

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, June 3, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Elise Morissette, Jacqueline Finnerty, Kim Hanson, Yulia Rothenberg, Kirsten Allen, Sarah Davidson, and Jon Nichols

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff

Excused: Cliff Blake, Julia Kirchmer, Mike Lee, Steve Bargdill,

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:36pm. J.Finnerty to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Watched finished Teen Center Documentary by Aiden Allen*
 - i. *Anticipated debut at the Strand in August or September; fundraiser for the Teen Center will be done through ticket sales*
 - ii. *Goals to present the film to various outlets (like Dover PTO or Education Board)*
- b. *Holly, a teacher from Dover High School, brought some students to observe a DAC meeting*
 - i. *Teens offering up volunteering for the commission as part of their education requirements*
- c. *Aaron Williams from Strong Town Seacoast proposing safer crosswalks in downtown*
 - i. *Already approved from Traffic Advisory Committee and approaching DAC for creative/artistic solutions for the project; Jaqueline will follow up*

2. Approval of May 2024 Minutes:

- a. *J.Nichols motioned to approve. K.Hanson seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

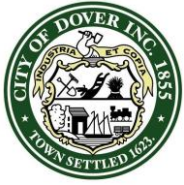
- a. *Balance 23/24 appropriation \$1048.55*
 - i. *Trust \$10,997*
 - ii. *No new updates*

4. Marketing

- a. *Working on promoting Art Beat and the locations that are participating; Yulia, Aleka, and Jane will collaborate and send more promotional images and writing*
- b. *New onboarding doc in progress*

5. Project Updates

- a. *Literary Laureate*
 - i. *All events completed*
 - ii. *Signed novels of the Half Drowned King were dropped off in local businesses, and all but 2 were taken (rest will be auctioned off)*
 - iii. *Based on stats, some events had strong participation, and others struggled; based on these observations, we can better plan for improving events in the future*
 - iv. *The library has interest in doing this again next year, potentially with other writers*
- b. *AFTA*
 - i. *Going well; there have been really great questions that we have been able to answer*
 - ii. *June 17th is the next meeting, being held at the Art Center at 4pm for Discover Dover*
- c. *Fiber Art Frenzy*
 - i. *Very successful installations; has lots of great content for marketing*



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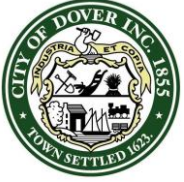
- ii. *New fiber art up at Sheafe house at the Woodman*
 - iii. *The trees at Waldren Court will be up until the end of the month; planning to host a small celebration on June 30th*
 - iv. *Our goal is to do it again, and we are putting the project as “pending” going forward*
 - d. *Art Beat*
 - i. *Great artist opening at the Woodman for artists who were not selected*
 - ii. *Artists expressed interest in a Dover newsletter for the arts*
 - e. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *Balance \$242*
 - ii. *Clean-up of Part Street Park will be held June 29th at 9am*
 - f. *Retailer’s Meeting*
 - i. *No meeting this month*
 - ii. *May 4th was very quiet, but the commission believe it was due to multiple holidays occurring at the same time*
 - iii. *Meetings are done for the summer; next anticipated planning is for New Years*
 - iv. *Planning to expand graffiti wall*
 - g. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *No updates*
 - h. *Community Trail*
 - i. *Setting up kern garden, and working with Bob Sherwood*
 - i. *Public Art Projects*
 - i. *Joe Parks sculpture; working with Mike Lee to create an installation plan for the first sculpture. Working on communication with Mike Doyle, creating an outline for the renamed “visiting sculpture artist exhibition”. We plan to gather all the information before proposing to Dover Main Street*
 - j. *Racial Equity & Inclusion*
 - i. *No updates*
 - k. *Keep Dover Wild*
 - i. *Meeting coming up; hoping to have things going up this month*
 - l. *Discover Dover Stakeholders*
 - i. *There is talk and consideration for applying to a tourism grant to help create a marketing plan for Dover*

6. 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*

7. Commission’s Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. *Fish Ladder: no updates- Blue Crab*
 - i. *progress underway*
- b. *High School*
 - i. *no updates*
- c. *Wing-Itz*
 - i. *construction still underway*
- d. *Play writing with the Teen Center*
 - i. *Yulia and Steve plan to make progress in September*



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a. No Updates

9. Adjourn

a. Y. Rothenberg moved to adjourn; J.Finnerty seconded at 8:05pm. Vote: U/A