



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, March 3, 2025
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elise Morissette, Cliff Blake, Amy Warnock, Jane Hamor, Jon Nichols, Paige VaughAn, Aleka Monroe and Sarah Davidson

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff, Adele Sicilia

Excused: Steve Bargdill, Yulia Rothenberg, Jacqueline Manning, and Kim Hanson

Unexcused:

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

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Citizen Jeff with no updates*
- b. *Adele from NH Council of the Arts came to update on budget slashes for the council in the next 2 years; walked the commission through resources to advocate for the Council and provided tools to share to spread the word*

2. Approval of February 2025 Minutes:

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

3. Budget Report

- a. *The city approved of the previous 5k amount for the fiscal year; Jane and Cliff plan to appeal with our proposed budget the DAC had been building up by the request of the City*
- b. *Investments that the DAC would like to focus on this coming year is sponsor Creative Arts Fest at Cochecho Arts Festival, and working on more public murals like the Community Trail tunnel which Seacoast Charter School has interest in painting.*

4. City Arts Grant

- a. *Approved No More Stolen Sisters Project*
- b. *Approved Fiber Frenzy just in time for review*

5. Reaching Across Sculpture

- a. *Reviewed the fund in the DAC Legacy to what is allocated for the sculpture and what funds are still in progress to come through*
- b. *Markus secured a space to build the sculpture at Sanctuary Arts in Eliot*
- c. *Clarified that we are paying the artist, Markus, 20k for the artwork and DAC plans to set aside 5k for installation and maintenance*
- d. *There will be further meetings about the project with the appropriate parties involved*

6. Literary Laureate

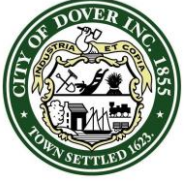
- a. *DAC will be searching for a new Literary Laureate, and asks members to keep feelers for candidates*

7. Marketing

- a. *Logo*
 - i. *Adjusted the logo to fit the circle format on social media*
 - ii. *The logo needs a few more adjustments, like Elise vectoring the file*
- b. *-Sarah is researching different apps to generate a QR code for business cards and other communication opportunities*

8. Project Updates

- a. *Art Graffiti Committee*
 - i. *currently reviewing the costs for murals*



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- b. *Waterfront Committee*
 - i. *Preparing information to budget for concrete pads for the sculpture rental program; working on the paddle dock*
- c. *Community Trail*
 - i. *Acquiring sidewalk chalk to color the sidewalks for spring*
- d. *Public Art Projects*
 - i. *Chestnut St and 3rd St have no new updates*
 - ii. *Dover Main Street wants to work with DAC to create a map with picture of all the art spots in central Dover*
- e. *Retailers Meeting*
 - i. *No meeting*
- f. *Art Beat*
 - i. *Started drip emails for campaign; getting submissions already; will be up from May-June and looking for more locations to host artists*
- g. *Traffic Control Boxes*
 - i. *Discussion about which boxes to pursue and getting designs from DHS National Art Honor Society*
 - ii. *Talked about what themes DAC wants to see*
 - iii. *A.Monroe moves to approve 3 boxes for students to paint in spring: Central/Washington, Washington/Chestnut, Central/Broadway, with same budget as last time, \$500. P. Vaughn seconds. Vote: U/A*

9. Unfinished Business

- a. *The Blue Crab*
 - i. *Getting quote for painting costs*
 - ii. *The sculpture got the necessary updates and cool marking from students*
 - iii. *Radio channel, the SHARK, will help campaign to raise money for the Blue Crab repairs*

10. Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. *The Dover Fire Dept reached out to see if DAC is interested in making a donation toward the Children Fire Safety Festival*
 - i. *The DAC proposed that \$300 of our funds be donated to the FSRP*
 - 1. *A.Warnock motioned to appropriate \$300. S.Davidson seconded. Vote: U/A*
- b. *Applying to the NH Council of the Arts, Community Engagement Grant*
 - i. *DAC discussed which project best represents the requirements of the grant application (whether the Graffiti Walls for the skateboard park or the sculpture rental program)*
 - ii. *DAC agreed that the Graffiti Walls should be the proposed grant project*
 - iii. *Looking to match more DAC goals with commission members*
 - 1. *Yulia potentially for grant writing and asking members to help with adding more performances to our City*

11. Adjourn

A.Monroe moved to adjourn; C.Blake seconded at 8:30 pm. Vote: U/A