

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center Room 323
Meeting Date: 6-7-21
Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Present: Linnea Nemeth, Amanda Nelson, Nancy Vawter, Cliff Blake, Dennis Shanahan, Jane Hamor, Nate Stewart, Mike Lee (via telephone)

Absent: Yulia Rothenberg (excused), Julia Kirchmer (excused), Rick Kincaid (excused), D'Artangan Stein (unexcused)

Guest: James Lane

Call to Order: 6:34

This meeting was a hybrid meeting of in-person and virtual due to an emergency declared by board chair Jane Hamor. Jane did a roll call of present members.

Citizens Forum

James Lane—TMNT

Dennis has gotten an email from city attorney Josh Wyatt who talked to a commercial licensing person at Viacom. They said they wanted \$25,000 in licensing fees. Wyatt is trying to get a royalty free license. James wants to get artists to create the work (fan art) and suggested we work through Eastman and Laird at Mirage Studios. James would like to do a presentation to City Council to get their blessing. We will need a robust city resolution. James will reach out to Eastman and Laird. People from the 400th commission are interested in doing something Ninja Turtle related. Linnea has been in contact with them to let them know the DAC has been working on this. Cliff made a motion to move forward with the TMNT historic market project, and Nancy seconded. Passed unanimously.

May Minutes

Linnea made a motion to approve the minutes and Jane seconded. Passed unanimously.

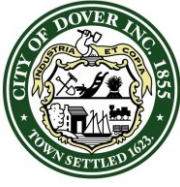
Public Art and Landmarks Mapping

The project is live but hasn't been launched—Strafford Planning has a couple of things they want to add. They also want to do a proper press release.

2020 Grant Recipients Update

The print project has been finalized and there is an exhibit down at city hall. The remaining event is Apple Harvest Day when Emily will have her books for sale. This agenda item is going to change to Apple Harvest Day to discuss the upcoming event. Jane is going to reach out to Gary and see if we can get our own table.

Local Arts Organizations/Businesses Wellness Plan



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Jane has not heard from Julia or Rick. We may need to reassign the project. Do we want to go back to our original idea of a roundtable? We don't need Dover Listens anymore. Go simple, and just have a discussion. We will hold two roundtable sessions to make sure we can catch all interested parties and to make it as easy as possible: July 12 (12:30-1:30) and 21st (4-5pm) in the McConnell cafeteria. Linnea is going to set up a template email. The Sassy Biscuit reached out to the DAC and wants to get involved with the community.

Art Beat Project

We have 3 artists who were all assigned a business. The businesses are happy with the artists they have been assigned. Jane is going to check that everyone has submitted their paperwork to get their vendor number. Once the work is up we will do a press release. Once everything is up and done, we need to start focusing on our artist roster.

Community Trail

Cliff sent the power point presentation to Reid Weston. They are planning to install the solar system soon. We hope that a representative from the planning board will start attending our meetings.

Waterfront Park

Linnea is going to attend the June 15th meeting to give the presentation. The meeting will be held in room 305 of the McConnell Center @6pm.

Marketing Plan/DAC Display

No updates. We need to discuss what we want on our table for Apple Harvest Day. We need better visuals for our display case. Linnea and Mike will work on some materials.

Master Plan Goals - 2021

Performing Arts Space in HS

Jane has not been in touch with the schools as they are still trying to get back to normal.

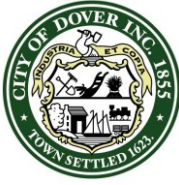
Skatepark Status

Tabled.

New Business/Updates

Ro Gavin has decided to postpone their project until 2022.

Jane made a motion to take our remaining balance of \$4601 and transfer it to the DAC account and Nate seconded. Passed unanimously. We need to have a discussion about what it is we want to do



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with the money in our account. We should set up a strategic retreat that is devoted to creating a budget and upcoming projects.

Nancy asked if we could come up an orientation document for new DAC members.

Lisa Burke McCoy informed us that there are grants coming up to apply for in July.

Visual Arts Showcase—the Chamber is doing it again this year for Sat July 31st for the Cochecho Arts Festival. No fee for artists to attend but they need a firm commitment from the artists.

There is now a Facebook group for all of the Arts Commission groups across the state. It is designed to help the various commissions network, communicate, brainstorm, see what others are doing, etc. so we can share. Linnea is going to share the link.

There is an ad hoc committee forming regarding graffiti management. Linnea, Nate, and D'Artagnan are joining the committee.

Linnea spoke with Director Storer about painting the traffic light boxes that the city owns and they are open to the traffic light boxes being painted.

The old Fosters building now has a 400th logo on it (not the one the committee is using). It provides an excellent example of a successful mural.

Jane directed the meeting to be adjourned. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55.