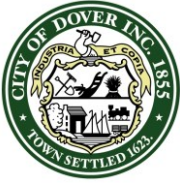


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1. Call to Order
 - A. Rick called the meeting to order at 6:01 pm
2. Roll Call
 - A. Rick Mikulis
 - B. Bobbie Glidden
 - C. Marguerite Ferrer
 - D. Cliff Blake
 - E. Erin Bassegio, Planning Dept
 - F. Jacqueline Finnerty
 - G. Patrick Manning
 - H. Alex Mitrushi, DPD
3. Public Forum
 - A. No members of the public offered testimony
4. Approval of Minutes from September 26, 2022
 - A. Moved by Jacqueline
 - B. Seconded by Patrick
 - C. Passed by unanimous consent
5. Reports
 - A. Board Members
 1. Rick: Cliff is joining us from the Arts Commission. Jacqueline has been changed from an alternate member to a full member of the committee.
 2. Kim Faustino, a member of the public, joined the meeting to discuss the Willand Pond area. Public Forum was reopened.
 - a. Kim: Significant amounts of graffiti around the pond, on fences, walls, and other areas
 - b. Alex: The area is often left alone by the city so it could be a good opportunity for another cleanup. One issue is the jurisdiction of the pond – part is in Dover, part is in Somersworth. DPD and Community Services can't serve the portion that is in Somersworth, even though the city of Dover purchased the land that is in Somersworth
 - c. Patrick: What can we do – pick up trash



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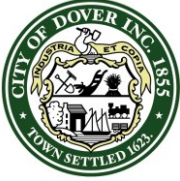
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- d. Erin: Another complication is that there is a portion of the area that is privately owned, so we would need to get permission from the property owner to clean it up
- e. Kim: On the Dover-owned land we should still be able to clean
- f. Jacqueline: We can contact Somersworth and the property owners but this is an ongoing battle. We could go clean it up and then have to come right back
- g. Patrick: We could start with what we can control – which is what's on Dover property
- h. Kim: We also need to know where the boundaries are
- i. Rick: I can pull together a map before the next meeting laying out the boundary lines of the area around the pond
- 3. Jacqueline: We painted the tower, and went up two weeks later to check on it. There's clearly the same people tagging it – the same messages in the same locations. A lot of anti-suicide messaging, including people's personal phone number. If we had a permanent sign up there, that could prevent a lot of the tagging
 - a. Alex: The tower is a site of a lot of attempts.
 - b. Jacqueline moves to urge the planning department to design and install anti-suicide sign(s) on the Garrison Hill Tower.
 - 1. Second from Patrick
 - 2. Vote passes unanimously
- 4. Rick: Sent over rough draft of the community trail sign to planning department
 - a. Erin: We'll run a finalized version by the Community Trail Committee

B. City Staff

- 1. Alex shared the list of reports of graffiti to the DPD in 2022. Many other reports go directly to Community Services
 - a. Rick: We can try to get the list of reports from Community Services and then put together the two to see where the biggest areas of reports are
- 2. Erin: There was talks of a Facebook account for the group – just need someone to run that. Jacqueline volunteered

6. Unfinished Business



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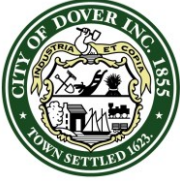
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A. Public Graffiti Walls

1. Rick: Conversations still ongoing for graffiti walls with Recreation Department
2. Cliff: We're doing art around the Community Trail, and there's construction costs involved too. Skate Park project has been pushed back a bit. Gary has an idea of where to put the wall but we don't know what material. Could do concrete, could do old highway signs
3. Patrick: could we come in with proposals to the next meeting of how it could look?
4. Rick: definitely, we can make it an agenda point at the next meeting
5. Marguerite: What's to stop anyone from coming along and defacing these walls?
6. Patrick: Nothing – the walls are to an extent self-managed and that has worked in other areas
7. Jacqueline: There should be a rules sign that explains that the wall will get regularly painted over
8. Rick: I'll bring in a proposal for the sign for next meeting
9. Marguerite: Could we install motion-activated security cameras?
10. Rick: It's an option. For next month, let's decide on material and shape for the walls, and ground rules for the walls

B. Anti-Graffiti Coating

1. Patrick: Reached out to Mike Wilson about getting some of the coating to use but haven't heard much. Might go buy some on my own. We could do a one-day event to test out different options of coatings
2. Cliff: Is it a quicker fix to do the coating or to paint over it?
3. Rick: We'll find out for sure after the tests but based on what we've read, the coating is quicker and cheaper in the long run
4. Marguerite shared an article about a woman that uses a graffiti removal spray and covered up graffiti with camouflage paint
5. Patrick: Just clarifying that we're looking at preventative sprays more than the sprays that are used to clean up the graffiti itself. We could take a day next month to try it out
6. Bobbie: One problem is that usually the paints require the outside temperature to be at least 50 degrees
7. Patrick: We may have to wait until the Spring

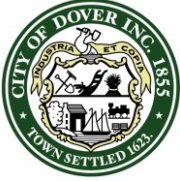


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8. Alex: I can call Director Storer to see if Community Services will do a test for us in a controlled environment, both the sacrificial and multi-use types
9. Rick: We can hold the November 13 date if we need
7. New Business
 - A. Joe Parks Garden Cleanup
 1. Rick: I didn't see a whole lot of graffiti either, other than on the mural under the bridge, which makes it tougher to clean up. We could use the November 13 date for this if we want
 2. Patrick: Not much of a point in attempting if it's going to be too cold at that point. If Community Services is going to run the test, that's all we need
 - B. Deterrence
 1. Rick: We talked about a few options last time, including with zoning rules around barriers
 2. Erin: It's a requirement already in the Central Business District
 3. Rick: I can bring in the language next time
 4. Jacqueline: We could also add in language around ivy.
 - C. Schools/Teen Center Collaboration
 1. Bobbie: I met with Steve Pappajohn, the director of the Teen Center. He's very open and interested in getting the teens involved in making a mural. Seems like the perfect population
 2. Rick: Did we know where we wanted to put it?
 3. Bobbie: Potentially near the Children's Museum
 4. Erin: Northeast Color just did a big installation by the Children's Museum
 5. Jacqueline: I know an artist that works with kids that would probably be willing to do this, I can reach out to her
 6. Bobbie: Doesn't need to be anything too expensive
 7. Jacqueline: Because children are involved, don't know if that would fit any grants?
 8. Bobbie: Steve Pappajohn says this might qualify for some grants
 9. Alex: The Dover Teen Center is part of the DPD, and they look into grants a lot
 - D. Patrick: How many people are on this committee? Attendance has been lacking from some members



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1. Rick: I'll reach out to some members that I haven't heard from in a while
 2. Patrick: We just need to have a full roster to have a wide variety of opinions
8. Adjourn
- A. Moved by Patrick
 - B. Seconded by Bobbie
 - C. Vote passes by unanimous consent
 - D. Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm