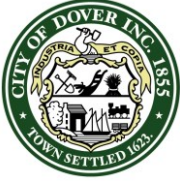


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Meeting Time: **6:00 PM**

1. Call to Order
 - A. Rick called the meeting to order at 6:03 pm
2. Roll Call
 - A. Rick Mikulis
 - B. Linnea Nemeth
 - C. Alex Mitrushi
 - D. Patrick Manning
 - E. Jacqueline Finnerty
 - F. Marguerite Ferrer
 - G. Bobbie Glidden
 - H. Nate Burnett
3. Public Forum
 - A. No members of the public offered testimony
4. Approval of Minutes from June 27, 2022
 - A. Moved by Patrick
 - B. Seconded by Bobbie
 - C. Passed by unanimous consent
5. Approval of Minutes from August 22, 2022
 - A. Marguerite clarified a portion of the minutes referencing a previous meeting, but no edits were made
 - B. Moved by Patrick
 - C. Seconded by Jacqueline
 - D. Passed by unanimous consent
6. Reports
 - A. Board Members
 1. No reports
 - B. City Staff
 1. No reports
7. Unfinished Business
 - A. Garrison Tower Cleanup Recap



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1. Patrick organized a cleanup of the Garrison Hill Tower that went very well
2. Repainted gray and green, with help from volunteers including a Girl Scout troop
3. Discussed graffiti removal chemical and community reception, which was generally positive with a few exceptions
4. If you see an area that could use cleanup, contact Patrick
5. Could consider adding a public graffiti wall at Garrison Hill

B. Public Graffiti Walls

1. Need to be very specific about the intent of the graffiti walls for the community, and adding clarity around the exact dimensions
2. Will check in with Recreation to see how progress is going on developing a proposal for graffiti walls at the skate park

8. New Business

A. Community Trail Vandalism Reporting Sign

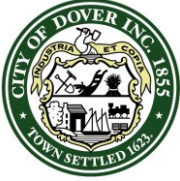
1. Want to keep a simple design with the QR code, website, potentially a phone number, and a reasonable size. To be placed at city parks
2. Motion from Patrick to recommend to the city that signs be placed at city parks encouraging residents to report vandalism, provided that the design be approved by the Planning Department first
 - a. Second from Bobbie
 - b. Vote passes by unanimous consent

B. Anti-Graffiti Coating

1. Two types of anti-graffiti coating: sacrificial and permanent. Sacrificial is good for one use while permanent lasts much longer.
2. Patrick will make a request to try out the options at the train station and evaluate which works better

C. Enforcement/Deterrence

1. Barriers is a strong option – planting bushes or ivy, whether by a stipend from the city or something similar to make it harder for vandalism to occur



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2. Other cities have done opt-ins for centralized cleanup services and have provided a waiver for businesses to sign
3. Lights and cameras remain a strong option but come with startup expenses and ongoing operating expenses. Even if the cameras aren't turned on all the time, their presence could still deter unwanted graffiti
4. Some of the zoning rules stipulate that blank walls are discouraged, so the committee could vote to support those regulations and additional others like it
5. The main thing stopping the Arts Commission from painting more murals is cooperation with the private businesses that own the property, and also the cost, which is sometimes as high as \$10,000
6. Working with Northeast Color to add more murals to the city

D. Future Priorities

1. Engagement with community groups – Dover High art club, National Honor Society. Bobbie is reaching out to the Teen Center
2. Continuing to look at barriers and regulations around blank walls
3. Re-examining the process for the future cleanups – finding ways to structuralize the cleanups within city staff roles so that it's more sustainable in the long-run

9. Adjourn

- A. Moved by Patrick
- B. Seconded by Marguerite
- C. Vote passes by unanimous consent
- D. Meeting adjourned at 6:57pm