

Arts Commission meeting. Thursday, May 31st, 2007

Members Attending: Gail Tanner, Kathy Fink, Connie Roy, Esilda Corbin, Harvey Turner

Members Absent: Brett Wulfson, Jane Hamor, Jeff Johnson, Cynthia Oullette

Visitors Attending: Erika Hunter, Gary Bannon, Brint Shone, Mike Provost

1. Selection of Chairperson.

It was noted that 4 members of the Commission were absent, and that perhaps this should be tabled for further discussion for the next meeting. This went around briefly and then a motion was made to table the issue. And this was voted for unanimously.

Discussion was also brought up about what kind of meeting style the Arts Commission meetings should be. By Robert's Rules, -or by a more relaxed style that only required an occasional vote and a Summary Sheet being returned to the City Clerk. The result of this was clearly that a more relaxed committee style was needed.

Harvey Turner recommended that for now we try to hold a meeting every last Thursday of every month. Just so that we could all mark a day on our calendars. This was unanimously agreed upon although no vote was needed.

2. Purpose, Goals, and Vision of what the Arts Commission could focus on.

Kathy Fink started by mentioning that there are a lot of 'gaps' between the existing 'Arts' groups. That there is no open line of communication between all of the groups in Dover whom currently schedule such a large variety of events. This opened up a good 15 minutes worth of dialogue in which all members agreeing that this should be a primary function of the Arts Commission.

And how could this be accomplished? Discussion around the table started about a Web site that would have hot links to all of the Arts Groups, and Non-profits. This web site could contain an alphabetical listing of artists and schedule of all events,, etc. Any and all artists and their mediums could be listed in a re-arrangable spreadsheet. Everything from the Bell Center, to 1 Washington St. And Acrylics to Welding.

Mike Provost handed out a sheet that scheduled and listed just a bit of what Main Street .ORG is currently working on. This paper lists the web site of the organization. He has a busy summer on his schedule. One downtown arts event per month for the next 4 months.

All visitors left the meeting at or by 7 pm because of prior commitments. All except Erika Hunter.

The subject of renting a room at the McConnell Center to the Arts Commission came up as the last item. There are three rooms available. And there are donated funds available. But these funds need to be applied for. And these funds cannot be applied for unless there is a commitment from the Dover City Council for one of these rooms (possibly 2). So it was agreed upon by the 5 attending members of the Arts Commission that we need to move forward with a Commitment to a space in the McConnell Center now. To get started on this now.

Summary.

Meeting type. -Informal, with Votes taken on decision items.

When. For now we meet every last Thursday of every month.

Chairperson. To be decided later.

First Goals

1. It was decided at 7:15 that Council commitment to a room in the McConnell Center needed to be the first priority. That a Draft resolution needs to be written now (to commit to re mediate and occupy a leased space in the McConnell Center) so that it can be finalized at the next Arts Commission meeting. Thus funding can be applied for.

2. In an effort to unify the many Dover Arts programs currently working independently of each other. The Dover Arts Commission would like to create a web page on the dover.nh.us web site. This would require the assistance of the Dovertnet webteam. This has been brought up previously and discussed with the City Manager and with Chris Parker previously. And is viable.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30