

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, March 6, 2023
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Julia Kirchmer, Jon Nichols, Kim Hanson, Jacqueline Finnerty, and Mike Lee
Other: Natasha Kypfer, Zoning Administrator/Assistant City Planner; Linnea Nemeth, City Council Liaison
Excused: Nancy Vawter, Yulia Rothenberg, Nate Stewart, and Sarah Davidson

Meeting called to order by J. Hamor at 6:35pm / Land Acknowledgement read by K. Hanson.

1. Citizen's Forum – None.

2. Approval of February Minutes

C. Blake motioned to approve, J. Kirchmer seconded. Vote: U/A

3. Review & Report on 2023 Goals:

- Jane updated and uploaded report onto Google drive.
- Goals will be referred to at future meetings - a hard copy will be available for reference
- Encouraged to create a work plan to stay on goal track

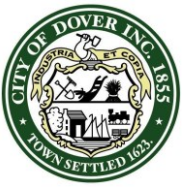
M. Lee motioned to approve the 2023 Goals (with identified 3 minor edits and grammar check), J. Nichols seconded. Vote: U/A

4. Project Updates

- Literary Laureate: (Cliff): Jane & Cliff will be judges: Other suggested judge, Robert Wheller
 - Press release went out: Dover Download, Chamber of Commerce, NH State Council & Arts, Library
 - Suggestions for more press: Local Colleges Literature Faculty, Dover Adult Learning Center, Unofficial Facebook Page, Social Media
- Graffiti Committee: (Jacqueline) Graffiti board to be placed at Garrison Tower Park. Future sites include Park Street Park & New Skate Park.
- 400th Committee: Senior Scholarship offered. New Book can be obtained at Library, Chamber of Commerce, & Woodman Institute
- Waterfront Committee: (Jane) Selection has been finalized, artist will create a mini-sculpture, need to raise \$50,000-\$70,000
- HS Theatre: no new information to report
- Community Trail: no new information to report
- Art Beat (Julia) 2023 application located in Google drive with option for artists to submit art in Dropbox, Jane contacted 7 businesses waiting on response. Need to continue to publicize.
- Skateboard Park: no new information to report
- Public Art Projects / Planning: upcoming meeting with Planning dept. to discuss the public art component on the site of the former 'Asia' building, 42 Third Street
- Ninja Turtles: James Lane will host a fundraising campaign for the cost of the project. Timeline to be determined.
- Keep Dover Wild: (Jacqueline) Main Street will host this event to coincide with Dover "Clean-up Day" May 6th. Information will be starting up late March/Early April. Kim suggested to include High School Art students. Kim will obtain & share contact with Jacqueline.
- Racial Equity & Inclusion: no new information to report

5. AARP Wayfinding Grant Opportunity

The AARP Community Challenge grant provides small grants to fund quick-action projects that can help communities become more livable for people of all ages. With the goal of making the Community Trail more accessible to the community, but in particular to seniors in Dover, we're looking at adding wayfinding on routes from Central Towers, Waldron Towers, and the Senior Center to the Washington St. Trailhead of the Community Trail. Another route we're hoping to include for wayfinding is from 4th St. to the Rotary Trailhead at the Transportation Center. We are looking at adding to existing utility poles and wayfinding to mark these routes. Jane has also reached out to Northeast Color for a turtle design to be spray painted on the ground along the route. Any signage will need to match the existing wayfinding throughout the city and the Planning Dept. is working with the company that produced them on estimates and possible locations.



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6. City Arts Grant

- 22-23 Appropriation budget balance: \$4,106.15
- Ideas on how to use the current balance
 - a. Murals: Completed by teens from Teen Center along with a Professional Artist
 - 1. Brick House location
 - 2. Waldron Towers
 - 3. Building next to Sonny's Tavern
 - b. Paint Electrical Boxes: include city name and possibly highlight 400th
 - c. Mini-Libraries around Dover
 - d. Graffiti Wall costs
 - e. Point Place Art
- Trust: \$2,487 Leave funds in the trust

7. AEF6 Survey Status – Natasha reported current total of 773 surveys completed.

8. Americans for the Arts Survey Updates

- a. Woodman – Jon, Middle school art show 3/30, Wild Animals 4/12, Dover 400 Day 4/22 (free to all Dover residents)
- b. Northeastern Ballet – Jane
- c. Children's Museum – Julia, snow days are populated, Adult days 3/25 7-9pm
- d. 400th Commission – Cliff
- e. Chamber – Yulia, Nancy
- f. Strand – Sarah
- g. Library or Friends of the Library – Nate
- h. Main St. – Jackie
- i. DALC – Kim
- j. Indonesian Community Connect – Yulia
- k. Elementary Schools – Nancy
- l. High School & Middle School – Kim HS Play 3/16-3/17, MS Play 4/13-4/16
- m. First Parish Church - Nate

9. Unfinished Business

- a. Dover Chamber of Commerce Award: nominee due 3/17
J. Hamor motioned to nominate Denise Lafrance for the award J. Finnerty seconded, C. Blake abstained. Vote: U/A
- b. Please use Door #3 to enter the McConnell Center for future Dover Art Commission Meetings
- c. Cocheco Arts Festival; August 5, 2023 12-4pm

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

11. Adjourn

K. Hanson motioned to adjourn, J. Hamor seconded Vote: U/A