

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Special Meeting
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date:	July 11, 2022
Meeting Time:	6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Yulia Rothenberg, Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Nancy Vawter, Nate Stewart, Kim Hanson, Julia Kirchmer, and Mike Lee (by phone)

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

Meeting called to order by J. Hamor at 6:39 PM. Land Acknowledgment read.

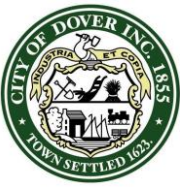
1. Citizens Forum – None.

2. Approval of June Minutes

N. Stewart motioned to approve. C. Blake seconded. Vote: U/A.

3. Project Updates

- **Teen Center Mural @ DHS** – Project completed.
- **Graffiti Committee** – Nate attended a meeting and it went well. They discussed creating a process for submitting queries to remove wall tagging. Jane sent some ideas for how to create a graffiti wall, process for cleaning it periodically and updating the art. The new skate park will have some walls dedicated to tagging, they will be specially treated to allow for painting on concrete. Next meeting July 25, 2022.
- **400th Committee** – Cliff said they issued the RFP for the installation at the waterfront park representing the City of Dover. Open concept, no restrictions. RFP is by invitation. They have received some feedback; one person would like to submit two idea concepts. Waiting to get some responses. Will be evaluating them. Suggested that we should form a subcommittee with Waterfront Park, 400th, and DAC to oversee this project. Also, what about the flag redesign project? Zack, the person who created the ideas for this is moving out of Dover. Shall we take up the banner and take on the flag project as part of DAC's projects? Yes, we would like to do that. Cliff will ask 400th and see who would like to take that on.
- **Waterfront Committee** – Jane, Natasha, Donna, and Steve Bird met with Bob Simmons of Cathartes to discuss the park design. There are a lot of ideas and we keep saying that it should be early in the design phase to create a plan for any hardscape infrastructure to be put in place. There are some ideas about the location for the art installation. Not just do murals but think about 3D art installations and possibly spaces for performance art. Jane and Cliff sent some ideas previously. We should formulate a plan and start mapping the locations to possible installations.
- **HS Theatre** – Kim reports that they had a great meeting, created a committee, which met with superintendent and the new directors who approved the idea for creating a process for community accessing the HS theater. Next steps are to outline the process and let the community know that the theater is available.
- **Community Trail** – art location has been approved, head of the trail on Fourth street. Jane and Cliff are going to [Bedrock Gardens](#) to speak with Jill Nooney about purchasing one of her pieces. Also, another artist from Kensington, Jeff Withern, may have some pieces already created that can be purchased and installed on the trail. Waiting to hear back after these meetings.
- **Art Beat** – five artists and businesses have been matched for the next round of the art beat program. The installations will be going up and then a press release issued to alert the public to the art being displayed at these business locations. Going well. Yulia also asked Dr Petersen and he was keen on doing this at their dental practice. Jane sent the art beat program flyer and Yulia will give it to the practice.
- **Federal Earmark** – this has lapsed on July 1. Next time. Remove from next meeting agenda.
- **Skateboard Park** – Going well, construction to be completed by spring of 2023.
- **Welcome to Dover Mural** – the proposed size of the mural is too small, more like a sign, which is not what was originally envisioned. Still in process.
- **Ninja Turtles** – Natasha passes along the following information from John Storer: the site has been designated as the sidewalk in front of the house on Union Street for the location for the “manhole” cover



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marker. This was selected after reviewing safety issues, snow plow impacts, and longevity of the commemorative cover. Also, there has been a citizen request for a DOT plaque commemorating Dover as the birthplace of TMNT. Amy Dixon at the NH DHR is the contact person. They will expedite this request to align with both the 400th, as well as the 40th anniversary of TMNT.

- **Keep Dover Wild** – the project was ‘wildly’ successful and many businesses requested the window painting outside the Central Avenue corridor and paid the artists for their work. Plan to do this again in the fall prior to the Apple Harvest Day, and possibly expand beyond the Central Avenue now that the businesses and townsfolk had a chance to see how this works. Nancy, Yulia, and Kim are the team to make this happen. They will meet and map out the plan for the next one. We have all the details from the previous program, so it should follow the same process.
- **Racial Equity & Inclusion** – nothing to follow up on at this time. We agreed to start our meetings with the land acknowledgment going forward. Perhaps come up with a joint project with RE&I group?

4. Americans for the Arts Survey Update - Natasha reports that 169 surveys have been submitted to date.

- Woodman – Cliff
- Northeastern Ballet – Jane
- Children’s Museum – Julia Kirshner
- 400th Commission – Cliff
- Chamber – Nancy
- Strand – Nate
- Library or Friends of the Library – Who will take on this one?
- Main St. – Mike
- DALC - Kim
- Indonesian Community Connect – Yulia
- Greek Church – Nate
- Elementary Schools -?
- High School & Middle School - Kim

5. Unfinished Business – None

6. Commission’s Matters of Interest/Update

- The performance space at City Hall needs renovation to be usable for theater productions. Can we reach out to Hackmatack Theater to see if they will part with their tack?

7. Adjourn

N. Vawter motioned. Y. Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 PM.