS

- i. Jane is going to reach out again to coordinate a committee to create a use policy.

Waterfront Park

- ii. They are trying to get a meeting together in the spring. Cliff, Nancy and Linnea are working on a public art presentation for the summer. The project is in a very preliminary phase 1.

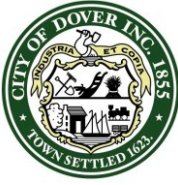
New Business/Updates

Cocheco Café is looking for someone to paint the fence outside—the tenant has the permission of the landlord. They don't have any money for an artist, but Margaret at the Chamber agrees that it would be nice or it to be painted. Mike pointed out we need to figure out how to be facilitators between the artists and the businesses and what resources we can leverage.

Linnea went to the last meeting of the 400th committee and shared the Cocheco Mills project. They were also discussing lamppost banners as a fundraising concept—geared towards businesses but also an opportunity for artwork. Yulia suggested that we try to incorporate the icons we created several years ago.

7:53-7:55 recording disrupted due to dropped internet connection at the McConnell Center.

Jane has gotten some good information from the Chamber regarding our nomination to the Governor's Arts Award. The State Arts Council has clarified the type of info that they are looking for a city-based award so places like the Strand or Woodman wouldn't count.

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Yulia and Malone discussed the yarn “bombing”. They think it will be better if they did it next winter not only for the color but also taking into account the amount of time to organize. Malone and Yulia are putting together a proposal.

Yulia made a motion to adjourn, Linnea seconded.

Adjourned: 8:02