

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

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

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Steve Bargdill, Mike Lee, Jon Nichols, Sarah Davidson, Kim Hanson, Yulia Rothenberg, Jacqueline (Manning) Finnerty, and Julia Kirchmer

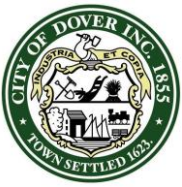
Other: Linnea Nemeth, City Council Liaison, and Dave Carpenter, Community Development Planner

Excused: Elise Morissette

Resigned: Nancy Vawter

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm / Land acknowledgment read by J. Kirchmerr

1. **Citizens Forum** Jeff Bernstein, and Kirsten Allen
2. **Guest** Adele Bauman (ED NHSCA)
3. **Approval of October Minutes** : next meeting
4. **City Arts Grants**
 - a. Asked for Woodman Museum final report
 - i. How funds were spent
 - ii. Outcomes
 - b. Aiden Allen – granted an extension until February 2024
5. **Treasury**
 - a. Legacy Trust Fund - \$10,997
 - b. Appropriation 2023 -\$5,000
 - i. City Arts Grant - \$3,000
 - ii. Graffiti Supplies - \$1000
 - iii. Literary Laureate - \$1048.55
6. **AFTA report for Dover**
 - a. Adele supports that data is an economic driver for our community
 - b. Create a presentation of the data/outcomes and present to:
 - i. Chamber of Commerce
 - ii. Main Street
 - iii. Non-Profit Art Associations
 - iv. City Council
 - v. Vendors(Artists – Hosts)
 - c. Include in presentation
 - i. Background
 - ii. Event Pictures
 - iii. Data
 - iv. Financial benefits to our city/businesses
 - v. Create an “ASK”
 - d. Future/Ongoing Data Collection
 - i. Cliff volunteered to create a survey
 - ii. Administer/Collect surveys annually at all events both free and paid
7. **Project Updates**
 - a. Literary Laureate – Steve
Library has budget for project
The book will be available at Dover Public Library and through Libby - audiobook
 - b. Graffiti Committee – Jacqueline & Linnea



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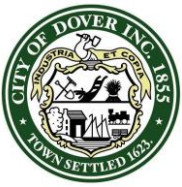
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- i. Members of committee are in process of getting appropriated – meet soon*
 - ii. Skate Park Wall installed*
 - iii. Self-monitoring from community is evident on current walls... "NO BAD WORDS"*
 - iv. Adam purchasing paint – reimbursement through Erin*
- c. 400th Committee – Cliff
 - i. Wrapping up committee work*
 - ii. Raised \$75,000 for the waterfront "River Roots" artwork piece (16' x 13')*
- d. Waterfront Committee – shoreline stabilization
- e. HS Theatre – waiting for Suzanne Weete response
- f. Community Trail – Jacqueline
 - i. Committee would like to collaborate with Dover Art Commission to create trail mile markers*
 - ii. Install art on the urban portion of trail*
- g. Skateboard Park – Cliff
 - i. Art wall installation planned for Spring 2024*
 - ii. Cliff will attend the bench dedication*
 - iii. Highlighted in National Skateboard Magazines as a Destination Park*
 - 1. Skateboarders are coming from Boston MA, Portland ME and beyond to use park.*
 - iv. 1st Phase complete!*
 - v. 2nd Phase will include a BOWL*
- h. Public Art Projects / Planning – Zoning Public Art – Train Station, old Asia location, old Oriental Gardens location
- i. Ninja Turtles – Cliff
 - i. 11/8 12pm meet at Woodman Museum for marker unveiling, walk to Union Street for man hole cover*
 - ii. Media coverage: Chronicle, WMUR Channel 9 News, Foster's Daily Democrat*
- j. Racial Equity & Inclusion – Community outreach brainstorming event for 2024
- k. Art Beat/Keep Dover Wild – Jane
 - i. Need more artists for roster*
 - ii. New businesses to add: Hi-Fi Burritos and Teetotallers*
 - iii. Dover Eye Care in 5th month relationship with artist – positive experience – selling art*

8. Review & Report on 2023 Goals

- a. *Artists/Event Planner Mixer – Fall Gathering November 8 at 6pm at the Woodman Institute: flyer passed out, facebook*
 - i. Inviting local non-profit art groups and businesses to discuss ways to collaborate, meet and set up calendar*
 - 1. Arts in Reach*
 - 2. Children's Museum*
 - 3. The Art Center*
 - 4. Dover Public Library*
 - 5. Chamber of Commerce*
 - 6. Main Street*
 - 7. Cara*
 - 8. The Strand*
 - 9. Printing Press*
 - ii. Sarah will be responsible for getting food and drink*
- b. *Elise may be able to help with marketing*
- c. *No Instagram access – Jane will contact officials to help*
- d. *Need to print out flyers for businesses*



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9. Unfinished Business

- a. *Holiday Lights – flyer passed out*
 - i. *J. Hamor motioned to allocate \$100 for lights J. Kirchmer seconded. Vote: U/A*
 - ii. *Potential to donate after? Teen Center, High School Theater, My Friend's Place*
- b. *Yarn Bombing: still pending*
- c. *Joe Parks Riverwalk Garden: request for Sculpture*
 - i. *Jane will reach out to Alissa for information*

10. Commission's Matters of Interest/Update

- a. *9/11 Memorial proposed by Mayor Bob Carrier*
 - i. *Location and placement?*
 - ii. *Memorial to honor Dover citizens*
- b. *Next meeting date December 4, 2023*
- c. *Need to set January 2024 retreat date*

11. Adjourn

K.Hanson motioned to adjourn at 8:09pm. J.Nichols seconded. Vote: U/A