

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, November 4, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Excused: Jon Nichols

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. A.Monroe to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Introduced the members, and citizens: Jeff, Jessica (potential member) and Paige (potential member)*
- b. *Dover High School, National Honor Society (NHS) talking about projects*
 - i. *Electrical Boxes: the electrical box on the corner of Locust and Silver St is done! Lots of great attention and it is wonderful to see the high school students participating; more boxes planned after cold months*

2. Approval of October 2024 Minutes:

- a. *J.Manning motioned to approve October minutes; C.Blake seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

- a. *Balance 24/25 appropriation \$3,375*
- b. *Legacy Trust \$11,621.02*

4. Marketing

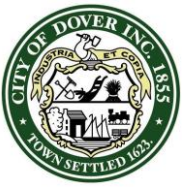
- a. *Sarah would like help managing the social media as it is hard to balance with her daily life; Aleka volunteered and they exchanged information; will also connect with Mike Gillis to help gain account control*

5. Central Ave. Sculpture

- a. *The goal for the sculpture is 25K (20K for the artwork and installation, 5K for maintenance and repair)*
- b. *Communitively (a 501C3) is on hold for helping us as there is a mistake in filing the paperwork; more info to come*
- c. *Each member received a donation envelope to chip in for the sculpture; clarification on what that looks like for commission members*
- d. *Discussion on different potential donors to approach*
- e. *Discussion on how to make a presentation plan to the city; also talking about how to make a public art plan to request more budget from the city (to be discussed at the next commission retreat)*

6. Project Updates

- a. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *Going to prime the walls to start fresh; will additionally add a statement on what the project is about; emailing businesses to survey interest in murals*
- b. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *Park plans being developed*
- c. *Community Trail*
 - i. *Adding more rocks to Cairn Garden*
- d. *Public Art Projects*
 - i. *COAST bus posters: posters are a success! Lots of good attention already for this project*
 - ii. *Public Art Potential Locations: Great Bay rowing will potentially adding public art to their structure and in discussion on what that will look like;*
- e. *Retailers Meeting*



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- i. 11/29 Plaid Friday, 11/30 Shop Small Sat, 12/01 Artist Sunday, 12/02 Cyber Monday, Holiday Stroll 12/12 4-8pm; looking for carolers to perform*
- f. Literary Laureate*
 - i. Proposal for Community Writing Workshop; lots of breakdown on the details of the proposal; DAC asked laureate to come back after more interest is found before the commission approves requested budget*
- g. Keep Dover Wild*
 - i. Taking off agenda*
- h. Art Beat*
 - i. Discussion begins the 1st of the year, 2025*

7. Unfinished Business

- a. Wing-Itz*
 - i. taking off agenda*
- b. Blue Crab*
 - i. quoted sand blasting is around 2k; commission is tabling the project until funds for the repairs are available*
- c. Woodman Museum*
 - i. 6ft star built for the Woodman for the holiday event December 7th; Kim volunteered to help hang lights this year*

8. Commission's Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. DAC Members*
 - i. all current applied potential members on hold as city clerk is busy with city affairs*
- b. A new apartment building on Third St is asking about public art; commission will follow up*
- c. Historic art in the public library is looking for a temporary home when the library undergoes it's construction*

9. Adjourn

J.Manning moved to adjourn; Y.Rothenberg seconded at 8:45pm. Vote: U/A