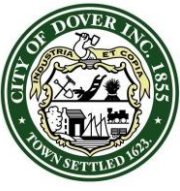


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Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Nancy Vawter, Mike Lee, Julia Kirchmer, Caitlin Little, Yulia Rothenberg, Kim Hanson, Nate Stewart, and D'Artagnan Stein

Other: Donna Benton, AICP Director of Planning and Community Development; Linnea Nemeth, City Council Liaison; and guests: Lina Shayo, Timothy Mainella, and Kathleen Blake from the Committee for Racial Equity and Inclusion

Meeting called to order by Jane Hamor at 6:32 pm.

1. Citizens Forum – None.

2. Presentation - Racial Equity and Inclusion Committee

Presented a suggestion for a permanent marker stating the land acknowledgment already approved by the City Council. This marker should be in a place where it would be most visible to public and to be created by an indigenous artist, preferably from this region.

DAC suggested that it could be a larger endeavor than just a stone with the land acknowledgment words carved. Kathleen said they have a curriculum about indigenous history which could and should accompany this marker. General discussion ensued during which it was suggested that it should be something that ignites discussion, curiosity, and furthers conversation about history. It could be part of the 400th events with the understanding that it is not part of colonial history but predates it by thousands of years.

Takeaways: DAC would be happy to support the writing of the RFP and distributing it to local art organizations.

Nate suggested that we should start our meetings with the acknowledging the debt we owe to indigenous people for our region. N. Stewart motioned to approve. C. Little seconded. Vote: U/A.

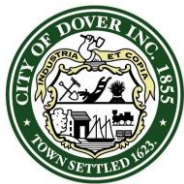
3. Approval of May Minutes

N. Vawter motioned to approve. K. Hanson seconded. Vote: U/A.

4. Project Updates

- a. **Teen Center Mural** – Cliff and Kim: the mural is up at the High School. It's wonderful and the HS now has 75 mental health student reps. It has been a tremendous success. Also students have volunteered to be guides for the 99 faces of mental health during its stay in HN, before it goes to Yale. It will be here until August, 2022.
- b. **Graffiti Committee** – Nate was not able to attend the last meeting. Next one June 27th. Linnea was there and they talked about setting some parameters for how to open the 'tag wall' for public art. The building which has been identified is on the Community Trail, it's privately owned and the owners have given permission to have the wall used for that purpose after easement has been granted. Now it's a question of identifying how to make it work logistically as a program
- c. **400th Committee** – Cliff: draft for the RFP for the art installation at the future riverfront park is ready and will go to the exec committee next meeting. The budget for the installation is \$100-120K and the budget for the requests for proposal for the artist to create a proposal is ~\$5K. Approximately \$500. per artist, if ten apply. Request to have a list of places where to send the RFP to get a good sample of proposals. Jane suggested NH Council for the Arts monthly newsletter. DAC members volunteered to call artists directly for submissions. The goal is not to have the final installation but to unveil the concept during the 2023 400th celebrations.
- d. **Waterfront Committee** – Should think of a name for the park. We keep calling it the waterfront park.

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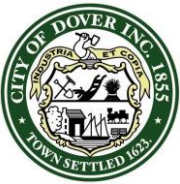
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- e. **HS Theatre** – Kim: Met with Harbron and administration and they empowered DAC and the HS team to work on the process for how to proceed with making the auditorium part of the community effort. There will be a committee to work on the process. First group will be DPMC – Dover Parents Music Committee[?].
 - f. **Community Trail** – Cliff: Identified 4th street trail head as the location for the art installation. RFP is complete using city boilerplate. No specifics have been identified yet, some money will be available from DAC funds.
 - g. **Art Beat** – Julia: There are currently 5 artists and 5 businesses, including Chamber, which are interested in having exhibits and willing to pay the installation fee. The project is working. Leddy Group will continue with the current artist until September.
 - h. **Federal Earmark** – Nancy received info from Chris Pappas about possible earmarks for art projects. D'Artagnan did some research into it but did not bring the information to this meeting. Nancy will follow up for next meeting.
 - i. **Skateboard Park** - Donna: the proposal is coming back for another TRC review to the Planning Board. It includes a wall for art. The goal is to have it built by 2023. Gary B. will keep us in the loop.
 - j. **Welcome to Dover Mural** – no news on this. It is a very future project.
 - k. **Ninja Turtles** – Union Street is the location. James Lane has the first round of artwork to be used as the manhole cover. In touch with John Storer for any technical issues with installation and needs for the cover. ~ 2023. Should this be aligned with something for 400th? James is happy to plan the unveiling but does not want to be the center of attention. Concerns with the art being in the middle of the street – danger to kids? Mike Lee brought up a suggestion that it could be amazing to have the turtles in costume emerge from the man hole during the unveiling. Merits future discussions.
 - l. **Keep Dover Wild** – Caitlin: the project was very successful in bringing art to main street and engaging the public and the businesses. There have been several requests from businesses for additional art work at their location. Suggestion to roll this into the current Art Beat program and have businesses and artists fill out the existing form adding that they would like a mural or other art work done and letting the artists review these requests. Caitlin has one more form from an artist to submit for payment. Plan to have another similar event in the autumn.
5. **Americans for the Arts Survey Update:** You do not have to attend every event. If you can't make it, reach out to the DAC and see if anyone else can come. Use QR code if people are willing to do that. The AFTA send us an update for how many were submitted online. Bring the completed surveys with a batch sheet stating the event, date, etc. to the Planning Department at City Hall and Natasha will mail them each month to AFTA office.
- a. Woodman – D'Artagnan/Cliff will be taking over.
 - b. Northeastern Ballet – Jane
 - c. Children's Museum – Julia Kirchner
 - d. 400th Commission – Cliff
 - e. Chamber – Nancy, Cliff
 - f. Strand – Nate
 - g. Library or Friends of the Library – Caitlin
 - h. Main St. – Mike
 - i. DALC – Kim
 - j. IC Community Immigrant Support - Yulia
 - k. Greek Church - Nate
 - l. Elementary Schools

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m. High School & Middle School - Kim

6. AEF6 Calendar – Public calendar:

https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=lmnbhd0r2uae4uj4p7ikcek774%40group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America%2FNew_York

Calendar which will be populated by the DAC officers:

Julia and Mike → Jane

Nate and Kim → Nancy

Caitlin → Cliff

Back up for all → Yulia

Please, submit all events coming up for your organization to them to be put on the calendar up to September, is possible. Everyone can check the calendar for upcoming events. It can be made a read only permission link available for all DAC members.

7. AEF6 Publicity – Publicity Committee

- Send flyers, posters, social media to Mike Gillis
- Paper surveys, plastic holders, flyers name tags available in the Planning office

8. Potential Volunteer Pool – What organizations can help? - None

9. Unfinished Business - None

10. Matters of Interest/Update

- Donna mentioned that the Dover 400th logo will be updated on the wayfinding signs throughout Dover.
- Jane made a motion to take the remainder of DAC funds to be moved into the Arts Legacy Fund. J. Hamor motioned to approve. N. Vawter seconded. Vote: U/A.*
- We have openings for board members, please reach out to people who would be active participants.

11. Adjourn

Y. Rothenberg motioned. N. Vawter seconded. Vote: U/A.

Meeting adjourned at 8:12 PM.

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