

**Summary of Agenda,
Arts Commission Meeting.**

Monday, April 14th, 2008, 6:00 p.m. McConnell Center Cafeteria

5:15 PM Committee members Harvey Turner, Connie Roy, Esilda Corbin and Jeff Johnson toured the Picker Building with Brinton Shone.

6:05 PM Meeting Started

Members Attending; Jane Hamor, Kathy Fink, Connie Roy, Esilda Corbin, Kim Schuman, Gail Tanner, Jeff Johnson, Harvey Turner.

Guest: Allan Krans, Dover City Attorney.

It was determined by Allan Krans prior to the meeting that Harvey Turner is no longer officially a member since he is no longer on City Council. Harvey has submitted his application to be reviewed by Appointments Committee. Harvey was allowed by Mr. Krans to continue acting as Chair of this meeting.

1. Summary writer delegated to Jeff Johnson.
2. Approval of prior meeting summary. March's meeting summary had been e-mailed out in early April was voted unanimously for approval.
3. Guest: Allan Krans, Dover City Attorney.

Committee reviewed the package of information that Mr. Krans sent to members prior to the meeting. This included: Start-Up Procedure on Commissions and Committees, Questions & Answers, Sample Agenda,

Right to Know Checklist, Rules for Dover Arts Commission.

Mr. Krans then supplied the Committee with a detailed breakdown of his changes to the Art Protocol. A detailed discussion followed with key topics including: redefining the Arts Commission as an advisory committee; gathering information as to better define items such as fines, decibel levels, Police action, etc.; removal or complete rewording of penalties and revoking of permit sections; and rewording parts of the legal conduct section as not to infringe on constitutional rights to free speech and expression.

Committee was tasked with contacting individuals in Dover or neighboring towns (Police, City Clerk, etc.) whose expertise can help us revise the necessary sections of Protocol. Harvey agreed to revise wording of draft based on Mr. Krans's feedback. Review of new information and third draft to be placed on agenda for May meeting.

4. Arts Inventory/Insurance of city Art Collections: Jane presented findings about collection of artwork at Dover Library. The Library insures their own art collection. Discussion ensued about creating lists of artwork collections in all city buildings such as Mast Road, McConnell Center, etc. Committee members volunteered to follow up with various individuals within the city to see if a list exists for their particular building, or help us can create one.

5. Committee Report draft. Jane Hamor presented first draft. Recommended

additions to the report include addition of finalizing Mission Statement, inability to procure studio space in the McConnell Center, and an inventory list of Dover artists or businesses. Draft to be revised, reviewed at May meeting and be submitted to the Dover City Council for the first regular City Council Meeting in May. Jane and Harvey agreed to revise draft.

6. Issue of attendance: Committee agreed to change meeting time to 6:15 PM going forward, but keeping meeting day as second Monday of each month. We have two vacancies in the Arts Commission. Harvey Turner is applying for one. And it has been found that there is a provision in the Dover Code that non-residents can join the Arts Commission with an approval by the City Council. Committee has discussed that membership be given first priority to taxpaying residents or businesses in Dover before a non-resident is able to apply. Also discussed was adding to next month's agenda the topic of recommending certain individuals who Committee members believe would be an asset to the Committee due to their background or experience.

7. Arts Commission web page: Connie Roy has presented a current list of artists who have posted contact information to the web page. Changes were made to wording to include performance artists and better defining the web page.

8. Briefly discussed art in public spaces. Jane Hamor is continuing to investigate this in communication with Cathy Boudouin and Gary Bannon. Jane is working on a project to showcase artwork in the McConnell Center. She will supply a list items necessary to make this show possible for an opening date in October 2008.

9. The Arts Festival at the Picker Building will be held on Saturday, May 10th. Discussed space allotment for the Arts Festival; the future use of Picker Building for studio space; the possibility of moving a bridge from Watson Street to be used by Picker building to cross the river to Henry Law Park; and parking concerns around that building complex.

10. City Email Addresses: All Committee members have been asked to obtain a city email address. Connie supplied forms issued by the City to facilitate that and all members completed and returned forms to Connie.

Adjourn at 8:05 PM