

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, October 2, 2023
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

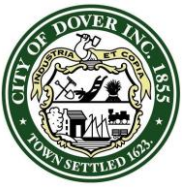
Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Steve Bargdill, Elise Morissette, Sarah Davidson, Yulia Rothenberg and Jacqueline (Manning) Finnerty

Other: Linnea Nemeth, City Council Liaison

Excused: Mike Lee, Jon Nichols, Nancy Vawter, Julia Kirchmer, and Kim Hanson

Meeting called to order at 6:32pm / Land acknowledgment read

1. **Citizens Forum** Jeff Bernstein,
2. **Approval of September Minutes**
Y. Rothenberg motioned to approve. C. Blake seconded. Vote: U/A
3. **City Arts Grants**
 - a. Woodman events complete for 2023
 - b. Aiden Allen – film project going well
4. **Treasury** *accurate # is pending finance department*
5. **Project Updates**
 - a. Literary Laureate – Steve
Venue space - Flight Coffee Shop, The Fermanent, McConnell Center Café, City Hall
 - b. Graffiti Committee – Cliff
 - i. *Working to arrange a date to have to Community Trail wall painted with art as a way to “launch” the wall*
 - ii. *Skate Park Wall – install will take place within 2 weeks*
 1. *Opening in October*
 - iii. *Northeast Color – fixing up Henry Law Park: repainting tower and the wall by Children’s Museum*
 - iv. *We have allocated \$1000 for graffiti walls: spent \$600*
 - v. *Park Street Graffiti Wall: potential Spring 2024*
 - vi. *Jeff met with Adam (artist who has volunteered to paint Community Trail Wall)*
 1. *Jeff proposed a public workshop on graffiti art. Is going to speak with Adam about organizing a public day for art on the wall.*
 - c. 400th Committee – Cliff
 - i. *Continue fundraising for ART in the Park*
 - ii. *Cliff will ask to bring model of the sculpture to Apple Harvest Day*
 - iii. *City Council has approved the pavilion*
 - d. Waterfront Committee – *no new information*
 - e. HS Theatre – *no new information*
 - f. Community Trail – Jacqueline
 - i. *Revisit idea for art along the trail*
 - ii. *Ideas: Poetry plaques on railing by train station or something that ties in the solar system*
 - g. Art Beat - *no new information*
 - h. Skateboard Park –
Art wall installation planned for Spring 2024
 - i. Public Art Projects / Planning – *no new update*
 - j. Ninja Turtles –
 - i. *Waldren Historical State Marker on Union Street unveiling– November date*



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- ii. *Woodman Institute: Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles Event went well*
- k. *Keep Dover Wild – no new information*
- l. *Racial Equity & Inclusion – Discuss Committee outreach event to get people's feelings (if people feel welcome, etc.)*

6. Review & Report on 2023 Goals

- a. *Artists/Event Planner Mixer – Fall Gathering November 8 at 6pm at the Woodman Institute*
 - i. *Inviting local non-profit art groups and businesses to discuss ways to collaborate*
 - ii. *J. Hamor motioned to allocate \$100 for food and drink. C.Blake seconded. Vote: U/A*
 - iii. *Sarah will be responsible for getting food and drink*
 - 1. *Sarah will follow procedures in order to be reimbursed*
 - a. *Become a vendor*
 - b. *Request funds in advance*
 - c. *Submit receipt following procedure*

7. Unfinished Business

- a. *Holiday Lights – waiting on approval from Jon*
 - i. *Where will they be stored?*
 - ii. *Potential to donate after? Teen Center, High School Theater, My Friend's Place*
- b. *Yarn Bombing: still pending*
- c. *Americans for the Arts survey results will be October 12*
 - i. *What will we do with the results?*
 - ii. *Present at City Council meeting*
- d. *Joe Parks Riverwalk Garden: request for Sculpture*
 - i. *Ideas for sculpture to replace the damaged ash tree*
 - ii. *Jane and Elise will look at specific location*
 - iii. *Funding??? Grants: Community Art Project?*
 - iv. *Potential Ideas – plastic butterflies" something that follows the trail*

8. Commission's Matters of Interest/Update

- a. *Elise Morsette is an official member of DAC*
- b. *9/11 Memorial proposed by Mayor Bob Carrier*
 - i. *Location and placement?*
 - ii. *Memorial to honor Dover citizens*
- c. *Next meeting date November 6, 2023*

9. Adjourn

Y.Rothenberg motioned to adjourn at 8:12pm. S.Davidson seconded. Vote: U/A