

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, July 8, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Elise Morissette, Cliff Blake, Kim Hanson, Yulia Rothenberg, , Sarah Davidson, and Steve Bargdill

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff, and Linnea Nemeth, City Council Liaison

Excused: Jacqueline Manning, Kirsten Allen, Julia Kirchmer, and Mike Lee

Unexcused: Jon Nichols

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. C.Blake to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Citizen, Aleka Artemis Monroe, brought to discussion of DAC and social media engagement; meeting went through on how much to share on social media, and responding to the public when social media is used to ask questions directly*
- b. *Also discussed, is creating a poster full of information on the activities in the DAC; Sarah will design*

2. Approval of June 2024 Minutes:

- a. *Name adjustments to be mad: add Lenea, change Sheafe to Keefe, and Waldren to Walden*
- b. *- Kim motioned; Yulia seconded. Vote U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

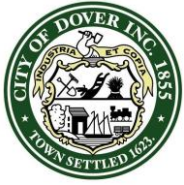
- a. *Balance 23/24 appropriation \$309.51*
- b. *Legacy Trust \$11,291.05*
- c. *Anticipating \$5,000 for 24/25 fiscal year*

4. Marketing

- a. *Welcome package for onboarding in Google Drive*
- b. *Followed up with communication in social media*

5. Project Updates

- a. *Teen Center Film*
 - i. *The Strand is open to host the Teen Center film*
 - ii. *Discussion of dates and times; aiming to have opening after Dover's middle school open house, showing at 7pm*
 - iii. *Kim will contact with the school for information about the open house*
 - iv. *Promotion of the event will be done verbally, flyers and email blasts; will need to reach out to Aiden for promotional imagery and verbiage*
- b. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *No updates.*
- c. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *A lot of ongoing meetings about the design*
 - ii. *Finalizing information before creating a big presentation*
- d. *Community Trail*
 - i. *No updates*
- e. *Public Art Projects (sculpture rental program, Joe Parks archway, art for COAST bus stops)*



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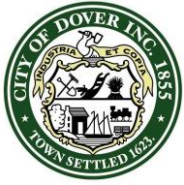
- i. Joe Parks Archway: met with the sculpture artist, Marcus Weinfurter; hashed out all the necessary details between the artist and commission; estimate cost 5k or more depending on sourcing the metals) and Jane is following up with a scrap metal yard to source more material*
 - ii. COAST bus posters: the commission came up with either asking artists to participate and provide a variety of designs, and also sharing information about the DAC; but ultimately, there is a need of more information and DAC will have to follow up the COAST contact*
- f. Keep Dover Wild*
 - i. 2 businesses interested in their windows painted and we have 4 artists in mind to do the painting*
- g. Retailers Meeting*
 - i. No updates; off until the fall*
- h. Literary Laureate*
 - i. 33 attendees for Spinning Yarns Event*
 - ii. No numbers, but Rowing Event very successful*
 - iii. 1 attendee for book discussion; suggestion to incorporate book discussion with an established book club*
 - iv. The library will be down for 9 month following major renovations of adding bathrooms for each floor, elevators, and expanded children's area*
 - v. While the library is down, there will be plans to help the library continue its services; there is talk on how the community can help host different spaces/ manage different library tasks during these renovations*
 - vi. Cliff, Jane and Steve will meet with the author about more library activities; date TBD*
- i. AFTA*
 - i. Next meeting September 19th at 4pm*
- j. Fiber Art Frenzy*
 - i. The installation was taken down; many of the public voicing missing the artwork*
 - ii. Most of the material saved until next year*
 - iii. Proposal of forming a small committee, including citizens, to help with next year's installment*
 - iv. The goal is to install it again for next year's Spring Fling*
- k. Art Beat*
 - i. Event is over; well received with our 80 registered artists*
 - ii. Many artworks sold*
 - iii. Update the poster for next event to be more visible and durable*

6. City Arts Grant

- a. Reviewing applications for New Hampshire Actor's Group for \$3k*
- b. As it stands, commission needs more information form applicant and will follow up with applicant following meeting*

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Fish Ladder*
 - i. no updates*
- b. Blue Crab*
 - i. some repairs need a specialist, and the search is underway for the right professional*
- c. Recreation Department*
 - i. reaching out to DAC if we are in a booth with them for Apple Harvest Day, or if we plan to booth with Planning Department; Paul will follow up*



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- d. *-Wing-Itz*
 - i. *construction done, will follow up this month*

8. 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*

9. Commission's Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. *Jersey Barriers are unpainted by Henry Law Park*
 - i. *the DAC plan to come together to paint them on the 29th, and Elise will plan a design*
 - ii. *\$100 allocated to jersey barriers off River Bend*
 - iii. *Vote - Jane motioned and Kim seconded. Vote: U/A*
- b. *Many art opportunities rising, which Jane and Sarah are communicating to the artists in the area on our list of registered artists*
- c. *A seat is open on the DAC*
 - i. *please send in recommended individuals*
- d. *The glass sculpture on 2nd Street is installed*

10. Adjourn

- a. *S.Bargdill moved to adjourn; C.Blake seconded at 8:28pm. Vote: U/A*