 CITY OF DOVER	ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES	
	Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
	Meeting Location:	First floor Conference Room, City Hall
	Meeting Date:	Monday, Dec. 1, 2025
	Meeting Time:	6:30 p.m.

Attended: Jane Hamor, Shane , Kim Hanson, Amy Warnack, Paige, Yulia, Sara Davidson, Jon Nichols, Paul C.
Excused Absence: Cliff Blake, Jacqueline, Elise, Linnea
Unexcused absence: Aleka Monro

- 1. Call to Order** – Jane called the meeting to order 6:33 pm.

Read by Jonathan Nichols / Land Acknowledgement: *This meeting takes place at Cocheco (CO-chi-co) on N’dakinna (n-DA-ki-na), now called Dover, New Hampshire, which is the unceded traditional ancestral homeland of the Abenaki (a-BEN-a-ki), Pennacook and Wabanaki Peoples, past and present. We acknowledge and honor with gratitude the land, waterways, living beings, and the Alnubak (Al-nuh-bak), the people who have stewarded N’dakinna (n-DA-ki-na) for many millennia.*

December is Indigenous people’s month.

- 2. Citizens Forum** – none
- 3. Approval of November minutes** – Kim Motioned, Amy seconded to approve November minutes with three typo corrections to be made by Paul .
- 4. DAC Budget report**
FY 25-26 Budget \$4,508.28 Legacy Trust \$12,768 (as of Sept 25) – Jane reported based on the information she had.

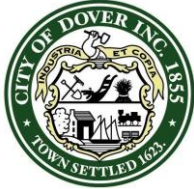
- 5. Marketing Report**
Jane is still reaching out to Mike Gillis to create the video about Reaching Over sculpture sponsors and supporters thank you.

- 6. Literary Laureate**
Shane reported that he is working through getting the payment from the city to the published for Lawton books. They will be distributed through multiple local venues. Shane will work with Amy, the librarian to update the flyer explaining the program in tandem with the book distribution sites. Yulia mentioned that they should wait to ask the author for the W-9 until next year since the document is required for the year payment is made.

Shane is also working with Auspicious Brew on poetry slam on last Sunday of the month for three months starting on January and ending in March.

Also reaching out to Jed from Chamber to see if it’s possible to add Music and Poetry to the Cocheco Arts Festival for next year. Shane can invite NH Poet Laureate and other famous poets to participate. This could draw a different audience to the summer art festival.

- 7. Visiting Sculpture program** [see attached RSS minutes from a meeting of the committee]



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- Selected a name for the program: Riverside Sculpture Series [RSS]
- Get approval from city council for the program once the – help from Paul C.
- use existing RFP format to solicit submissions
- Coordinate the installation of the sculptures with Community Services based on their availability – Paul would like to have some dates from CS.
- City covers insurance of the sculptures for the duration of the exhibit -Paul to check with the city manager or whoever is responsible for the city insurance.

8. City Arts Grant

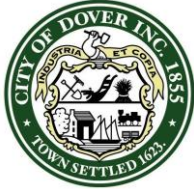
Jane will send out the request from the film group to all the DAC members – please provide your feedback directly to Jane by Friday December 5. We do not have to fund the full request. Still looking for clarity of how this benefits the community.

9. Project Updates

- Graffiti Committee** – no updates
- Waterfront Committee** – no updates
- Community Trail** – no updates
- Public Art Projects** – Library wall – push to spring, Denise is busy with the construction and eventual moving back into the newly renovated space. Paige, Jane, Jacqueline met with her and provided some creative suggestions, including the possible cost for a mural project that size [10 x 19 feet] closer to \$15-19K. Suggestion from Kim about potential fund raising ideas.
 - Paul reported on three potential future art projects based on new developments:
 - Grove Street project: Railroad Apartments – possible mural TBD
 - Mechanic street development % for art – they will provide ideas
 - Harvey's development % for art prior to approval or final build.
- Art Beat** – meet three of four of DAC members to discuss next year, potentially after the January retreat.
- Fiber Frenzy project** – still looking for a community representative to spearhead this into its next iteration. Sarah has some feedback that folks feel that using yarn to make art makes some people uncomfortable and they would prefer to see the yarn used for unhoused to make hats or mittens. Yulia said that there are multiple groups who are already doing this in the city. Rotary, Sweet Stitches, womens' group, etc.. art is also valuable and creates connection for people.

Paul suggested that knitters would prefer not to use their expensive yarn for something like that. Also, to have a specific ask, like make a square of this size.

Another suggestion was to find donated yarn to distribute for this art project.



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Yulia to reach out to the library knitting group at their next meeting on Tuesday, December 16th, 9:30 am.

- g. **Art Stops** – COAST new art at the bus shelters, Jane has been reaching out to Rad Nichols and will create an RFP for new art to be mounted on the shelters.
- h. **Light Boxes** – November 30th painting did not work out because of the parade. Will work with students and Holly to see if they would like to have the students' designs painted by someone else if they are too busy with other work. Check with Holly. Would Main street pay the artist to paint the boxes? Jonathan would like to keep this project with the students. All agreed with that. Paul mentioned that some of the light boxes will be changed out to steel ones which are not suitable for painting. He will check on the timeline for that, it could be three years and still sensible to paint them in the meantime.

10. January DAC Retreat – Paul will book the PD conference room for January 17th, 9-1 pm for the retreat and another hour for the Art Beat discussion after the meeting. Shane to provide his input prior to the meeting as he is unable to attend in person.

11. Unfinished Business – Main St flags, on hold till the first of the year

12. Commission's Matters of Interest – 9/11 Memorial – no news on that, Holiday lights – installed!

Yulia suggested that we could create a tree next year for the Festival of Trees and donate it to a non profit. We can come up with creative decorations, hand made from upcycled materials. Maybe knitted?!

Kim Hanson announced she is planning to hold a mug making workshop to connect DAC, Rotary, and Women's Group to make mugs which will then be sold to raise funds for Haven. Some discussion about how much to charge for the mug auction. Amy W suggested 75-100. Yulia suggested a sliding scale: \$50-100+ based on who can pay more since this is a fundraiser. This would take place in February with the auction in March to allow for glazing and other prep.

13. Adjourn

Jonathan motioned to adjourn
Amy seconded
So moved. Adjourned 7:50