

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, September 11, 2023
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Julia Kirchmer, Steve Bargdill, Kim Hanson, Yulia Rothenberg, and Jacqueline Manning

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

Excused: Jon Nichols, Nancy Vawter

Unexcused: Sarah Davidson

Meeting called to order at 6:35pm with the Land Acknowledgment read by Y. Rothenberg.

1. Citizens Forum – Present: Jeff Bernstein; Elise Morissette, and Aleka Munroe.

- a. Elise is interest in joining the Arts Commission; her application has been submitted and is awaiting review by the Appointments Committee.
- b. Aleka has offered to volunteer to assist the Art Commission to make any needed phone calls/email/social media. Her contact information is: (603) 661-0006, or alekamunroe@me.com

2. Approval of August Minutes

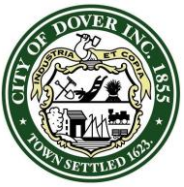
C. Blake motioned to approve. Y. Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A.

3. City Arts Grants

- a. Woodman Museum held their event
- b. Aiden Allen's film project update emailed to Commission; making good progress.
- c. Natasha will follow up with confirmation that funds will be mailed to recipients.
- d. Jane & Cliff will update application and process of City Arts Grant
- e. Finance department will verify total \$ amount in our account

4. Project Updates

- a. Literary Laureate – Book “The Half-Drowned King” by Linnea Hartsuyker; Viking-themed
 - i. Activity Agenda due to be complete October 2023
 - ii. Workshops – The Flower Room and Christa candles
 - iii. Short story contest – Jeff Deck
 - iv. Community Lectures – Thom Paine UNH MFA program
 - v. Venue space – The Fermanent, McConnell Center Café, City Hall
- b. Graffiti Committee –
 - i. Wall at Folsom Street – Painted white washed and is ready for artist Adam Gouveia; Erin Bassegio is coordinating
 - ii. Natasha discussed the request for funds to allow for the supply of spray paint supplies to the artist.
Y. Rothenberg motioned for DAC to supply up to \$150 for paint supplies, J. Hamor seconded. Vote: U/A.
 - iii. Trail Committee will supervise the wall
- c. 400th Committee – Events winding down, Cliff report to us about fundraising update for the sculpture.
- d. Waterfront Committee – No new information
- e. HS Theatre – Kim will connect with Suzanne Weete this month
- f. Community Trail - No new information
- g. Art Beat - No new information
- h. Skateboard Park – Construction is moving forward; a Community Art Wall installation is planned for approximately Spring 2024
- i. Public Art Projects / Planning – Planning staff met with the City Attorney; Natasha discussed the possible route to move forward with a zoning amendment to include more information on the public art approval process, rather than a new resolution to go before City Council; more information to follow next month.



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- j. Ninja Turtles –
 - i. Historical State Marker on Central Avenue near Union Street - DHR/DOT to install in early November
 - ii. Manhole cover art is presently still pending
 - iii. Woodman Institute – TMNT Events are: Art Show 9/15/2023 5-7pm and Film 9/16/2023 7pm
- k. Keep Dover Wild – No new information
- l. Racial Equity & Inclusion – Per Councilor Nemeth, planning for Community Listening Sessions

5. Review & Report on 2023 Goals

- a. Logo is complete – Decision on color still needs to be finalized
- b. Artists/Event Planner Mixer – Per Jane this is a TOP PRIORITY; set date/venue/send invites

6. Unfinished Business – None

7. Commission's Matters of Interest/Update

- a. Apple Harvest Day – This year DAC will not have their own booth unlike in years past, however, we can provide materials to the Planning Department to distribute at their booth. Natasha will coordinate with Erin Bassegio regarding the booth schedule, and inform Cliff and Jane when some coverage may be available. The Planning Department will have constant coverage, and there is only so much available space. Additionally, Jane and Cliff will design a handout and identify talking points.
- b. Yarn Bombing – Natasha will contact to Malone Cloitre to get an update as to the status of her Public Art Display proposal.
- c. Woodman Institute – Holiday Lights (Thanksgiving – Christmas); Jane and Yulia
- d. Joe Parks Riverwalk Garden – Request for Sculpture
- e. Next regular meeting date: October 2, 2023

8. Adjourn

Y. Rothenberg motioned to adjourn at 7:57pm. C. Blake seconded. Vote: U/A