



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, April 07, 2025
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elise Morissette, Cliff Blake, Kim Hanson, Amy Warnock, Jacqueline Manning, Jane Hamor, Jon Nichols, Paige Vaughn, Yulia Rothenberg, Steve Bargdill and Sarah Davidson

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff, Adele Sicilia

Excused: Aleka Monroe

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. Adele Sicilia to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Citizen Dover High School came with more designs for electrical boxes*
 - i. *- Smaller budget after initial electrical box didn't require a lot of paint and they have paint leftover*
- b. *Empty Bowls April 9th, 4-7pm at the high school*

2. Approval of March 2025 Minutes:

- a. *J.Nichols motioned to approve March minutes with spelling errors corrected; Y.Rothenberg seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. Budget Report

- a. *Current budget is \$2,779*

4. City Arts Grant

- a. *Thrive - Chalk Walk proposed by Community Trail; requesting \$500 to gather material for an event focused on artists to draw in chalk starting at the train station down the Community Trail on June 8th*
 - i. *Yulia motioned to approve the \$500 for the Chalk Walk event proposal; Amy 2nd. Vote: U/A*
 - ii. *Paul and Erin to figure out fund transfer at future date*

5. Reaching Across Sculpture

- a. *Still fundraising the remaining fund to complete the sculpture; current funds are \$21,034*
- b. *The build has begun at Sanctuary Arts*

6. Literary Laureate

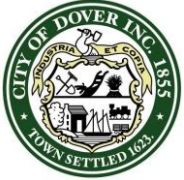
- a. *Taking in applications still for the literary laureate position; applications close April 30th and June 15th is the plan to swear them in*
- b. *4 students have signed up and the program has begun; students and school have positive feedback for the program*
- c. *DAC discussed if \$1000 was appropriate for this project since it only serves 4 students*
 - i. *DAC will commit to this program as it was promised and is underway*
 - ii. *Will consider opening the visiting author lectures to be open to the public if possible to include more Dover residents*

7. Marketing

- a. *Elise working on getting her city email fixed, and will work on vectoring the logos for DAC*
- b. *Cliff proposed that the slogan below the DAC logo*
- c. *Sarah discussed digital business cards again, sharing more research about them*
 - i. *The idea was tabled due to being lower priority; the goal is to resolve before September*

8. Project Updates

- a. *Art Beat*



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- i. 17 artists and 13 storefronts signed up! Pairing and communicating with all parties now*
 - ii. Planning on an Art Beat reception at the Woodman*
- b. Graffiti Committee*
 - i. update partnered with the City Arts Grant*
- c. Waterfront Committee*
 - i. Nebi Park updates*
 - 1. we reviewed the potential locations for future sculptures (creating cement pads and some discussion of different options for public art*
 - 2. creating 6-10 artist kiosks called "incubators"*
 - 3. July 1st for proposed 8k budget for art/ sculpture for the new park*
 - 4. Henry Law Park will be receiving upgrades after Apple Harvest Day; suggested to add sculpture there at the river walk section. Will work with Cliff to finalize locations*
- d. Community Trail*
 - i. City Arts Grant*
- e. Public Art Projects*
 - i. No updates*
- f. Retailers Meeting*
 - i. Planning for Spring Fling/Fiber Frenzy; will need volunteers for Fiber Frenzy (install May 2nd); May 3rd is the Spring Fling*

9. Unfinished Business

- a. The Blue Crab*
 - i. The fundraising worked! We have reimbursed the Dover High School metal shop the fund necessary to fix the crab with the help of Lickee's and Cheny's and a generous donation from Dover Main St*
 - ii. Planning an ice cream social for the students involved in the repairs*
 - iii. Cliff motioned to use \$300 of funds for the ice cream social; Jon seconded. Vote: U/A*

10. Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. Sarah-Jewett Orin Home collaborating with the DAC to host a juried art show to be on exhibit from June-Sept; more info to come-*
- b. Cochecho Arts Festival*
 - i. DAC will have to turn down previous planned budget of 1k to sponsor the art market*
 - ii. Hoping to have \$500 for next year's budget*
- c. Proposed a pamphlet to map out locations of public art; low priority project that someone will need to volunteer to do*
- d. The city library is thinking about acquiring an artwork for their summer reading program; the idea being an art wall in Park Street Park funded by the Friends of the Library*

11. Adjourn

J.Nichols moved to adjourn; S.Davidson seconded at 8:19 pm. Vote: U/A