

**CITY OF DOVER**

## ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

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| Meeting Type:     | Regular Meeting            |
| Meeting Location: | McConnell Center, Room 323 |
| Meeting Date:     | October 3, 2022            |
| Meeting Time:     | 6:30 p.m.                  |

**Attendees:** Jane Hamor (Chair), Cliff Blake, Yulia Rothenberg, Nate Stewart, Nancy Vawter, Julia Kirchmer, Sarah Davidson, Jon Nichols, and Kim Hudson.

**Absent (excused):** Mike Lee

**Other:** Natasha Kyper, Zoning Administrator/Assistant City Planner; Linnea Nemeth, City Council Liaison

*Meeting called to order by J. Hamor at 6:32 PM. Land Acknowledgment read by Y. Rothenberg.*

**1. Citizens Forum** – None.

**2. Approval of September Minutes**

*J. Kirchmer motioned to approve. N. Vawter seconded. Vote: U/A, as amended (correction to spelling of Julia's surname).*

**3. Project Updates**

- **Graffiti Committee** – Nate: clean up at the garrison tower went well. The group wanted to find a way to report any graffiti that needs to be cleaned. QR code to report anything that needs to be addressed to the city? Connect with the owner of the building on the community trail that allows folks to tag there – in process of creating a contract with him. MOU signed prior to preparedness. Deterrents: Murals could be a deterrent to tagging. Encouraging more art.
- **400<sup>th</sup> Committee** – Cliff: Letters sent to winner of the proposal for the sculpture. *River Roots* 16'x13'x2.5'. The selection was unanimous.
  - \$5,200 in sales of 400th merch at Apple Harvest Day.
  - Proposal for a symphonic piece for the 400<sup>th</sup> from Andrew Campbell.
  - Nancy – book Jay Dennis Robinson.
  - Historical walk with actors. Garrison Players. Gala with fireworks.
  - July 2<sup>nd</sup> and block party
  - Woodman – “Voices from the Cemetery”
- **Waterfront Committee** – Jane: Nothing new to share. Should share about the sculpture with this group. New name brainstorming.
- **HS Theatre** – Kim: Meeting next week with committee Libby in facilities to stay current with their process.
- **Community Trail** – Cliff working with Donna on purchasing the two sculptures from Jill Nooney of Bedrock Garden. Trail group and John Storer to put them on Fisher street on both sides of the road to join the community trail path. Yulia -What about the lighting inside the cubes? Cliff - Maybe at some point, they haven't discussed it.
- **Art Beat** – Julia reporting: Explanation of the program for the new members.
- **Skateboard Park** – Moving to spring. Second phase will be the art portion.
- **Welcome to Dover Mural** – Nothing new to report. There was an artist interested from Rochester.
- **Ninja Turtles** – Natasha: Last week there was a meeting with myself and James Lane, Donna Benton, John Storer, City Manager Joyal, Cliff, and Jane. Met to address all of the concerns with regard to safety of the location, as well as the timeline. It will be installed on Union Street – the manhole cover will be on the side of the road, not in the street to make it safe for people to take pictures and for kids. There will be a marker of some kind to describe the manhole cover and provide some historical context.
  - Cliff: The request for a state marker is in progress. It would be on Central and Silver. They are a year behind on the orders for these but will do their best to get it done by the 2023 summer for the 400th.
- **Keep Dover Wild** – Kim, Nancy, Sarah and Yulia need to meet and plan the next one.
  - We have a list of people who signed up for the spring event. Yulia designed the flyers and created the new survey to collect responses. Jane had a few surveys printed during Apple Harvest Day and artists filled it out to participate.
  - This time the business should pay the stipend to the artist and we should just coordinate the event.
  - **Action:** Yulia to schedule a meeting and outline a timeline.
- **Racial Equity & Inclusion** – Councilor Nemeth: No updates. Yulia - Suggested connecting this group with Rotary's new RE&I person Jim Munro. Send Linnea his email.



