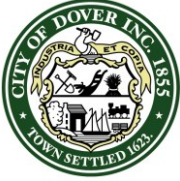


CITY OF DOVER

GRAFFITI MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: **Regular Meeting**
Meeting Location: **City Council Conference Room, City Hall**
Meeting Date: **Monday, April 25, 2022**
Meeting Time: **6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
 1. Rick called the meeting to order at 6:00pm
2. Roll Call
 1. Rick Mikulis, Chair
 2. Bobbie Glidden
 3. Martin Coyle
 4. Darren Tapp
 5. Alex Mitrushi, DPD Liaison
 6. Inge Houck
 7. Erinn Kaspari, Dover Planning
3. Public Forum
 1. No speakers
4. Review of Minutes from February 28, 2022
 1. February minutes approved with one small edit- Horrorville changed to Pottersville.
5. Unfinished Business
 1. Rick Mikulis distributed and reviewed proposed operating rules for the committee to consider.
 2. Martin Coyle moved to accept the rules.
 3. Darren Tapp seconds
 4. The rules were accepted by voice vote.
6. New Business
 1. Alex Mitrushi presented on what other towns and cities were doing to address graffiti. Several cities use public private partnerships. South Portland uses a landscaping company to help remove graffiti. Some cities have spaces set aside for art. Business could opt into an art program. The business owner would then work with an artist to identify a mural appropriate for the location.
 2. Inge Houck brought up a bolder that was nicknamed "bottle magnet". One day her husband buried the boulder and there wasn't any more broken glass.
 3. Martin brought up the difference between street art and graffiti. Martin suggest that some space could be set aside for street art. Such a space would be available for artists to express themselves in a less structured environment than painting a mural. Martin suggested that artists could enjoy providing street art, and be less inclined to produce graffiti/vandalism. Martin brought up graffiti alley in Boston as an example.



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4. The arts commission might have a location in mind. It's expected there will be a place for street art at the new skate park.
5. Bobbie Glidden suggest that a group of youth could create some murals. Maybe guidance counselors could identify youth that could use an expressive outlet.
6. Martin suggested that artists could create NFTs for their art.
7. Alex informed the committee of art competitions in Toronto. For example, one contest involved painting utility boxes.
8. A question about the difference between street art and graffiti was placed to the committee. The terms muralist and graffiti artist would suggested. A distinction was made that most graffiti in Dover could be classified as tagging.
9. Generally, cities don't have enough resources to clean up graffiti. Private partnerships provide those extra resources to clean up graffiti.
10. Martin is going to present on Bolder CO where there is an 80ft. wall that people put art on.
11. The arts commission is planning to have a street art location.
12. Darren brought up how bridges in Santa-Fe have some tile work done relevant to the area. He also noticed less graffiti compared to Dover in Hilton Head SC.
13. Could protective paint reduce labor needs of graffiti clean-up?
14. Cleanup team proposal subcommittee was established. One task would be to put together a handbook that details how graffiti could be dealt with in several situations.
15. Darren moved that Rick, Patrick, Alex will determine membership of this subcommittee.
16. Martin seconded
17. Motioned carried
18. This subcommittee is tasked with
 1. * Estimating resource needs
 2. * explore strategic partnerships
 3. * other items related to graffiti cleanup
19. A proposed schedule was reviewed for the committee's two year commission.
20. A proposed schedule for establishing subcommittees was discussed.
Alex, Rick