



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, May 5, 2025
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

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

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff

Excused: Aleka Monroe, Paige VaughAn, Jacqueline Manning, Steve Bargdill and Sarah Davidson

Unexcused:

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

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Dover High School came to check in on votes towards designs.*
- b. *Seniors are preparing to graduate but inducting 24 new students to the National Honors Society in the Arts*
- c. *Voting on 3 designs for 3 boxes, and the DAC settled on 3 designs and will connect with Dover High School before school is out as to setting an installation date.*

2. Approval of April 2025 Minutes:

- a. *A.Warnock motioned to approve April minutes with spelling errors corrected; C.Blake seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. Budget Report

- a. *Current budget is \$879 until end of June*
- b. *Paid out \$1221 for various DAC marketing and materials*
- c. *Literary arts \$600*
- d. *City Arts Grant; \$1500 for No More Stolen Sisters, and \$500 for Community Trail*
- e. *Electrical Boxes Paint; \$300*

4. Reaching Across Sculpture

- a. *\$22,234 raised as of 4/22/25*
- b. *The sculpture is assembled at Sanctuary Arts in Eliot*
- c. *The city is working on the bridge before the installation can take place*
- d. *DAC discussed how to conduct an opening ceremony for the sculpture*
- e. *There is discussion about adding names of donors*
- f. *Citizen brought up concern about painting the bridge railings again*

5. Literary Laureate

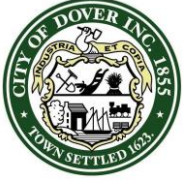
- a. *1 application came in with an interview of the individual to be conducted soon*
- b. *DAC discussed about clarifying the expectations of the role and service*

6. Marketing

- a. *Elise still needs time to vector logos*

7. Project Updates

- a. *Art Beat*
 - i. *All the artist and businesses are connected and finishing installing artworks*
- b. *Fiber Frenzy*
 - i. *Installation is up!*



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- ii. *The install went smoothly and DAC is looking for more fiber donations to continue growing the project*
- c. *Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *A planned clean up tomorrow at 9am*
 - ii. *Graffiti Committee proposed to DAC that we maintenance the graffiti walls, but the commission felt that Graffiti Committee is responsible for that*
 - iii. *Applying to grants to extend the graffiti walls*
- d. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *No updates*
- e. *Community Trail*
 - i. *No updates*
- f. *Seacoast Garden Exhibit*
 - i. *Elise is the juror representing the DAC and continuing communication to make that happen*
- g. *Public Art Projects*
 - i. *Chestnut St project has not updates*
 - ii. *Third St has no updates*
 - iii. *Mechanic St building has garnered attention with public art mentioned to potential buyer/ developer*
 - iv. *Library Art Wall is being planned and eta around July/ August*

8. Unfinished Business

- a. *The Blue Crab*
- b. *Getting ready to install!*
- c. *Voting on naming the crab is underway in various locations*
- d. *\$300 allocated for ice cream party for the high school students who worked on this project*
- e. *Tribute sign for donors and high schoolers mentioned. C.Blake motioned for up to \$40 for the sign. K.Hanson seconded. Vote: U/A*
- f. *A special thank you to John Storer for helping put together the installation*

9. Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. *The Woodman is officially open and had great attendance so far*
- b. *Cocheco Arts Festival*
 - i. *No action*
- c. *Map for locations of public art*
 - i. *low priority project that someone will need to volunteer to do*
 - ii. *needs more research and learn about accessing the information, and we need pictures*
- d. *-No More Stolen Sisters project is up and running at the Woodman and Henry Law*
- e. *Spring Fling is May 10th*
- f. *Retailers Meetings are resuming*
- g. *Jane mentions we need a work group to plan the sculpture rental program*

10. Adjourn

J.Nichols moved to adjourn; Y.Rothenberg seconded at 7:45 pm. Vote: U/A