**ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center Room 323
Meeting Date: 4-5-21
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Cliff Blake, Yulia Rothenberg, Linnea Nemeth, Jane Hamor, Rick Kincaid, Amanda Nelson, Nancy Vawter, D'Artagnan Stein, Dennis Shanahan, Nate Stewart, Julia Kirchmer

Absent: Mike Lee (excused)

Call to Order: 6:40

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.

March minutes

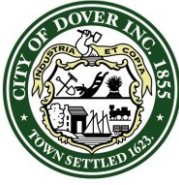
Cliff made a motion to accept the minutes and Linnea seconded. Passed unanimously.

Public Art and Landmarks Mapping

Linnea has been working with the City Planning Dept. and Strafford County Regional Planning. They discussed using the information they've gathered to create a map of public art and other sites in Dover. Strafford County is very interested in this project as they want to use it as a model not only for towns in Strafford County but at the state level. They are hoping to roll this out in the summer. Planning and Strafford County will be responsible for updating the information, we would merely act as a conduit for that information.

2020 Grant Recipients Update

Jane is still following up with the recipients. Emily has been working with the University of Guam. There is an artist who is working on her images, so the first publication will include Emily's images, and the second publication will include images from the new artist. We're hoping to have her books at Apple Harvest Day. Although the project has been delayed due to Covid, our original plans will come to fruition as the pandemic subsides. Jane also reached out to the Art Center and they are still doing the print workshop for the teens. They should have matted artwork within the week, and Jane is going to put it in our case at City Hall. We will create a power point presentation to showcase the projects that the DAC has been working on throughout the pandemic. Linnea suggested creating a template that we can easily update. Nancy and Linnea will come up with a template.



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Local Arts Organizations/Businesses Wellness Plan

Julia is still trying to catch up between work and life in general. Rick volunteered to help Julia. We are circling back to where we started before the pandemic—i.e., how can we collaborate?

Art Beat Project

Jane has given the Chamber letters to distribute to businesses. We already have Dupont's Auto Service signed up. Jane has two artists that are interested and have uploaded their information. Jane spoke with Dan Baraufaldi who said that there is a push to build the Dover restaurant organization. Jane also spoke with Rebecca Proctor who suggested the idea that all organizations have an art "weekend" where everyone promotes their art exhibits. This could perhaps take the place of the art walk and take place 4 times a year. This might be a good opportunity to get the restaurants involved. Cliff will bring up the idea at the Stakeholder's Meeting, presenting it as an economic driver.

Community Trail

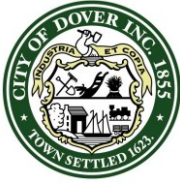
Yulia put together an amazing power point presentation about the future of the community trail. Cliff has been speaking with Donna Denton about various public art ideas. For example, there is a type of paint that only shows up when it rains. We could have a set of stencils that use this paint, and artwork suddenly shows up. The painted garbage can idea is very important. Littering is a major issue. Donna suggested we come up with a 3-5 year plan about creating art, perhaps with the title of "Art Along the Way". There are a lot of organizations that are interested in not only working on the Community Trail but the downtown. Cliff suggested getting the heads of the various organizations together to start a discussion.

Ninja Turtle Ideas

Nate spoke with the owner of a new comic bookstore (Khaotic Comics) coming into town, and they expressed interest in helping us spearhead a comic book day. We need to have the city attorney send a letter as Viacom has not been responsive.

Waterfront Park

Linnea, Cliff, and Nancy met to discuss the template and to pull ideas together to have a presentation ready for May.



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No updates.

Master Plan Goals - 2021

Performing Arts Space in HS

The schools are still trying to get back to normal. Jane will keep in touch with them.

Skatepark Status

The location has been changed—slightly. It's all very preliminary. Will there be a tagging wall? Can we use the other side of the ramps for artwork/tagging? Concrete is very environmentally unfriendly so we don't want to create a wall for the sake of having a wall. Wooden? Recycled materials?

New Business/Updates – Governors Award in the Arts

Jane is pulling info together for the Governor's Award nomination. In 2018-2019 we actually fulfilled our goal to include artwork in new buildings.

Former commission member Jaime Clavet sent out information about a student of hers who wants to do a performance in Henry Law Park. Jane asked him to write up a proposal.

Yulia made a motion to adjourn, Nancy seconded.

Adjourned: 8:17.