

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, April 3, 2023
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Jon Nichols, Yulia Rothenberg, Nancy Vawter, Jacqueline Finnerty, and Sarah Davidson

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

Excused: Kim Hanson, Nate Stewart, Julia Kirchmer, and Mike Lee

Meeting called to order by J. Hamor at 6:32pm / Land Acknowledgement read by N. Vawter.

1. Citizen's Forum – Rick Mikulis, Graffiti Committee Chair; Dave Pettengill, Dover artist

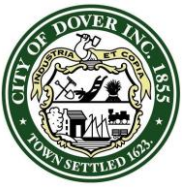
2. Approval of March Minutes

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

3. Project Updates

- a. **Literary Laureate** – Cliff: We have an applicant for the post. Steve Bargdill for a 2-year term. He comes highly recommended. Next steps, fill out application for the ex-officio DAC position, bring to the Appointment Committee. Cliff will email Susan Mistretta to ask next steps, this is a first time for this position.
J. Hamor motioned to recommend Steve for the Literary Laureate role, starting July 1, 2023 for a two-year term, N. Vawter seconded. Vote: U/A.
- b. **City Arts Grant:** Rick Mikulis presented a submission for a grant to create three graffiti walls in town. Please, see grant request as a separate attachment. They will be self-maintained. If you see something offensive, report to public reporting portal. Natasha will follow-up to Rick with an email, copying Jane and Cliff.
J. Hamor motioned to approve the funding request for the graffiti walls as the City Arts Grant project, in the amount of \$1000, C. Blake seconded. Vote: U/A.
- c. **Graffiti Committee:** Three boards and skate park have been designated as sites for the graffiti walls.
- d. **400th Committee:** Jane- Rebecca Proctor offered to host a show at her gallery for artists who live or work/have studio in Dover. Opening reception July 15th, 6-9. She is requesting \$200. stipend to pay for a program Call to Artists to manage the requests.
C. Blake motioned to support funding of \$200, N. Vawter seconded. Vote: U/A.
- e. **Waterfront Committee:** Cliff- discussed Pavilion footprint. Budgeted 13\$M and 2 submissions came at \$19M. Discussing how to plan for phased approach.
- f. **HS Theatre:** Jane – Kim and Jane met with Suzanne Weete to work on a project w/ Mental Health Alliance.
- g. **Community Trail:** Natasha – the Solar system installation has started. We are working on the plaque for the cube sculptures. Cliff will reach out to Nooney to ask if they have a title.
- h. **Art Beat:** Jane – there are six businesses interested but not a great response from artists. Please, reach out to your networks.
- i. **Skateboard Park:** Linnea - equipment for the construction is on site but no work until next year.
- j. **Public Art Projects/ Planning** - Natasha reported that the highway sign for TMNT from the department of Historic Resources is in process and will be installed Central and Union across the street to avoid conflict with traffic. Mural Wall on the community trail MOU has been reviewed and waiting for final signatures.
- k. **Ninja Turtles:** Natasha – James Lane has launched the IndieGoGo campaign is in full swing. To donate, visit: <http://ow.ly/pvrr50NrOPG> . Unveiling scheduled for this year. More to come.
- l. **Keep Dover Wild:** Jacqueline reported that the date was changed from May 6 to May 20 due to a conflict with another downtown shopping event.
- m. **Racial Equity & Inclusion:** Linnea – looking for more members, the committee meets last Thursday of the month.

4. AEF6 Survey Status – Natasha reported current total of 804 surveys completed! Over our 800 target!



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- a. Natasha also sent out the organizational survey to the ~14 participating organizations. Some have already responded.

5. Americans for the Arts Survey Updates

- a. We can keep going with the upcoming events at Woodman, and others. The survey closes end of May.

6. Unfinished Business

- a. AARP Grant – Natasha shares updates from Erin: Grant was submitted on March 15, we will hear by mid-May.
- b. Community Arts Champion – Danielle Festa was awarded

7. Commission's Matters of Interest/Update –

- a. Water Tower – Cliff can it be painted with something Dover related? Linnea – no budget for that currently and we don't want to slow down the progress.

8. Adjourn

N. Vanter motioned to adjourn at 7:47pm, Y. Rothenberg seconded Vote: U/A