



CITY OF DOVER

## ARTS COMMISSION SUMMARY

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting  
Meeting Location: Gary Gilmore Conference Room – McConnell Center,  
61 Locust Street, Dover, NH  
Meeting Date: **Monday, September 24, 2007**  
Meeting Time: **6:00 p.m.**

Meeting was started right at 6 pm.

All members present except for Kathy Fink and Cynthia Ouellette. Also Erika Hunter and Gary Bannon attended. One guest present. Due to some time constraints we immediately went to introductions.

Nancy Carmer is the Economic Development Liaison for the City of Portsmouth. She discussed how Portsmouth's Cultural Commission developed a Cultural Plan and an Economic Impact Study that later became part of Portsmouth's Master Plan. This discussion went for 1/2 hour and cannot be accurately summarized in even a couple well written paragraphs, so I'm not even going to try. I recommend we recap at November 5th's meeting. The single largest item that I took from Nancy's visit is that we need to create an 'Economic Impact Study' and that there are grants available to do so, especially with help from consultant Craig Dreeszen, who has been helpful to other NH communities.

Another guest entered the room during Nancy's presentation. After 45 minutes of Nancy's presentation, we returned to the Agenda.

1. Delegate the Chair for the Meeting, and the writer for the meeting Summary.  
Given to Harvey, to be summarized by Harvey
2. Discussion for day date of future meetings. Cafeteria on Mondays, Possibly 1st Mondays starting in November Jeff has a commitment on that day. Otherwise OK, Perhaps we move the meeting time to 5:30
3. Nancy Carmer and Chris Dwyer were invited to attend so that they can share their experiences regarding public arts in Portsmouth over the past 6 years. Nancy had been introduced at 6 pm. Chris Dwyer had not been able to attend. Introduction of the other guest was made by myself. Although I should have asked the members of the Arts Commission first. His name is Dave Raiche. He had called a couple days earlier and was NOT on this agenda. I had told him that any guests can attend, as it's a public meeting. I was not aware that he wanted to make a presentation titled 'Dover Poet Laureate' and that he wanted answers that night. We asked him to formally summarize his questions in a letter so that we could get some answers for him. I apologized for my off-agenda introduction and mistake afterwards. All presenting guests should be on the agenda.
4. Mission Statement is now on the Arts Commission web page, Discuss how we can add a calendar. (Any Junior Designers for the Page?)

No Junior Designers have been found. but we shall keep looking.



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### 5. Discuss the Tommy Makem Statue Resolution – Draft

The draft is simple and is missing full description and location. Tom Hardiman called me last week and has stated that there has been a delay in the artist selection and that things are a very long way off. So we will hold the draft until further notice.

### 6. Dover Public Art Protocol - Draft

Discussion on this topic included the fact that this must exist to some extent already. It was agreed that we need to find whatever exists currently and then build on that. After several e-mails with the City Manager, I did receive an e-mail from the Chief of Police that included their basic guidelines. I forwarded that document to the Arts Commission. It will be on the Agenda for discussion on November 5th's meeting.

Homework. Everyone please look for a protocol example of some sort to bring back for discussion next month.

### 7. More.

### 8. Adjourn

Adjourned at 7:25