



CITY OF DOVER

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
Meeting Location: First Floor Conference Room, City Hall
Meeting Date: Monday, February 2, 2026
Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Attendees: Elise Morissette, Kim Hanson, Jacqueline Manning, Jane Hamor, Paige Vaughn, Yulia Rothenberg, Sarah Davidson, Amy Warnock, and Jon Nichols, and Aleka Monroe

Other: Paul Crouser - Planning Staff, Richard Robison – City Council Representative

Excused: Shane Morin

Unexcused:

Called to Order at 6:34pm.

Land Acknowledgement read by Y.Rothenberg

1. Citizens Forum:

- a. A note was read from Cliff Blake, former Vice Chair, as he resigns from the Arts Commission*

2. Riverside Sculpture Series/Chris Parker Visit

- a. Christ Parker, Deputy City Manager, came to discuss the new waterfront development and arts related projects*
- b. There were updates re: the concrete pads for 3 visiting sculptures, and the 400th sculpture which recently broke ground
 - i. Adding 3 more spaces beyond Nebi Park, and leading into Henry Law Park*
 - ii. The budget for the waterfront arts and culture projects shifted, so offering additional funds to go towards additional sculpture pads (to propose up to 15 total)*
 - iii. Changes to reflect different development interests*
 - iv. Broke down what the costs are to be estimated and what he will be asking for; clarified how the money could be spent if the money requested is granted*
 - v. Commission members took time to ask Chris questions*
 - vi. The commission reviewed a power point that should different Dover locations to add art to, as well as different public art installations could be made*
 - vii. Additionally, the Children's Museum has a sculpture in the basement they would like put on display, Jane and Chris to follow up on a later date**

3. Approval for December 2025 Minutes, and January 2026 Retreat Consent Agenda

- a. Spelling and grammar issues corrected for December Minutes and January Retreat Consent Agenda*
- b. A.Warnock motioned to accept the corrections as detailed and approve the minutes and Consent Agenda. J.Nicols seconded. Vote: U/A*

4. Election of Officers



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- a. Chair is Jane Hamor, Secretary is Elise Morissette, Treasurer is Jaqueline Manning, and the Vice Chair is between Amy Warnock and Yulia Rothenburg, to be voted on this evening.
- b. Vote: First vote tie, Paul walked through what the commission can do to try again
- c. Second vote tie
- d. J.Manning voted to have Aleka Monroe be the official alternate to vote in the election. S.Davidson seconded. Vote: U/A
- e. Following third vote, with Aleka voting, A.Warnock elected to Vice Chair.

5. DAC Budget report:

- a. FY 25-26 Budget \$4,508.28 Legacy Trust \$12,768 (as of Sept 25)
- b. Final values and budget appropriations to be made at later date once DAC receives accurate amount of funds from Business and Economic Development Dept.

6. Literary Laureate

- a. Shane absent, but sent notes to Jane
 - i. The books have arrived for Dover Reads
 - ii. Publishing/marketing for the Dover Reads has not started yet

7. City Arts Grant

- a. Applicants for the grant were notified that they were not awarded the grant; have not had confirmation they received the message

8. Project Updates

- a. Graffiti Committee:
 - i. No updates
- b. Community Trail:
 - i. Chalk Fest being planned for June 7th (rain date the 14th); a mural was plowed down by Beckwith Baseball Field and the Community Trail is going to have a design contest to rebuild it and award \$300 for the new design
- c. Grove St:
 - i. Amy is talking to the connection at that development, and they are talking to Sundance Signs to build side flags outside the windows of the building; they are getting a quote for that project
- d. Art Beat:
 - i. Kicking off with team meetings and planning for the event; going to recruit businesses and artists at the same time; Kim mentioned at the meeting she would like to join the Art Beat team to help recruit and follow up with them
- e. Fiber Frenzy:
 - i. No updates and no public interest to pick up the project
- f. Art Stops w/ COAST
 - i. 3 stops secured; the art call will happen after Art Beat



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g. Light Boxes:

i. no updates, John to pick up this project and connect with Holly from the Dover High School

b. Main St Banners:

i. the call for art is out for the banners; submissions due Feb 15th

i. 9-11 Memorial:

i. no updates other than it is being moved somewhere else

9. Unfinished Business

a. Renewal of Members

i. About 6 current members are renewing their terms of service

b. Empty Seat

i. With Cliff resigning, there is an open spot on the commission; Richard has a lead and reached out to her to apply

10. Matters of Interest/Updates

a. Discussions around Vice Chair

11. Adjourn

a. E.Morissette moved to adjourn. J.Nicols seconded. Vote: U/A. Time 8:01 PM