



Meeting Type: Arts Commission
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Cafeteria
 Meeting Date: **Monday, May 10, 2010**
 Meeting Time: **6:15 pm**

6:25pm. Meeting commenced.

Members Present: Maya Grace Deane, Joyce El Kouarti, Kim Schuman, Jeff Johnson, Jane Hamor, Harvey Turner, Marybeth O’Sullivan

Absent: Melissa Doucette, Bob Walker, Gail Tanner

1. Minutes from April 12, 2010 meeting were unanimously approved.
2. Creative Economy Forum
 Discussion on updated details of the Forum:
 Scheduled for May 20th 7pm in City Council Chambers. To be recorded & broadcast live.
 Panel: Jane Hamor, Arts Commission
 Jane Bard, Children’s Museum
 Dan Barufaldi, Director of Economic Development
 Carrie Eisner, Dover Main Street
 Commission to advertise forum at the 5/12 Council meeting, add to Channel 22 and Twitter/Facebook. Press release has been sent to local newspapers.
3. Current Budget
 Art Commission members discussed current budget considerations for the arts including the possibility of fundraising.
 Commission voted and approved to endorse the Governor’s recommendation to cut the arts budget by 8% and forward that endorsement to Mayor Scott Myers, with the request that the Dover City Council also endorse the recommended budget.
4. Dover Chamber directory of art/performance venues
 Commission members discussed creating a “rack card” or brochure that lists locations of artwork or performance venues around the City of Dover and would be tied to the inventory of art. Kim to provide content information. Jeff to design the piece. Members discussed creating an “Art Walk” symbol or logo to the piece.
5. Peddler’s license/vendor’s permit (report from Harvey)
 Peddlers/vendors need to apply to the state for the permit (\$50 fee) and then pay city fees (\$200/three months) to Dover City Clerk. Police department must approve the application. Taxable items (eg. prepared food) cannot be sold. The display needs to be able to be moved quickly. Advertising can be done via website, press release and channel 22. The City is working on finalizing and updating the document.
6. Report by Blue Crab Naming Committee (report from Kim)
 Children’s Museum is still interested in being part of this activity, but a meeting is needed. Kim to follow up and keep this active until a decision can be made.



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7. Inventory of Dover Artwork update from Bob and Gail.
Kim to follow up about this, and also gather information for the aforementioned directory.
Discuss at next meeting.
 8. Communications between meetings/letter from Allan Krans
Save until next meeting.
 9. Update on Arts Commission website — artist inventory
Mike Gillis has been helpful in maintaining this site.
 - “click here” link is now active.
 - url of artists websites is still not active.
 - 20-25 of new artists have been added.
 - New artists can be invited to upload their information.
 10. New Business / matters of interest
 - Maya reported that she had asked several local businesses if they noticed any trends in their business especially since the closing of the Strand Theatre. Many said business is picking up now and they did notice more people in their establishments prior to movie show times when the theater was open.
 - Marketplace events at Picker Building will be ending because the location is hard to access, has limited parking, and vendors aren’t able to sell enough product to justify the investment of time and money.
 - Discussed supporting mill buildings that support the arts and offer parking garage locations.
 - Discussed possible use of McConnell Center for artists. It could be an opportunity where people reserve time in the space. It has ample parking, available rooms, possibly a cheaper rent and might be a better location than the Picker Building for events.
- 7:25 pm. Meeting adjourned.