

**ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES**

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Virtual Due to Declared State of Emergency  
Meeting Date: 1-4-21  
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Absent: Nancy Vawter (excused)

Call to Order: 6:35 This meeting was held virtually due to an emergency declared by board chair Jane Hamor.

#### New Member Introduction / Citizens Forum

No citizens were present.

#### December Minutes

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

#### Public Art and Landmarks Mapping

Linnea and Yulia met and went over the format and how they will touch base with Planning. They created a short power point presentation to share with other city commissions to explain what we are proposing and to see if they have information to add or want to participate.

#### DAC Logo

Mike has not done any work on the logo but plans to work on it within the next month.

#### Marketing Plan

Nancy and Linnea met and went over the layout of our Google docs and how a marketing plan/project management plan might fit into the framework of our Google docs.

#### 2020 Grant Recipients Update

Jane sent out Marielle's info, including pictures and the video she made and a supply list of the project kits. We should reach out to the 400<sup>th</sup> Committee to see if they want to incorporate her project into their planned events. She had made over 60 kits and they were gone within a matter of days so clearly there is interest in the community. Jane reached out to Mike Gillis about the water rising project, but it has been delayed due to COVID. He will go back and finish it up as soon as possible. Jane reached out to the print-making project asking for some photos of the kids and to see if we could share some of the artwork in city hall but hasn't heard back yet. For Emily, Jane reached out to the Humanities Council and was told Emily didn't qualify for funding because they only fund nonprofits. Perhaps the city can write the grant on her behalf. Jane will continue to look for funding options.



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## Local Arts Organizations/Businesses Wellness Plan

Jane reached out to Mike Gillis who gave her the name of a group in Dover who could help facilitate a conversation about marketing and fundraising for our arts organizations. Cliff spoke with Lisa Burke McCoy about what sort of options were available. The State Council on the Arts is trying to convene conversations once a month to discuss arts issues in various industries. They are interested in perhaps starting Zoom meetings for city and town art commissions/councils. They have a team working on the Save Our Stages money, but they don't have many details yet as to the requirements. We still want to move forward with having the arts organizations in Dover be able to come together and discuss issues, even post-COVID. We should reach out to Dover Listens to facilitate. Julia will reach back out to Steve at Dover Listens about setting up a date in February.

## Art Beat Project

Jane reached out to the Chamber and sent them our ideas. They came back with some specifics about what the Chamber can and cannot do. Mike, Jane and Julia will discuss the issues and get back to them about moving forward. Mike suggested we use some of our budget to create an incentive for location to host an artist—say a small payment. Amanda suggested that we ask the locations what types of works that they are interested in to help the artists narrow down who they might want to approach.

## Community Trail

Linnea reached out to Donna in Planning about some of our ideas regarding public art. She is very interested and wants us to give her a proposal. Cliff suggested that we reach out to Gary in Rec and the Community Trail committee.

## Fall/Winter 2020 City Arts Grant Discussion

Discussion regarding funding for the community trail, a stipend for artists. Other thoughts?

## Waterfront Park

There has been some movement on the final approval of the buildings. Phase 1 (Henry Law, Skate Park) has been through initial site review. Getting permits from the state has slowed the project down. The design of the skate park has been delegated to a company that specializes in skate parks, but there has been no discussion about artwork.

## New Business/Updates



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Nate proposed a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles retrospective, possibly for the 400<sup>th</sup>. This will be a new agenda point for next meeting. Nate is going to do some research.

*Recorder is missing time from 7:39-7:41 due to Linnea being dropped from the Zoom call.*

Planning has been having a conversation with a building developer regarding a “welcome to Dover” mural/artwork.

The Music Hall put on the Nutcracker and had many new practices regarding how to have a live audience during a pandemic. This might serve as a model for other venues.

The 400<sup>th</sup> commission has put out some of their first virtual events.

Yulia made a motion to adjourn and D’Artagnan seconded. The chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:20.