

## ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type:	Regular Meeting
Meeting Location:	McConnell Center Cafeteria
Meeting Date:	10-06-14
Meeting Time:	<b>6:30 p.m.</b>

1. Call to order
  - a. In attendance: Jane, Kim, Jamie, Martha, Stephanie, Liz, Cecilia, John, Julia
  - b. Not in attendance: Jake, Aimee
  - c. Minutes - No change to minutes, minutes approved.
2. Public Art Follow Up – Jane has not heard back from Mike Joyal or the City Attorney yet.
3. Percent for Art – new police station and parking garage – Mark sent an email to Officer Breault but has not heard back yet. He has started gathering images and prices to give them examples.
4. Exhibit Guidelines for Artists – Jamie has contacted people at UNH, no word back from them yet. We need examples of what other places use for guidelines to show Gary and the City.

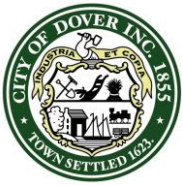
A local artist filled out an application to display work in the McConnell Center. After some discussion we decided to have him sign a waiver. Mark will send John the waiver the museum used for the park, John will pass it along to the City Attorney.

5. Dover Arts Center – Architecture firms are being interviewed for the High School project. Should we wait until we meet with the Joint Building Committee on the high school before having a public meeting in November? After the Joint Building Committee chooses the firm they will start meeting with groups, and they are interested in talking with the Arts Commission.

After some discussion, we decided to wait until after we meet with the Joint Building Committee and see what they are thinking. It would be hard to push for an Arts Center City Partnership when they might be thinking that's how the new auditorium would be used.

We will cancel the public meeting until after we find out what is happening with the high school. Jamie suggested we instead use the time we reserved for an Arts Commission Mixer, and get everyone together who is interested in the Arts in Dover, and meet the Arts Commission. We agreed to move forward on this, and have a gathering and not a meeting where we talk at people. There is going to be a sub-committee meeting to figure out what art, visual and or performance, and what food we should have at the mixer. Janie will write a press release and Kim will edit and pass along.

There was discussion of who to invite to the mixer. This turned into a larger conversation about what the job of the Arts Commission. Since we are a City Commission, we are to promote the arts in Dover and Dover artists.



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Kim reminded everyone that sub-committee meeting need to be posted and notes need to be taken. If too people from the Arts Commission are meeting and deciding things, it is considered a meeting or workshop.

6. Legacy Fund – We will now be getting bi-monthly updates about our balance in the Legacy Fund. Martha had inquired about her donation, and it may not have ended up in the right place. Jane was concerned as well, because her thank you not did not mention the Arts Legacy Fund. Martha is following up about this. Kim suggested putting a picture of the green envelop with the Arts Legacy Fund box check, and a fun name and address for the person donating. People liked that idea.
7. New Survey: Arts and Culture Inventory – Aimme has this ready, did not receive feedback.
8. Webpage and Social media – Cecilia shared that our amount of Facebook likes is looking good compared to other Arts Commission in larger cities. The communications committee needs to meet to discuss e-newsletter and social media approach.
9. Membership – Liz was upgraded to a regular member from Alternate. Julia filled out an application but has not heard back from the City yet.
10. Other Projects
  - a. Jamie is getting info from UNH about their bike rack project.
  - b. Martha asked about a relationship with Dover Main Street.
  - c. Comedy of Error’s is this weekend, Aimee is directing.
  - d. There was a big turnout at Apple Harvest Festival.
  - e. Stephanie talked about a grant that could help fund a mural project that could showcase the community. She is meeting with a friend in Nashua who runs a non-profit – Positive Street Art.
  - f. Kim brought up the Faces of Dover project. John is on this committee as well. They were hoping to expand the signs around town but did not get the grant money, the project is on hold while they look for more money to at least fix the ones we have.
  - g. Jane mentioned the Arts Pavilion for Apple Harvest Festival. Rebecca will not be running it anymore, and if anyone is interested in helping Steve Papajohn keep this project going, he will probably need the help.
  - h. Seacoast Irish festival went great.
  - i. Theatre Unmasked is having open auditions, spread the word to actors. They are also restarting classes this fall.
  - j. Meeting adjourned 8:23.