

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Room 323
 Meeting Date: 10-4-21
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Linnea Nemeth, Jane Hamor, Nate Stewart, Cliff Blake, Julia Kirchmer, Rick Kincaid, Nancy Vawter

Absent: Mike Lee, Dennis Shanahan (Amanda and Mike excused), D'Artagnan (unexcused),

Call to order 6:33pm.

1. Citizens Forum

Ryan Fallon brought Quintin Stockwell from Port Lighting systems. They have a theatrical specialty throughout New England, arenas, schools, architectural. TD Garden, Memorial Bridge. Lynn Beyond Walls, was a dark space, now lit & colorful. <https://www.beyond-walls.org/lynnlights>
 For Dover: Falls, Smokestack, or bridges are suggested sites.

Who pays? Property owner, city. We will pass along this information to the appropriate parties.

2. City Staff Liaison Introduction - Jackson Kaspari, Planning

Jackson is Resilience Coordinator, will facilitate communications between city and Arts Commission.

3. September Minutes

Rick moves to approve, Yulia seconds. Unanimously approved.

4. Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity Survey - Jackson/Cliff/Linnea

Overview/Point Person: Jackson will serve as a contact between DAC and AFTA. We are participating in data collection project. Contract was submitted Friday, October 1, will be contracted through July 21, 2023. Breaking the contract is cost prohibitive for DAC.

Goal: Putting economic data to what the arts commission contributes to Dover. Data goes to AFTA.

Operational Process Overview: Will be sending out digital survey to key organizations in the city. Paper surveys must be distributed to attendees immediately after an event. 50 surveys for one event, over 16 events (800 total). Will need to assign point person to distribute. Only Dover events.

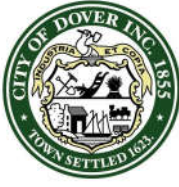
Time Investment: 27 hours over 2022 for DAC + community partners will be required to facilitate survey. 8 hours of follow-up on surveys.

Next steps: Give orgs a heads up. Meeting with community organizations after Jan. 1 2022 to prep them for the year's ask.

5. Art Beat Project – Jane/Mike/Julia

Continuing to distribute the submission form. Jane to reach out to Reid to connect on this opportunity. Continue to recruit more businesses.

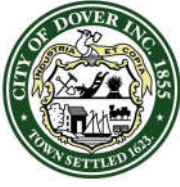
6. Ongoing Public Art Projects



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- a. Waterfront Development - Linnea/Cliff
 Linnea & Cliff met with Cathartis. Spoke about points of interest for artwork. Pump station. Overlook area. Parking structure.
Next steps: To pinpoint what we want and where. Target by March 2022 for this proposal. Jackson can help share our ideas with city, to Steve and Rob. Important to pay attention to infrastructure such as lighting at this time so that we DO have the opportunity to implement our art ideas later.
- b. Community Trail - Cliff/Nancy/Yulia
 Jackson: Sewer covers were painted and graffiti has been covered.
Next steps: Jackson to pass on to Donna that we would like feedback / if they need help concerning trail art projects.
- c. The Station/Welcome to Dover Mural – Jane
 Linnea/Jane – haven't spoken with them in a long time. Keep on list to follow up.
- d. Ninja Turtles Marker – Dennis
 Latest news still that proposal was sent to Viacom.
7. Unfinished Business
 - a. Public Art & Landmarks Mapping – Linnea
 Our link is active! Our participation could be a catalyst for more participation.
Next steps: Let's all go to map and fill in any missing images. Then we will produce a press release.
 - b. Marketing Plan - Linnea/Nancy/Nate
 Apple Harvest Day went well, **a subgroup will meet.**
 - c. Local Arts Organizations Forum
 No new news.
 - d. Governor's Award for the Arts - Linnea/Mike
 Cara needs more information on the event. Award is 26th October. Commission approves November 4th 5:30-7pm. **Check with Cara.**
8. New Business
 - a. Fish Ladder Park
 Found some artifacts during construction from mills.
 - b. Strafford Courthouse
 Chinberg, will need to do some public art component.
 - c. Fall Visioning Session on 11/8
 4:30 – 7pm in Library. Get materials together ahead of time to refresh our memories.
 Set agenda for 2-5 years of prioritized projects/initiatives.
9. Commission Matters of Interest/Updates

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Nancy: Instead of partnering with Community Trail, could we go ahead and buy the Rain Paint and do a project with middle school, select a space for them to use?

Rick: Proposal to use funds to purchase a tent. Better sign. Or branded tent. Emily did awesome.

Jane: Election of officers at December meeting. Linnea running for City Council! Will need a Vice-Chair. Amanda resigning, will need a secretary. 2 vacancies coming up.

7:58pm Yulia motions to adjourn. Nate seconds. Unanimously moved.