

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, August 5, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Elise Morissette, Cliff Blake, Kim Hanson, Jacqueline Manning, Kirsten Allen, Steve Bargdill, and Jon Nichols

Other: Erin Bassegio, Planning Staff

Excused: Yulia Rothenberg, Julia Kirchmer, and Sarah Davidson

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm. K.Hanson to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Citizen, Markus Weinfurter, a sculptor DAC is interested in hiring, presented the sculpture art proposal for the Joe Parks archway*
 - i. *Sculptor has background in theater set design and stage production*
 - ii. *Professional sculptor since 2012*
 - iii. *Presented 2 designs: both contain flowing branches made from scrap metal and copper flowers that bend into an arch that connects to the building and ground. There was a design in green, and a design in brown.*
 - iv. *Timeline would be 2-3 months to construct*
 - v. *Estimated cost is 20K, and will be discussed further later in the meeting*
 - vi. *Will be contacting John Storer to approve design, and the building owner to approval construction of the archway*

2. Approval of July 2024 Minutes:

- a. *Scrivener's errors were corrected*
- b. *Mention of special meeting next month*
- c. *Jane motioned to approve July minutes; Cliff seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

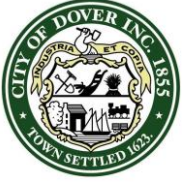
- a. *Balance 24/25 appropriation \$4,837.00*
- b. *Legacy Trust \$11,784*

4. Marketing

- a. *Welcome package for onboarding in Google Drive*

5. Project Updates

- a. *Teen Center Film*
 - i. *\$400 fee to rent the Strand for the preview; reviewing detail with Jon from Strand*
 - ii. *September 25th is Dover Middle School open house; the commission has permission to hand out flyers and talk about the event; this discussion about hosting at the school instead to accommodate costs and make it more accessible to students and their families; hosting the film at the school does make it challenging to sharing the film with the public*
 - iii. *Other solutions to share the film if publishing online, play at Dover Apple Harvest Day, or Dover Night Out next year, or a viewing at the Woodman*
- b. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *Repainting the Garrison Tower 6pm, 8/12*
 - ii. *Drafting a letter to residents to ask if they want murals on their buildings*

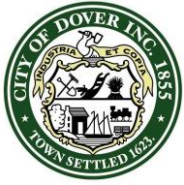


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- c. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *The waterfront building design has been accepted*
 - ii. *Designing the paving for the roads and pedestrian walkways*
 - iii. *5:30 meeting 8/6*
- d. *Community Trail*
 - i. *We have a sign for the Cairn garden; will install this week and deposit more rocks*
 - ii. *Planning to use the remaining \$40 to buy more rocks*
- e. *Public Art Projects (sculpture rental program, Joe Parks archway, art for COAST bus Stops*
 - i. *Joe Parks Archway: Jane motioned to hire Markus Weinfurter to make the archway on Central Ave in front of Joe Parks, and Jon seconded. But the commission vote “no” after further discussion.*
 - 1. *Commission discussed more details in what to include in the contract language, fundraising expectations, reviewing details with city lawyer, and additional clarification to commission questions*
 - 2. *Jane motioned to initiate contract and public art application with sculpture Markus Weinfurter, Cliff seconded and commission voted “yes”*
 - ii. *COAST bus posters: the commission asked more question to COAST to clarify details*
 - 1. *1 bus poster panel costs \$90 each, with a \$100 set up fee*
 - 2. *To call artists to poster, Jane requests work group for this project*
 - 3. *Commission wants to ask if we can pick the bus stops we display at*
 - 4. *Jane motioned to appropriate \$500 to pay for 4 posters for 4 artists to display at the COAST bus stops; Cliff seconded and the commission voted “yes”*
- f. *Keep Dover Wild*
 - i. *We are keeping the window painting to flowers; communicating with businesses about the paint and how to remove it*
 - ii. *Connecting with 4 different artists*
- g. *Retailers Meeting*
 - i. *No updates; off until the fall*
- h. *Literary Laureate*
 - i. *Contacted Michael Haley Goldman about One Book, One Community is not happening in his area; but suggested that there is a grant that will meet 1 for 1, and we can apply next year*
 - ii. *Researching into shared reading projects other states have*
 - iii. *“Dover Reads” might be an activity to build during the library closure*
- i. *AFTA*
 - i. *Next meeting September 19th at 4pm*
- j. *Fiber Art Frenzy*
 - i. *Looking to store remaining fiber art in the city hall*



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- k. Art Beat*
- i. N/A*

6. Unfinished Business

- a. Dover Main St.*
 - i. still communicating*
- b. Blue Crab*
 - i. waiting until September when students return*
- c. New DAC Member*
 - i. a few citizens of interest, so Jane and Cliff are interviewing*
- d. Wing-Itz*
 - i. cleaned up, will follow up this month*
- e. Chamber Creative Arts Showcase*
 - i. very hot, but a fun time for artists and visitors; est. 100 families at minimum; artists loved the event, but requesting better communication about the event*

7. Commission's Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. Jersey Barriers painted! The public has had a very positive response to it*
- b. Special meeting next month on 9/9*
- c. Dover Pottery Studio, by commission member Kim Hanson, opens officially 9/10*

8. Adjourn

- a. S.Bargdill moved to adjourn; K.Hanson seconded at 8:18pm. Vote: U/A*