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- **Rotary Pavilion Tunnel Mural** – This is in the tunnel between museum entrance and the lower park and playground. The Mural is in progress! Illumigraphics. North East Color – Material mounted on brick or wood going on to the tunnel and children museum. Suggested better lighting in the tunnel.

#### 4. Americans for the Arts Survey Update –

- a. Woodman – Jon will take this over from Cliff – he can put the surveys in the entrance and will update us on any events.
  - October 20-23 10AM-4PM – Voices from the Cemetery @ Chapel
  - October 29 – Thom Hindle Gallery art show and reception
  - Nov 6<sup>th</sup>, 10AM-4PM – Veteran's Day on campus of the Museum
- b. Northeastern Ballet – Jane – two events per year
- c. Children's Museum – Julia – adult night/other events
- d. 400th Commission – Cliff
- e. Chamber – Nancy
- f. Strand – Sarah – will do the Halloween film series, come if you want to help out.
- g. Library or Friends of the Library – Nate will be attending the mushroom felting class, Adult knitting group, adult knitting group, cook books, D&D group – Kim//1873 Smutty Nose/ Haunted Cookie Houses – Nate!
- h. Main St. – Mike – Zombie Walk October 29<sup>th</sup>.
- i. DALC – Kim – Cliff will help out.
- j. Indonesian Community Connect – Yulia - most of their events are held in Somersworth.
- k. Elementary Schools – Nancy – sent a schedule
- l. High School & Middle School – Kim – Oct 15<sup>th</sup> Band Show
- m. First Parish Church – Nate will take that one.
- n. Seacoast Men of Harmony

#### 5. AEF6 Survey Status – Natasha: We are currently at ~426. We received ~82 surveys at Apple Harvest!

- Keep it going! We need 800 by next April. Still a lot to go. Please, pitch in when you can. Everyone has viewing access to the Google calendar and administrators can put events in if you know what they are.

#### 6. Unfinished Business – None.

#### 7. Commission's Matters of Interest/Update

- Nancy suggested that there should be a canopy over the seating area of Rotary Pavilion during the hot summer days. Future project but maybe a grant from the Rotary? Gary Bannon said it's a great idea and many are interested. Nancy will connect the various groups to get this moving for next summer.
- Cliff – Wayfinding between the Rotary trail head at the train station parking lot and Fourth St → Turtles!
- City Hall Auditorium: Councilor Nemeth – the choral group uses it for rehearsal. They presented a proposal for CIP and the 2023-2029 fiscal period → City Hall renovations including auditorium upgrades!
- Councilor Nemeth – Ideas for covering the trash holding areas behind the restaurants/businesses near the parking garage
- Board Retreat: Plan for January 2023. Where and when? Let's do a poll to see what time and day works for most.

#### 8. Adjourn

Y. Rothenberg motioned. C. Blake seconded. Vote: U/A.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.*

#### Exhibits

Agenda Item #3, Bullet 3 –

Agenda Item #3, Bullet 12 –

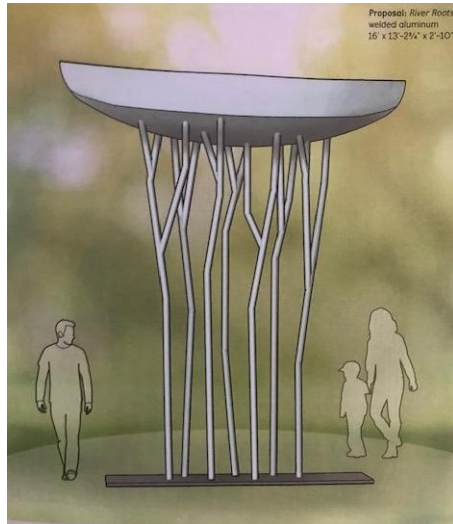


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“River Roots” by Andrea Thompson Bowen:



Henry Law Park Mural:

