

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, March 4, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Elise Morissette, Kim Hanson, Steve Bargdill, Julia Kirchmer, Jacqueline Finnerty, Yulia Rothenberg, Sarah Davidson, Kirsten Allen, and Jon Nichols

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff

Excused: Mike Lee

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. K.Allen to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. Aiden Allen from Teen Center in Dover
 - i. Aiden Allen, a film student, received funding from DAC to create a film documentary for Teen Center in Dover, and the impact it has on the community. He came to the meeting to update his progress
 - ii. The release date is TBD as he has finally reached the editing phase. The DAC gave some recommendations of creating different phase deadlines, aiming to have the film ready to present to the community either around Spring Fling on May 4th or Dover Community Day with a showing at the Woodman
- b. Heather Bartle (and Craig Bartle) from the Printing Press inquiring about the business development in Dover and the meetups they have (referred to Reid)

2. Approval of February 2024 Minutes:

- a. C.Blake motioned to approve. K.Hanson seconded. Vote: U/A

3. DAC Budget Report

- a. Balance 23/24 appropriation \$969.31
- b. Trust \$11,156.42

4. Marketing

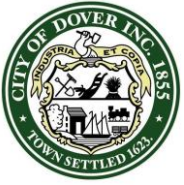
- a. Sarah is having trouble with email issues; navigating who to reach out for IT questions. P.Crouser to reach out to IT
- b. Going to have a meeting with Heather from the Printing Press to create a marketing package for DAC
- c. Connected with Kim to update the Fiber Frenzy event
- d. Planning for the promotion of River Roots, Dover 400th Sculpture

5. Arts Champions

- a. Cliff collecting all the documents to nominate Denise Lafrance

6. Project Updates

- a. Literary Laureate
 - i. Kick-off event for "One Book, One Community" at the Fermenant; currently recruiting other authors
 - ii. Continuing to work closely with Library Friends group
 - iii. Planning some Viking themed events for the book, the Half-Drowned King by Lena Hartsuyker (events like traditional rowing techniques)

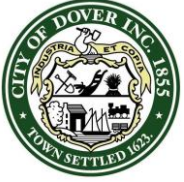


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- iv. May 29th for author talk (Lena Hartsuyker, Half-Drowned King)*
 - v. Steve moves to appropriate \$1,000 in the fiscal year 2024, for the promotion of this author, to buy 50 books and place them in local businesses, to have books available for “One Book, One Community”, and use any remaining books to build reading kits for teens; Jaqueline second this motion, and DAC voted to approve*
 - vi. It is acknowledged that DAC budgeted \$1,000 to the Literary Laureate*
- b. AFTA*
 - i. Presentation at the library on the 7th? (it might refer to February 7th; please check with Cliff or Jane); had great attendance, as well as great discussion after*
 - ii. Presentation to Cochecho Arts Festival Committee to come (no date provided)*
- c. Winter Arts Gathering*
 - i. Business Development is going to start including art businesses in Dover Business communications*
 - ii. Reid facilitated the conversation, giving guidance to the attendees*
 - iii. Next meeting, Homeward Suites at 4pm (date not listed)*
- d. Fiber Art Frenzy*
 - i. Approved! Gathering knitting has begun*
 - ii. Maple Suites is participating*
 - iii. Kim is running enrichment programming at Woodman Park School, for 3-4th grade to connect their local history curriculum with fiber arts projects (once a week, on Thursdays)*
 - iv. Waldron Park installation on April 13th, to be ready for Spring Fling*
 - v. Kim moves to appropriate \$150 to pay for a live performance in the center of Waldron Park during Spring Fling, May 4th 2024; Jon seconded and DAC voted to approve*
- e. Art Beat*
 - i. Actively recruiting artists and business to host*
 - ii. Clarified that businesses receive a 20% commission from selling art*
 - iii. Heather Bartle started discussion about the \$100 stipend to artists that businesses pay; the concern is that young/ small businesses cannot afford to pay the stipend but want to participate; discussion concluded that it is too late to change the standard currently due to the event has already been announced to the public, but there is a valid point and opens conversation for future solutions*
- f. Graffiti Committee*
 - i. Looking to apply to grants*
 - ii. No meeting until April*
 - iii. Planning to expand graffiti wall*
- g. Retailers Meeting*
 - i. Confirming the 1st Friday of every month, to be open late until 8pm*
- h. Community Trail*
 - i. Cliff proposed to grant \$200 for a Kern Garden; Yulia motioned to approve, Kim seconded and DAC voted to approve*



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i. Public Art/Planning

- i. City already has plans for the Fish Ladder, and they are in progress*
- ii. The rental sculpture program has been green lighted; working on getting final approval by Jon Steward*
- iii. Susan Hanna (of SEH Studio) is going to reapply for DAC grant*
- iv. Meeting with Carthartes coming up, to discuss their art*
- v. March 6th, is a meeting with Derek from Wing-Itz for public art on the building purchased on Central Ave*
- vi. UNH Theatre department is creating a traveling performance group, that has potential to participate in Spring Fling; connection is David Kay*

7. 2024 Goals

- a. DAC is tasked to review and work on the goals they are volunteering for*

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Blue Crab has been picked up and moved to be fixed that the Dover High School*
- b. Susan Hanna (of SEH Studio) is going to reapply for DAC grant*

9. Adjourn

- a. Y.Rothenberg motioned to adjourn; S.Bargdill seconded at 7:59pm. Vote: U/A*