



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: McConnell Center, Room 323
Meeting Date: Monday, June 2, 2025
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Jane, Elise, Cliff, Amy, Yulia, Kim, Leanna, Jaqueline, Paul from Planning

Excused: Aleka, Paige

Unexcused: Sarah, Jon

Called to Order at 6:42pm. Call to order delayed because our usual conference room was taken over by another business

Land Acknowledgement read by Yulia

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. *Jeff Spires from Dover Main St - Partnering with city to replace street banners; there are 29 on Silver St and 22 on Central Ave - Aiming to make small banners the same design year round and the large banners to change seasonally - Wants to partner with DAC to recruit local artists to sign the seasonal banners - Looking for first design (for fall) by August - Designs need the city logos, Dover iconography and will be mirrored on both sides on the banner - Creative designs are welcome - Dover Main St will work with artists directly after designs are chosen - Dover Main St willing to help pick designs.*

2. Approval for May 2025 Minutes

- a. *Scrivener's error adjusted - Cliff motioned, Kim seconded*

3. Budget Report

- a. *Current budget is \$879 until end of June; remaining funds to put into legacy account (end of fiscal year) - Spent \$220 for the ice cream party at Licky's and Cheny's (Blue Crab project) - Yulia voted to reimburse Cliff \$92.25 for spending on the Blue Crab project; Elise seconded and it was moved*

4. Central Ave Sculpture

- a. *\$745 needs to be sent over from Dover Main St; will have a more accurate number after June 30th*
- b. *Jane will update the fundraising donations - Making note of all the names to honor - Artist Marcus submitted x2, 5K invoices that have been paid*
- c. *Marcus is working with the city (Community Services) to properly install - There is a business next to install location that has not consented to the art installation, and DAC needs something in writing to agree to the art installation; Jane and Cliff will reach out to the business - Community Service should be paid for the installation; DAC discussed how to move/acquire the funds necessary to pay them - Better estimate of cost of installation after the artwork is installed*

5. Literary Arts Project

- a. *Concluded April 15th with a public reading*
- b. *3 students took class*
- c. *Another reading May 17th with a good crowd*
- d. *DAC discussed different ways to improve the project*
- e. *Suggestion to repeat the project to gain momentum*



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f. Neither hired authors filled out the paperwork to be paid for the project, and voluntarily came to multiple workshops

6. Literary Laureate

- a. 1 application; Shane Moorin - DAC reviewed the application and read over the references - Author has glowing reviews and provided lots of examples of experience that ties into the position - Concerns of dark topics very present in written works, but after further discussion the DAC is not swayed by this in the application review - Jane and Cliff interviewed him and left with a positive impression - Elise voted to elect Shane Moorin as DAC's next Literary Laureate, Jaqueline seconded and the motion moved*

7. Marketing

- a. No updates*

8. Projects Updates

- a. Art Beat: all the art is installed; we celebrate a great turn out for this project*
b. Fiber Frenzy: still installed and people are loving it; Kim plans to reapply to extend the installation date; always looking for more donations
c. Graffiti Committee: June 22nd for a clean-up date (painting over graffiti)
d. Waterfront Committee: no updates; next meeting June 3rd
e. Community Trail: Chalk Fest June 8th! A member of Community Trail paid for everything, so there needs to be action to repay this member with the fund allotted for Chalk Fest
f. Seacoast Garden Exhibit: Elise met with Alyssa and juried the art! Art show opening July 10th at Sarah Orne Jewett House
g. Public Art Projects: these projects are on hold by the private developers

9. Unfinished Business

- a. The Blue Crab: has been home for two weeks with no issues - Crab named vote; Leonardo DiCrabrio*
b. Cliff motioned for up to \$40 for New England Barricade to put up an acknowledgment sign; Jaqueline seconded and the motion moved

10. Matters of Interest/Updates

- a. Hayley Martin was a high school student design chosen for the next electrical box - Do we meet this summer? DAC discussed attending the July meeting due to certain projects and inducting our new Literary Laureate, and August will be tentative*
b. Circling back to Banners Project - Jane motioned to vote that artists picked for this project will be paid \$250; Yulia seconded and the motion moved
c. We need a new meeting room; Cliff will look for one

14. Adjourn –

- a. Jaqueline motioned; Cliff seconded at 8:00pm . Vote: U/A*