



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: Monday, April 6, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elise Morissette, Kim Hanson, Jacqueline Manning, Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, Amy Warnock, Jon Nichols, Aleka Munroe, and Shane Morin

Other: Paul Crouser - Planning Staff, Richard Robison – City Council Representative, James Burdin – Office of Business Development

Excused: Paige Vaughn

Unexcused:

Called to Order at 6:30pm.

Land Acknowledgement read by J.Nichols

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. Holly W., Art Teacher at Dover High School, gave updates about the light boxes
 - i. Planning on painting the one on the corner of Washington St, Sunday 8-noon*
 - ii. Also painting the one on 3rd/Central in May**

2. Approval of March Minutes

- a. Corrected several scrivener's errors.*
- b. Y.Rothenberg moved to approve the March minutes with corrections noted. A.Warnock seconded. Vote: U/A*

3. James Burdin – Office of Business Development – Mural Project

- a. Came to discuss mural project Business Development is interested in launching and seeking input from the DAC*
- b. The goal is a one-time capital investment to create cultural infrastructure and vibrancy in Dover*
- c. The pitch is a series of interactive murals, either with projections or augmented reality and create an art map/art walk around Dover*
- d. Right now the team is reviewing potential locations for mural and location requirements
 - i. Emphasis on wayfinding traits to make it very walkable*
 - ii. Each researched location has certain priority levels based on visual space and potential for interactivity**
- e. Budgeted \$150,000 for this project*
- f. Planning RFPs in the fall and secure artists for 2027*
- g. The plan is for the DAC to curate the experience while Business Development handle logistics*
- h. The DAC shared some concerns with the locations, questions on the augmented reality, and emphasis on needing plenty of time to accomplish the project
 - i. The DAC will put a work group together next month to help lead this project**



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4. Member Application

- a. *Patty Woodson, current applicant, visited this meeting to see the experience*
- b. *Amy Warnock will do a follow-up interview with Patty; also thinking of reaching out to Wrong Brain to see if members are interested in DAC matters as well*

5. DAC Budget Report

- a. *Current FY 25-26 Budget is \$2361.94; Legacy Trust \$12,768 as of Sept 25th*
- b. *Based on current information, figuring out the remaining budget after last week's allocating and how to spend the rest before remainder is put into Legacy*
- c. *Looking to put funding into Cochecho Arts Festival once we have an idea of the amount they need from us either to sponsor the event or sponsor a band*

6. Riverside Sculpture Series

- a. *Reviewed work group notes*
 - i. *Budget raised from \$500 to \$1000, vocab revised to be from "year" to "term", and clarification on how the work group will process the art coming in.*
 - ii. *Funds will be coming out of the capital funds set aside by Chris Parker*
 - iii. *Work group discussing what sculpture themes should be set in place*
- b. *J.Manning moved to raise the funding to \$500 per year, and the DAC set the term length per installation. Y.Rothenberg Seconded. Vote: U/A.*

7. Literary Laureate

- a. *Dover Reads is in full swing.*
 - i. *Shane will be planning social media events.*
 - ii. *Shane asking members to help pass out flyers.*
 - iii. *Some locations are cleared out of books, some locations still have books left .*
 - iv. *Collaboration with the Teen Center on hold; will revisit in summer and launch a program in fall.*

8. Marketing Report

- a. *Getting Dover Reads to be the Peek of the Week newsletter*
- b. *Sending Mike Gillis a press release*

9. Operating Rules

- a. *Clarified what constitutes a quorum and the number of people it takes based on commission size. Same re: email*



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10. Project Updates

- a. *City Arts Grant: no updates*
- b. *Community Trail: meeting tomorrow*
- c. *Public Art Projects: Grove St window installation is recommended not to do flags on the sides of window, and redesigning currently*
- d. *Art Beat: wrapping up event; total of 13 artists and 8 businesses; Elise and Jane going to meet and assign artists and businesses this week*
- e. *Art Stops w/ COAST: on hold*
- f. *Light Boxes: refer to **Citizen Forum** under Holly (DHS); Dover Main St plans on paying \$300 for an artist to paint a light box, 3 boxes where chosen closer to downtown*
- g. *Main St Banners: on hold*
- h. *9-11: developers are working on the landscaping currently*

11. Unfinished Business

- a. *Graffiti Committee: this will dissolve but what to do one last act*
 - a. *Park St Park has graffiti a lot on the pavement sections of the park; committee wants to meet once more to put a mural down instead (like a meditation walk or games), Community Services already gave them the okay*
 - b. *J.Manning moved to approve the Graffiti redesign the pavement in Park St. Park. A.Warnock seconded. Vote: U/A*
 - c. *J.Hamor moved to dedicate the Riverside Sculpture Series to Cliff Blake, former Vice, A.Munroe seconded. Vote: U/A*
 - d. *The Woodman plans to partner with the 9-11 Memorial, gathering testimonials of people who experience 9-11 and hosting an event to share the collection*

12. Matters of Interest/Update

- a. *The Woodman is hosting a Fundraising Gala at the Redbarn in Outlook Golf Course, May 29th 7-10pm*

13. Adjourn

- a. *Y.Rothenberg moved to adjourn. A.Warnock seconded. Vote: U/A. Time 8:11 PM*