

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, December 6, 2021
Meeting Time: 6:30 PM

Call to order 6:33 pm.

Present: Jane Hamor (Chair), Linnea Nemeth (Vice Chair), Nate Stewart, Cliff Blake, Julia Kirchmer, Richard Kincaid, Nancy Vawter, Yulia Rothenberg, Mike Lee, D'Artegnan Stein, Dennis Shanahan

Staff Present: Jackson Kaspari

Absent: Nate Stewart (unexcused)

1. Citizens Forum

Paul Goodwin from Chinberg introduced Caroline Parent who makes illuminated totems. The totem would be located at the Second Street entrance.

J. Hamor: appreciate the scale for the rendering. How would concrete be poured for this?

Goodwin: better to overengineer and will ensure drainage is appropriate.

C. Blake: how is the totem lit?

C. Parent: totem is lit from within.

J. Hamor: how long will the project take?

P. Goodwin: about 16 months start to finish.

P. Goodwin: security cameras will help prevent against vandalism.

D. Shanahan: will seasons be the theme for these?

C. Parent: yes.

Discussion ensued.

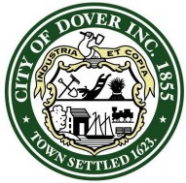
2. Minutes

C. Blake moved to approve regular meeting minutes with two minor amendments. Y. Rothenberg seconded.

Vote: U/A

J. Kirchmer: moved to approve special meeting minutes with two amendments. C. Blake seconded.

Vote: U/A



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N. Vawter made a motion to endorse the totem. D. Stein seconded.
Vote: U/A.

3. Election of Officers

This was tabled until the January meeting.

4. Americans for the Arts Survey Update – Jackson

J. Kaspari: no update at this time. Waiting for welcome packet in February.

5. Art Beat Project – Jane/Mike/Julia

J. Hamor: heard from 5 businesses. Going to follow up. Almost everyone got their first choice. The contract was revised to say that the business is responsible for \$100. Going very well overall.

6. Ongoing Public Art Projections

a. Waterfront Development - Linnea/Cliff

D. Stein: November meeting was focused mostly on river access.

L. Nemeth: working on a strategic plan for the waterfront project. Going to reach out to J. Kaspari for advice on formatting.

b. Community Trail - Cliff/Nancy/Yulia

C. Blake: going to follow up with Donna Benton regarding the names of members on the CTC.

7. Unfinished Business

a. Public Art & Landmarks Mapping – Linnea

Y. Rothenberg asked some clarifying questions and going to take pictures at different sites of interest.

Y. Rothenberg: spoke with Jackson Rand about integrating pictures into the GIS application. Idea is that when the screen is open you can see the picture and the name which will be standardized. What should the opening page picture be?

J. Hamor: should likely be the mural at Henry Law Park.

Y. Rothenberg: we need a way to make sure this database is maintained.

J. Hamor: we can add an agenda item for this as a reminder. Quarterly review should be sufficient



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b. Ninja Turtles Marker – Dennis

J. Hamor: there was a suggestion to tweet the parent companies and tag the creators to help evoke a response.

D. Shanahan: sees no issue with a private citizen taking this on. The City Attorney has been reaching out to their licensing manager. Issue is likely that the company will not make a profit off of this.

Discussion ensued.

c. Marketing Plan – Linnea/Nancy/Nate

No update.

8. Fall Visioning Session / Planning & Implementation

J. Hamor: need to establish committees for the strategic plan.

Y. Rothenberg made a motion to set aside \$3,000 of the budget for art on the Community Trail.

C. Blake seconds.

Vote: U/A.

L. Nemeth: waterfront art won't be in time for the 400th anniversary. This piece does not need to be on the waterfront.

C. Blake: developer needs to have a better idea for the arts projects by April.

L. Nemeth: need to work with Planning and the Recreation Department to identify areas for this.

D. Shanahan: this will start and end with the Planning Department when it comes time for review.

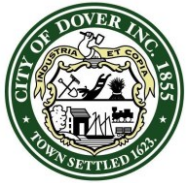
J. Kaspari: will organize a meeting between Planning and Recreation to narrow down locations and size restrictions for the Henry Law 400th piece.

J. Hamor proposed some ideas regarding the amount of money to ask for.

D. Shanahan: need a very concrete plan to justify the amount.

M. Lee: going to use experience to put together an example via a white paper.

L. Nemeth was excused at 7:53 pm.



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The discussion switched to focus to the Highschool Theater.

C. Blake: something needs to be done to accommodate the front of house. Cabling is needed as well as a place for a mixing board.

The discussion switched to focus to Literary Laureate.

C. Blake: for the Literary Laurate project, need to decide on the projects sometimes soon March maybe April of 2022. Denise Defrance very excited about this project. Library will have to be emptied. July 1st start date? May have to extend the deadlines for applications. The Library project is likely a year out.

J. Hamor: how much do you think the Library Staff could take on?

C. Blake: The Library can take this on to some extent but the Commission would have to be the lead. May need to extend the deadline until March 31st.

Y. Rothenberg: how frequent is this conducted?

J. Hamor: once every two years.

The discussion switched to focus to the Graffiti Wall.

J. Hamor: green shed along the community trail may be a good place.

D. Shanahan: mentioned the graffiti committee that was recently formed and listed the members.

The discussion switched to focus to the Skate Park.

J. Kaspari: somewhat involved due to potential for solar lighting. Will need to follow up with Gary Bannon about an art plan.

J. Hamor: Maybe could have someone paint the picknick tables?

9. Pending projects

- a. The Station/Welcome to Dover Mural
No Update
- b. Fish Ladder Park
D. Shanahan: park belongs to the City. Potential for landscaping donations but no details yet for art. Will reach out to Chris Parker for more information.



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10. Commission Matters of Interest/Update

None.

11. Adjourn:

Y. Rothenberg motions to adjourn. N. Vawter seconded.

Vote: U/A

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 pm.