



ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA SUMMARY

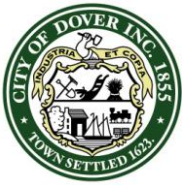
Meeting Type: Arts Commission
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Cafeteria
 Meeting Date: **Monday, February 8, 2010**
 Meeting Time: **6:15 pm**

6:20pm. meeting commenced.

Members Attending: Maya Deane, Melissa Doucette, Jane Hamor, Jeff Johnson, Gail Tanner, Harvey Turner, Bob Walker

Members Absent: Joyce El Kouarti, Kim Schuman,

1. Minutes from January 11, 2010 meeting were approved.
2. Report by Blue Crab Naming Committee. Saved for March meeting.
3. Report on results of conversations with other area art groups.
 - Jane reached out to a contact at Artstream and updated her on the role of the Dover Arts Commission and our current efforts to reach out to artists and is awaiting further communication. Jane also reached out to a contact at ArtEsprit and discussed attending one of their meetings. Jane also researched the following local arts organizations: Lamprey Arts and Culture (LACA), Arts in Reach (AIR), and the Seacoast Arts Association. Jane reached out to Daisy at Lucy's Art Emporium in Dover and will follow up with her about the possibility of hosting next month's Arts Commission meeting.
 - Melissa remains in touch with Jim Livermore about possibly using his space for an upcoming Arts Commission meeting, or having Arts Commission members present for his grand opening.
 - Maya offered to attend a Peer to Peer arts event sponsored by the Concord Chamber of Commerce to gain information to help the Arts Commission.
 - Other topics discussed:
 - Reaching other artists to host future Arts Commission meetings. "Road Meetings" was the term coined by the members.
 - Including poets into the arts.
 - Look into how Arts Commission can better connect with the Library and CATA.
 - Adding some of the aforementioned arts groups to the Arts Commission web site.
 - Hosting a gathering for musicians at a location familiar to the music scene (eg. Brick House).
 - Revised Arts Commission web site still contains broken links and misinformation about Arts Commission vacancies.
 - Gail to reach out to her city counselor about representing the Arts Commission. She also suggested sending Arts Commission minutes to Scott Myers.
 - Harvey to look into who is the City's New Media Coordinator and find out which counselors might be available to help the Arts Commission and be our advocate.
4. Inventory of Dover Artwork Update. Gail has not received a call back form CATA. Bob to follow up.
5. Discussion of Dover Arts Commission Facebook and/or Twitter page. (Update from Joyce via email) Joyce checked with Mike Joyal about having an **arts commission presence on facebook, twitter**, etc. and asked if the city had filled the media coordinator position yet. He indicated that the new person was scheduled to start Feb. 3. Mike said that looking into having an official city presence on social media would be one of this person's first assignments. In the meantime, he indicated that the City was not planning to set up any other social media presences until issues around archiving, security, and right-to-know had been addressed. He considers the



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library presence to be an experiment - the only one for the moment. He acknowledged that many communities are already using social media, but he is recommending that Dover not join them until a municipal social media policy can be properly vetted and established. He said that if we hadn't heard from the new media coordinator by the end of the month, that an Arts Commission member should remind him again. The impression that this request would be taken seriously in as expeditious a manner as the City is capable of moving.

6. Update on committee term limits. Gail to follow up on correct term limits for members.
7. Update on identification of city council liaison. (Update from Joyce via email). Joyce followed up with Scott Myers to inquire about getting a **city council liaison to the arts commission** and invited Scott to be that liaison. However, he has a conflict on Monday nights that prevent him from joining us. He promised to check with the other councilors to see if there were any takers. However, that was almost a month ago, so an Arts Commission member should follow up. Scott did say he'd be happy to advocate for the Arts Commission and report committee updates as needed to the rest of the council.
8. Arts Commission Matters of Interest/New Business
 - Melissa discussed information she received about Dover Reads including contact person, meeting times and events.
 - Melissa discussed information she researched about Great Bay Art Association in regard to meeting times and membership fees. She is willing to attend next meeting.
 - Commission members discussed to recommend keeping crab sculpture as a permanent statue.
 - Commission members also discussed the possibility of meeting at the Children's Museum as part of the "Road Meeting" idea.
 - It was suggested to for the Commission to contact Daisy at Lucy's Art Emporium about setting up a schedule for the year of different locations where the Commission could meet each month. The Commission would also inquire if she would be willing to send out the information to artists to establish their interest in attending or hosting a meeting.
 - Maya reported that the First Thursday event at the Salmon Falls Mill was a success and many artists are interested in participating in the March event. She agreed to stay involved with that group and attend the meetings.
 - Jane discussed Artspeak in Portsmouth and the similarities to the Arts Commission. She is looking into talking to Artspeak about how they were formed and gaining other information. She also mentioned talking to Judy Rigmont about gathering information to help the Arts Commission.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.