

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date:	December 5, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 p. m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Yulia Rothenberg, Nate Stewart, Julia Kirchmer, Jon Nichols, Sarah Davidson, and Kim Hanson

Absent (excused): Mike Lee, Nancy Vawter

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

Meeting called to order by J. Hamor at 6:31 PM. Land Acknowledgment read by N. Stewart.

1. Citizens Forum – Jeff Bernstein, travels with Mozy.

2. Approval of November Minutes

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

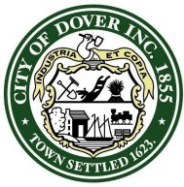
3. Project Updates

- Graffiti Committee:** Reelected the members. Create a graffiti wall – near Garrison Tower since it seems to be a magnet for tagging. Maybe put a sign. Possibly create a starter painting instead of just an empty wall. No formal permission in place for the large building along the Community Trail while it's still being tagged informally. No meeting in December.
- 400th Committee:** Cliff – No news; New Year's Eve Gala, tickets sold so far = 70.
- Waterfront Committee:** Jane – Did some research on grant opportunities. Will keep in touch, Steve Bird will notify for next meeting.
- HS Theatre:** Kim – Invite to PTO/PA meeting with Dr. Hebron for elementary schools.
- Community Trail:** Cliff- No updates, we should figure out how to be more marketing and promote our great things that we do. Jane is writing language for a plaque.
- Art Beat:** Jane and Julia – reworked business list and reached out to everyone, but not a great return. Connected directly to the businesses and got a much better response.
- Skateboard Park:** Equipment for the construction is on site, but no work is planned until next year.
- Welcome to Dover Mural:** Natasha – Nothing new to report.
- Ninja Turtles:** Councilor Nemeth will reach to the film person, he is out of town right now. Jane→ James Lane → Kevin, the artist is away currently but waiting to receive art work for budget for the sewer cover.
- Keep Dover Wild:** Transitioned to Dover Main Street, contact: Gail D. The plan is to do the first one for the May clean-up day together, as Yulia, Kim, and Nancy will help with the transition.
- Racial Equity & Inclusion:** Councilor Nemeth – Still deciding if they are going to be a permanent committee or remain ad hoc. One great project could be the suggested blueberry bush planting for the indigenous people who perished in the town of Dover; perhaps it should be in the Waterfront Park (which still needs a formal name).

4. AEF6 Survey Status Update – Natasha reported we have approximately 730 surveys submitted, and we will keep going! She also shared some details about the survey nationwide: of the 400 participating communities, 63,825 surveys have been collected so far. It is amazing how many people are participating and what impact it has on the way we understand the impact of the arts in our lives.

5. Americans for the Arts – Dover Organizations:

- Woodman – Cliff / Jonathan: Keefer Gallery open with Holiday Artisan Fair
- Northeastern Ballet – Jane: No shows locally
- Children's Museum – Julia
- 400th Commission – Cliff: Jingle Ball Express/ New Year's Eve Gala event
- Chamber – Yulia, Nancy: Festival of Trees just took place, we collected a lot of surveys



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- f. Strand – Sarah: Hard to reach Dan and also events get cancelled at the last moment, but will keep trying
- g. Library or Friends of the Library – Nate: Upcoming events are 12/10 cookie swap, 12/15 Lego Club, 12/19 movie and book group
- h. Main St. – Mike: Ice sculptures in upper square
- i. DALC – Kim
- j. Indonesian Community Connect – Yulia: All events are in Somersworth
- k. Elementary Schools – Nancy: Nothing yet
- l. High School & Middle School – Kim
- m. First Parish Church – Nate: Choir events but it's part of their church service

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Marketing & Communications for DAC – Natasha: Planning Staff can assist with press releases and in routing to Mike Gillis for distribution. We need a focused strategy for sharing all the great things that we have been doing in Dover and beyond.
- b. Membership opening – Jane: There is an applicant who is waiting to hear
- c. January retreat – To be held on January 21, Saturday 10AM-2PM, room to be confirmed. Natasha will reserve the room and share once finalized with Jane and Cliff. Councilor Nemeth offered to bring lunch and Jane will bring coffee. Jane has started a list for the agenda.

7. Commission's Matters of Interest/Update – None

8. Adjourn

C. Blake motioned. J. Nichols seconded. Vote: U/A.

Meeting adjourned at 8:04 PM.