



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Cafeteria
Meeting Date: Monday, July 10, 2023
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Julia Kirchmer, Jon Nichols, Kim Hanson, Sarah Davidson, Nancy Vawter, Yulia Rothenberg, and Steve Bargdill

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

Excused: Mike Lee, Jacqueline Finnerty

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm / Land acknowledgment read by N. Vawter.

1. Citizens Forum

Jeff Bernstein; Malone Cloitre; and Taylor Rose

- a. Malone Cloitre shared her idea of a 'yarn bombing' display on the Waldron Court trees/lampposts during the 2023/2024 winter season. She would like to involve different groups of our community to join in the yarn donations and creation of the project. This idea was discussed with the group and it was decided for her to present to the city and fill out a Public Art Application. Natasha will act as liaison with the City. Malone's contact address: amcloitre@gmail.com
- b. Taylor Rose is a local illustrator and works with metal.

2. Approval of June Minutes

N. Vawter motioned to approve. J. Nichols seconded. Vote: U/A

3. City Arts Grants – Dover Chamber; Woodman Museum; Aidan Allen; and Danielle Festa

- a. As of June 30th, balance remaining funds = \$2,893.56
- b. C. Blake, J. Nichols, and N. Vawter recused themselves from the vote and the discussion.
- c. Discussion included: review of the tallied data from the Grant Evaluation Forms; making the biggest impact for the community; and, which project had other funding sources. The Commission also decided to increase the funds to \$3000.00 for this project.
- d. Decision – Fund two of the projects:
 - i. Aidan Allen in the amount of: \$2000.00
 - ii. Woodman Institute in the amount of: \$1000.00
- e. Applicants need to re-do their budget and their revenue income must also be updated.
J. Hamor motioned to approve awarding Aidan Allen \$2000.00 and The Woodman \$1000.00. Y. Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A

4. Project Updates

- a. Literary Laureate: Steve is working with the Dover Public Library on an 8wk Viking themed project including readings and interactive activities connecting the community to the theme.
- b. Graffiti Committee: Natasha requested, on behalf of Erin Bassegio and the Committee for Graffiti Management, DAC voted to amend the motion to allocate (existing) funds to go towards a fourth installation location (Community Trail at Silver St. Tunnel and Folsom St.).
J. Hamor motioned to amend the previous vote, from the April 3, 2023 meeting, in order to allow allocation for the fourth location. C. Blake seconded. Vote: U/A
- c. 400th Committee: Cliff states block party went well, parade in rain was fun, and fireworks in the fog was a blast. 400th Committee is sponsoring the Arts Festival and the Woodman Movie at the Strand on 7/22
- d. Waterfront Committee: Broke ground!
- e. HS Theatre: Suzanne Weete contacted Jane and Kim. Waiting for confirmation on new contacts
- f. Community Trail: Art has been purchased, sculptures have been installed, future plan to extend trail in Bellamy Park area, replace fences in downtown (after the green building), Graffiti committee will install an 'art wall' near the green building.



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- g. Art Beat: Positive feedback! Community would like it to happen again. Steve is in the process of transcribing the interviews. He will send to Jane when complete.
- h. Skateboard Park: Art wall installation will take place soon.
- i. Public Art Projects / Planning: Per Natasha, Planning staff are working on creating an Art Policy Resolution for City Council review and consideration.
- j. Ninja Turtles: City is ready, project delayed need art from the artist. Jon working with Jeff Spires. 1990 live action movie showings in September 2023.
- k. Keep Dover Wild: Windows complete and look great! Dover Main Street has had downtown business reach out to have their windows painted.
- l. Racial Equity & Inclusion: Community listening session will take place in September/October 2023 and would like an art commission member to attend to contribute and add to the discussion.

5. Review & Report on 2023 Goals

Nancy and Sarah working to purchase pop-up tent and logo banners (Walgreens is a good option for purchasing banner) for future community events (Apple Harvest Day, Cochecho Arts Festival). Cliff purchased a pop-up tent for \$39.98 (receipt went to Natasha to take to Jean in Planning for reimbursement). Natasha shared a friendly reminder with regard to purchasing: Please request a Purchase Order ("PO"), first, prior to making any purchase.

N. Vanter motioned to reimburse Cliff Blake for purchase in the amount of \$39.98. Y. Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A

6. Unfinished Business

7. Commission's Matters of Interest/Update

- a. Julia was contacted by Jane Bard from the Children's Museum – Blue Crab Sculpture needs to be repainted. Taylor Rose offered to help and has experience with working with metal/paint and repairs.
- b. Vacancy on the Art Commission board – Taylor Rose will look into applying.
- c. Survey (862 collected) Report due to come back October 2023: Ideas for using the data:
 - i. Write up about the result for the Newspaper
 - ii. Radio interview/podcast with the city
 - iii. Ask area cities (Rochester & Portsmouth) how they used the data
- d. Cliff and Nancy will set up a booth at the Creative Arts Festival on August 5th
- e. Next meeting date August 7th

8. Adjourn

Y. Rothenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:22pm. N. Vanter seconded. Vote: U/A