



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

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

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

Other: Paul Crouser, Planning Staff

Excused:

Unexcused:

Meeting called to order at 6:34pm. P.VaughAn to read Land Acknowledgment

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Citizen Jeff with no updates; Whitney from REI Committee inquiring about the flags for the new waterfront park (redirected to Waterfront Committee meeting)*

2. Approval of January 2025 Minutes:

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

3. Master Plan Reviewed

- a. *Assigned goals to members*
- b. *Updated language in the goals*
- c. *C.Blake motioned to approve Master Plan; E.Morissette seconded. Vote : U/A*

4. Budget Report

- a. *P.Crouser displayed budget request breakdown; three year plan as followed:*
 - i. *\$13,075 for 25/26*
 - ii. *\$13,550 for 26/27*
 - iii. *\$14,086 for 27/28*
 - iv. *Shared cultural arts plan with City*
 - v. *Connecting with the Planning Dept. to check on status of budget request*

5. Marketing

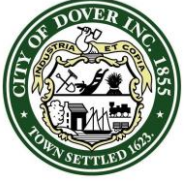
- a. *Aleka, Sarah, and Paige are social media administrators now*
- b. *Clarified what we want to share on social media*

6. Reaching Across Sculpture

- a. *Paige made the brochure to appeal to businesses to donate; we adjusted some design adjustments and plan to print about 50*
- b. *\$19,975.82 is the full, current amount of the DAC Legacy; we are looking to raise approximately 16k for the sculpture*
- c. *Waiting on the Joe Parks donation amount*
- d. *Donation envelopes to be shared with brochures*

7. City Arts Grant

- a. *Thrive New England*
 - i. *Noted that the application was not local enough and not developed enough*
 - ii. *The project is a great idea, just needs some further details; applicant will be informed of our notes and possible meet our other members*



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iii. *A.Monroe voted to deny acceptance of this application; J.Nichols seconded. Vote: U/A*

- b. *“No More Stolen Sisters” art installation*
 - i. *Artist Jenny Tibits (they/ them), formally Todd Warfield, answered our questions in a follow-up email*
 - ii. *P.Crouser pointed out potential issues with the project based on likely City concerns*
 - iii. *Proposed back-up locations if Henry Law is unable to host project*

8. Projects

- a. *Graffiti Committee:*
 - i. *To look at agenda and talk more about funding and the Community Trail*
- b. *Waterfront Committee:*
 - i. *Juggling collaboration with different building and what those art project might look like*
- c. *Community Trail:*
 - i. *No updates*
- d. *Public Art Projects:*
 - i. *Waiting to hear from the developments on Chestnut St and 3rd St*
- e. *Retailers Meeting:*
 - i. *Spring Fling is May 10th*
- f. *Literary Laureate:*
 - i. *Given a room in Dover High School to host the workshops, and will call the authors to catch up on progress*
- g. *Art Beat:*
 - i. *Meeting Feb 11th at 6:30*

9. Unfinished Business

- a. *The Blue Crab got its necessary sanding done and is being shared on social media*

10. Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. *Fiber Frenzy is being added back to projects; will re-submit the public art proposal to the City*

11. Adjourn

Y.Rothenberg moved to adjourn; A.Monroe seconded at 8:22 pm. Vote: U/A