

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, April 1, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Elise Morissette, Jacqueline Finnerty, Kim Hanson, Steve Bargdill, Julia Kirchmer, Yulia Rothenberg, and Kirsten Allen

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff

Excused: Mike Lee

Unexcused: Sarah Davidson and Jon Nichols

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. S.Bargdill to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *No citizens in attendance*

2. Approval of February 2024 Minutes:

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

3. DAC Budget Report

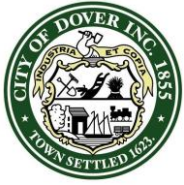
- a. *Balance 23/24 appropriation \$1,048.55*
- b. *Trust \$10,997.00*
- c. *Board is optimistic re: the approval of the \$5K budget request*
- d. *Jaqueline has gathered old surveys to gauge the public's interest in local art and how to use our budget; most popular were more murals, nature art, and live performances at Henry Law*

4. Marketing

- a. *Sarah is absent*

5. Project Updates

- a. *Literary Laureate*
 - i. *April 5th, beginning press release for One Book, One Community Event*
 - ii. *April 8th, working with Library Friends to buy books*
 - iii. *April 13th, book signing/fundraising with Lena Hartsuyker at Barnes and Noble (As part as the One Book, One Community event)*
 - iv. *April 13th, Great Bay Rowing event (part of the press release strategy)*
 - v. *May 11th, Spinning Yarns event to learn about Viking fiber arts*
 - vi. *May 15th, a book discussion for Half-Drowned King at the Dover Public Library*
 - vii. *May 29th, author Lena Hartsuyker, book discussion at Fernament (back up location, Breakaway Cafe)*
 - viii. *June 1st, Learn to Row event*
 - ix. *Gathering a list of local writers groups, not sure how to publicize it*
 - x. *Discussing the social media for the literary laureate and how to pass it onto the next laureate; discuss with DAC marketing (Sarah)*
- b. *AFTA*
 - i. *May 28th at 9am, meeting w/ Strafford Regional Planning (location TBD)*
 - ii. *May 20th at 4pm, hosted at Children's Museums with Reid of Discover Dover Stakeholders*
- c. *Fiber Art Frenzy*



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 - ii. Making the “tree sweaters” in preparation for installation; install date April 13th, rain date April 20th*
 - d. Art Beat*
 - i. 20 registered artists, 10 businesses*
 - ii. Following up with some final possible locations*
 - iii. Mid May, planning to hang the Art Beat Art Show*
 - e. Graffiti Committee*
 - i. Meeting at the end of the month*
 - f. Retailer’s Meeting*
 - i. Looking to apply to grants*
 - ii. No meeting until April*
 - iii. Planning to expand graffiti wall next to “Hello Again”*
 - g. Retailers Meeting*
 - i. Going forward with being open late, the 1st Friday of every month; working on spreading the word about it*
 - ii. May 4th, Spring Fling which is a city-wide event to encourage visiting local businesses; there will be live performers and child-friendly activities down Central Ave.; sending marketing info to Sarah; there was planning on paying for performers as discussed in previous meeting*
 - h. Waterfront*
 - i. No longer discussing here; moving under CWDA which falls under Dover Housing Development*
 - i. HS Theatre*
 - i. Removing from agenda and putting in Unfinished Business going forward*
 - j. Community Trail*
 - i. Cairn garden has been installed, and all materials were donated; appropriating funds from DAC to a sign of dedication to the donor*
 - k. Public Art Projects*
 - i. Wing-Itz interested in huge murals behind the new building, and continues creating art plans for the future*
 - ii. Joe Parks: the first ash tree is scheduled to be removed soon, and installing a concrete pad with bolts for the rent-a-sculpture program; working with John Storer to plan an entrance arch and updating the side railing in that walkway*
 - l. Racial Equity & Equation*
 - i. No new news*
 - m. Keep Dover Wild*
 - i. Trying to coordinate further with Dover Downtown; communicating mostly through email*
 - ii. Aiming to meet April 8th*

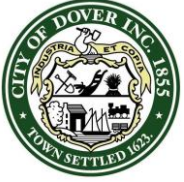
6. 2024 Goals

- a. DAC is to review Commission goals and have updates for assigned tasks for next meeting, as referenced in the DAC 2024-2025 Goalsetting spreadsheet*

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Blue Crab is anticipated to be fully rehabbed by September of this year*
- b. Fish Ladder Park is getting a sculpture, which should be installed over the summer*
- c.*

8. Commission’s Matters of Interest/Updates



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- b. *Discussion for potential other areas to install art*
- c. *Pottery Studio planning to come to Dover (founded by K.Hanson) with the goal to be ready by September, 2024*

9. Adjourn

- a. *J.Finnerty motioned to adjourn; K.Hanson seconded at 7:54pm. Vote: U/A*