

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, Dec 2, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Call to Order / Land Acknowledgement: *This meeting takes place at Cochecho (CO-chi-co) on N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Alnubak (Al-nub-bak), the people who have stewarded N'dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia.*

1. Call to Order – 6:32pm

- a. Members in attendance: Jane Hamor, Jacqueline Manning, Cliff Blake, Aleka Monroe, Jon Nichols, Yulia Rothenberg
- b. Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff
- c. Excused: Kim Hanson, Elise Morissette
- d. Unexcused: Steve Bargdill, Sarah Davidson

2. Citizens Forum

- a. Holly and Finn from NAHS –
 - i. 3 kids painted the traffic box on Silver and Locust. They have gotten a lot of positive feedback on traffic box painting.
 - ii. Working with Woodman to do an art show – Opening and Reception will be February 7th 5pm – 7pm
 - iii. Holly reached out to tribe leader from Abenaki group – looking for information on tribe, native patterns to Dover and making sure to respect traditions.
 - iv. Holly and Finn showed us a few more ideas for future traffic box drawn by NAHS members

3. Approval of November minutes

- a. Cliff moved to accepted minutes with the change of “Kern” to “Cairn”
- b. Yulia seconded
- c. Passed Unanimously
- d. Jacqueline moved to correct balance on November 4 minutes to \$3,775
 - i. Jon seconded motion
 - ii. Passed unanimously

4. DAC Budget report

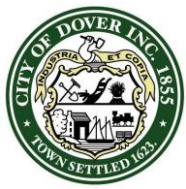
- a. Balance 24/25 appropriation \$3,775
- b. Legacy Trust \$11,692.92
- c. We are looking to separate or distinguish donations for “Reaching Across”

5. Marketing Report

- a. No report this month due to Sarah’s absence
- b. Sarah, Paige and Aleka will meet to discuss a marketing plan

6. Central Ave Sculpture

- a. Jane, Cliff, Paige, Amy and Jacqueline met to discuss the Central Ave sculpture



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- i. Discussed Branding, came up with a tagline for the DAC. Tagline should appear with our logo and on all our social media and email signatures
 1. “Where creativity knows no limits”
- ii. Our focus through the end of the year should be on raising money from ourselves, friends and family. We will save a full fundraising campaign for next year.
- iii. Paige made a flyer for “Reaching Across”. There is a QR code that will take you straight to the donation page.
- iv. We came up with different donation tier levels - \$100, \$500, \$1,000, \$2,500, \$5,000
- v. Jane is planning to send thank you notes to donors, looking for a list of people who have donated through the pink envelopes.
- vi. The planning department has sent a list of those who donated so far
- b. Will see about possible donation from or collaboration with The Rotary
- c. We will have space at the Festival of Trees on Friday, December 6th to hand out fliers and pink envelopes.
 - i. Cliff will be setting up at 3pm

7. Project Updates

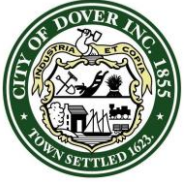
- a. Graffiti Committee –
 - i. Graffiti wall was painted and cleared. It already has new tags on it.
- b. Waterfront Committee – No update
- c. Community Trail –
 - i. Added more painted rocks to the Cairn Garden
 - ii. Yulia suggested an upcycle sculpture
- d. Public Art Projects – Chestnut St (train tracks) Thirds St (Asia)
- e. Retailers meeting – No Update
 - i. Involvement in “Artist’s Sunday” – should we be involved? Will discuss this further at our retreat
- f. Literary Laureate – No Update
- g. Art Beat –
 - i. Jane, Kim, Paige and Aleka will meet sometime in January

8. Unfinished Business- Blue Crab, Woodman holiday light display

- a. Blue Crab – Welding Dept found someone in Auburn, NH to do the sandblasting for \$400
 - i. Suggestion for naming contest once the Blue Crab repairs are completed
- b. Woodman Holiday Light Display – cancelled, due to issues with boiler
 - i. Star is on display in front of Woodman Institute
- c. Still waiting on reply from applicant for City Arts Grant – indigenous women exhibit in Henry Law Park.
 - i. Jane had suggested the project should be do in conjunction with the Racial Equity Committee
- d. We received a request that we do something for Veteran Service Dogs in Veteran’s Park

9. Commission’s Matters of Interest/Update – DAC membership, January Retreat

- a. January Retreat – develop outline for public art plan
 - i. Tentatively planned for January 11, 8:30am – 12:30pm



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- ii. Retreat will be in place of our January meeting

10. Adjourn

- a. Jacqueline motioned to adjourn at 7:50pm
 - i. Yulia seconded
 - ii. **Passed Unanimously**

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