

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

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

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Cliff Blake, Jacqueline Finnerty, Steve Bargdill, Yulia Rothenberg, Kirsten Allen, Sarah Davidson, and Jon Nichols

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff

Excused: Elise Morissette, Kim Hanson, Julia Kirchmer, Mike Lee

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. Y. Rothenberg to read Land Acknowledgment

1. **Citizens Forum:**

- a. *Amy Tilton, Aleka Munroe*

2. **Approval of April 2024 Minutes:**

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

3. **DAC Budget Report**

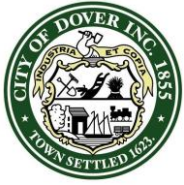
- a. *\$5000 budget: \$4,030.69 YTD Transactions, \$609.51 Budget Balance*
b. *Trust \$11,145.05*
c. *Board is optimistic re: the approval of the \$5K budget request*
d. *Jaqueline has gathered old surveys to gauge the public's interest in local art and how to use our budget; most popular were more murals, nature art, and live performances at Henry Law*

4. **Marketing**

- a. *Sarah reported on waterfront statue display in city hall*
b. *Discussion of need for all orgs to put events on city business page*

5. **Project Updates**

- a. **Literary Laureate**
i. *1/2 events loaded on Dover event calendar; the rest will be uploaded this evening*
ii. *Signed books out in community (Breakaway, Library, Teatotaler)*
iii. *May 11th, Spinning Yarns event to learn about Viking fiber arts*
iv. *May 15th, a book discussion for Half-Drowned King at the Dover Public Library*
v. *May 29th, author Lena Hartsuyker, book discussion at Fernment (back up location, Breakaway Cafe)*
vi. *June 1st, Learn to Row event*
- b. **AFTA**
i. *May 20th at 4pm, hosted at Children's Museums with Reid of Discover Dover Stakeholders*
1. *Discussion of purpose of group; use existing things/ tools to promote Dover*
ii. *May 28th at 9am, meeting w/ Strafford Regional Planning at Police Station*
- c. **Fiber Art Frenzy**
i. *Installed April 13th*
- d. **Art Beat**
i. *9 participating businesses*
ii. *Installed*



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- iii. Remaining artists to be installed at Woodman 5/16 for the Art Beat Art Show, all artists invited
- iv. Discussion of how to continue if businesses would like to

e. Graffiti Committee

- i. Met monday
- ii. Cleaning up Park St,
- iii. To discuss extending wall at upcoming meeting

f. Retailer's Meeting

- i. Kim absent

g. Waterfront/CWDA

- i. Progress!
- ii. Jamie Stevens said there are locations for arts but no lighting.
- iii. Is there an opportunity to partner with Dover Main Street to put artwork in the park?
- iv. Riverroots artwork in being fabricated.
- v. Fiduciary responsibility going from 400 committee to city

h. Community Trail

- i. Discussion of \$200 which had been appropriated for cairn garden, then redirected to sign of dedication to materials donor, Bob Shepherd; cost for sign is \$100 for sign, per sign
- ii. Northeast Color can do the turtle stencil

i. Public Art Projects

- i. Reviewed Paul's map of city and public art; need to add to list
- ii. Discussion of Concord, NH and Burlington, MA sculpture lease rental programs
- iii. Strafford Regional Planning Commission (SRPC) art mapping project and discussion
- iv. Re public art, preference to identify city owned property for public art, can also connect property owners for murals

j. Racial Equity & Equation

- i. Linnea absent

k. Keep Dover Wild

- i. Businesses painted their own windows
- ii. Discussion of DAC's further involvement; Jacqueline to make flier and send to artists, see if interested, then pass interested artist names to business

6. 2024 Goals

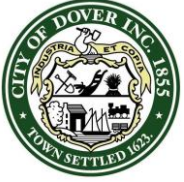
- a. Reviewed Commission goals as referenced in the DAC 2024-2025 Goalsetting spreadsheet

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Fish Ladder Park . Chris Parker said the sculpture cost more money than planned, so this will be put on the back burner; consider this a sculpture location
- b. Blue Crab is anticipated to be fully rehabbed by September of this year

8. Commission's Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. J. Harmor. Stake holders meeting
- b. Y. Rothenberg hopes to resurrect a teen center writing/editing/theatrical program intended to last an entire school year (Sept - May).
 - i. Met with Steve Bargdill and Steve Pappajohn, who suggested Yulia identify a paid intern (UNH?) to run the program
 - ii. Yulia to bring written document to re the program to the meeting next month
- c. C. Blake. Shared NH Arts Highlights



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- d. *C. Blake. Discussion of intersection of arts in other city committees, including graffiti committee*
- e. *Aleka Munroe inquired about receiving weekly minutes*

9. Adjourn

- a. *Y. Rothenberg moved to adjourn; S.Davidson seconded at 7:59pm. Vote: U/A*