

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, October 7, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff

Excused: Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, and Sarah Davidson, Linnea Nemeth, City Council Liaison

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:33pm. J.Nichols to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Introduced the room, and citizens Aleka, Jessica, Holly, Finn, and Paige*
- b. *Dover High School, National Honor Society (NHS) talking about projects*
 - i. *Electrical Boxes: measured the boxes, made design template, shared with fellow students to create a variety of designs, presented to the DAC, sorted out logistics of painting the electrical box; John motioned to elect the Apple Harvest Day design for the first electrical box, Cliff seconded and the motion was approved unanimously*
 1. *John motioned to set aside \$300 from DAC Budget for the electrical box murals - Kim seconded and the motion was approved unanimously*
 - ii. *Graffiti Wall: needed clarification what it should look like and how it is fitting curriculum for the students, encouraged NHS to go to Graffiti Committee meeting Oct 28th for more information*

2. Approval of September 2024 Minutes:

- a. *E.Morissette motioned to approve September minutes; J.Nichols seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

- a. *Balance 24/25 appropriation \$4,035*
- b. *Legacy Trust \$11,621.02*

4. Marketing

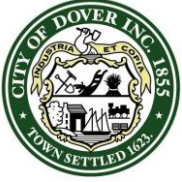
- a. *No Update Provided*

5. Central Ave. Sculpture

- a. *DAC approved the budget from the last meeting for this project*
 - i. *Cliff motioned to approve to present the application to city council, Kim seconded and the motion was approved unanimously*
 - ii. *Cliff motioned to elect Communitively (a 501C3) to help fundraise for this project; John seconded and the motion was approved unanimously*
- b. *Further discussion to advertise the sculpture to the public to help collect more donations and advertise to the public*

6. Project Updates

- a. *Teen Center Film*
 - i. *Debut at the Strand for October 10th at 7pm*
- b. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *No updates until November*
- c. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *Starting designs for placement of public art; talking about setting the sculpture rental program at this location instead of Joe Parks*



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- d. *Community Trail*
 - i. *Painted some rocks for the Cairn Garden*
 - ii. *Will reach out to Dover High School to connect with their Art Club/ Art Honors Society to volunteer with different projects*
- e. *Public Art Projects (sculpture rental program, Joe Parks archway, art for COAST bus stops)*
 - i. *COAST bus posters: posters are up at police station, Dover Housing, Central Ave, and Wentworth Hospital*
 - ii. *Public Art Potential Locations (also available in DAC Drive): at least 13 locations discussed and recorded*
- f. *Retailers Meeting*
 - i. *Retailers planning to do some season events after Thanksgiving (Plaid Friday, Shop Small Saturday, Sunday TBD, Cyber Monday)*
 - ii. *Working on potential carolers first week of December*
- g. *Literary Laureate*
 - i. *On hold until November 2nd due to Steve's surgery status*
- h. *AFTA*
 - i. *Discover Dover presentation on hold; new date TBD*
- i. *Keep Dover Wild*
 - i. *On hold until their next meeting*
- j. *Art Beat*
 - i. *No update*

7. Unfinished Business

- a. *Wing-Itz*
 - i. *no news*
- b. *Blue Crab*
 - i. *still getting cleaned; patchwork needs professional attention so no finish date currently*
- c. *Woodman Museum*
 - i. *Beginning the tree lighting for the Woodman Holiday Walk in December the Friday and Saturday; Art Markets at Woodman Oct 17th and December 7th*

8. Commission's Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. *New DAC Members*
 - i. *Aleka and Jessica are our potentials; still hoping for one more*
- b. *Apple Harvest Day*
 - i. *6 volunteers for the day and had great conversation; mostly passers-by but opened up discussion of other locations we can put up information to advertise for the Reaching Across sculpture*

9. Adjourn

- a. *J.Manning moved to adjourn; K.Hanson seconded at 7:48pm. Vote: U/A*