

CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, September 9, 2024
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane Hamor, Elise Morissette, Cliff Blake, Kim Hanson, Yulia Rothenberg, and Jon Nichols

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

Excused: Jacqueline Manning, Kirsten Allen, Steve Bargdill, and Sarah Davidson

Unexcused:

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

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Introduced the room, and citizens Aleka, Jessica, Robert, Jeff, and Paul*

2. Approval of August 2024 Minutes:

- a. *Scrivener's errors were corrected*
- b. *C. Blake motioned to approve August minutes; Y. Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. DAC Budget Report

- a. *Balance 24/25 appropriation \$4,837.00*
- b. *Legacy Trust \$11,784*
- c. *\$165 for Cairn Garden sign*

4. Marketing

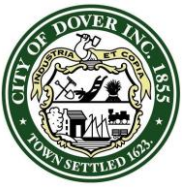
- a. *Sarah will have handouts ready for Apple Harvest Day; Kim will donate a ream of paper for planning to print for us (Paul will double check)*

5. Central Ave. Sculpture

- a. *Sculpture name is "Reaching Across"*
- b. *\$25k-30k is actual cost for sculpture; following up with Dover Main Street for donation/ matching donation*
- c. *Planning to advertise the sculpture for Apple Harvest Day and collect donations for the arch*
- d. *For advertising, doing research for posters between vendors and work we can do ourselves; Kim motioned to allot \$300 for printing to advertise the "Reaching Across" sculpture during Apple Harvest Day, Jon seconded. Vote: U/A*
- e. *DAC had meeting with the city and learned that Dover Main Street cannot be out fiscal representative; suggestion to talk with Doug Leonon about Communitively (a local nonprofit) to help collect funds for the project*
- f. *Doug was reached out to, and said this is the exactly kind of project the nonprofit was looking for; donations can be collected through Communitively and a check can be made to the DAC Legacy account*
- g. *Jon motioned to allocate 5k from DAC Legacy to fund "Reaching Across" and to seek council approval for installation. Yulia seconded. Vote: U/A*

6. Project Updates

- a. *Teen Center Teen Center Film*
 - i. *Stephen Pappajohn will pay the \$400 to host the documentary debut at the Strand for October 10th at 7pm*
- b. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *Will reach out to Dover High School to connect with their Art Club/ Art Honors Society to volunteer with different projects*
- c. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *Next meeting 9/17 to have meeting that should talk about the art*
- d. *Community Trail*
 - i. *Cairn Garden sign pulled out; Community Service will reinstall*
 - ii. *Will reach out to Dover High School to connect with their Art Club/ Art Honors Society to volunteer with different projects*



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- e. *Public Art Projects (sculpture rental program, Joe Parks archway, art for COAST bus stops)*
 - i. *COAST bus posters: Adele approved 4 design to put in the COAST posters; Jane will be contacting the artists chosen*
 - 1. *Sarah made a QR code for people to find information about the DAC*
 - 2. *COAST does all the printing and installation*
 - 3. *Jane contacting with COAST graphic designer for a 5th poster*
- f. *Retailers Meeting*
 - i. *First Fridays 5-8pm storefronts open, and thinking about different themes going forward*
 - 1. *For November, a pumpkin contest, Plaid Friday 11/29, Small Business Day 11/30, Holiday Stroll 4-8pm 12/12*
 - 2. *Communitively could potentially participate in downtown happenings*
- g. *Literary Laureate*
 - i. *Met with library to start creative writing clubs for the schools and the Teen Center*
 - ii. *Trying to find a general meeting space for writing groups to meet up; Talking with Milk Street Studio as potential space*
- h. *AFTA*
 - i. *Last meeting September 16th at 4pm*
- i. *Keep Dover Wild*
 - i. *Businesses are starting to paint their windows on their own! Bedrock Gardens next*
- j. *Art Beat*
 - i. *N/A*

7. Unfinished Business

- a. *Wing-Itz*
 - i. *no news*
- b. *Blue Crab*
 - i. *still taken appart; needs a lot of love to put it back together properly; talkingto experts to handle each step of the process professionally*

8. Commission's Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. *New DAC Member*
 - i. *a few citizens of interest to fill 2 positions (member Julia resigned), so Jane and Cliff are interviewing*
- b. *Apple Harvest Day*
 - i. *working on getting commission members to volunteer for the event; sharing a tent with Planning; looking to have our own tent in 2025*

9. Adjourn

- a. *K.Hanson moved to adjourn; Y.Rothenberg seconded at 8:12pm. Vote: U/A*