

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Cafeteria
 Meeting Date: 11-3-14
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**
PRESENT: Aimee, Jane, Jake, Mark, Yulia, Kim, Martha, John, Cecelia
GUEST: Liz Newman
ABSENT: Jamie, Stephanie, Liz

1. Call to order / Minutes

- Spelling of my name in #7 Aimee
- No recorder
- Meeting called to order at 6:37pm

MOTION to accept the minutes, Aimee

Seconded, Martha

Motion passes unanimously

2. Public Art Follow Up – (John)

John has been speaking with the City attorney people about this subject. He will review and touch up the text sent through by Jane from the Library and make sure it is accurately representative of what we need.

At 5.30pm on Wednesday there will be an opening for the art currently displayed in the McConnell center cafeteria. Those wishing to purchase art are instructed to contact the artist directly.

Jane discussed with the Library ways to improve the display of public art in the Library so that it is easy to see and easy to display. A list of recommendations was made and will be taken back to the library staff.

3. Percent for Art –(Mark)

Met with Captain Brel about areas for public art that may be available around the new Police Station development. Budget-wise, art could be used in place of things like trees etc but it will also be likely to be cut if budgetary restraints kick in.

Suggestion that we write a State level grant proposal and find a grant that we can have matched by the city.

John will look into available grants for this kind of project.

Mark will email Cassie Mason from the Arts Council to find out whether she knows of funding that may be available.

Murals could be a good way to go - walls, pillars etc.

ArtRocks could be an interesting link through the Chamber of Commerce.

UNH sculpture department could be a good link.

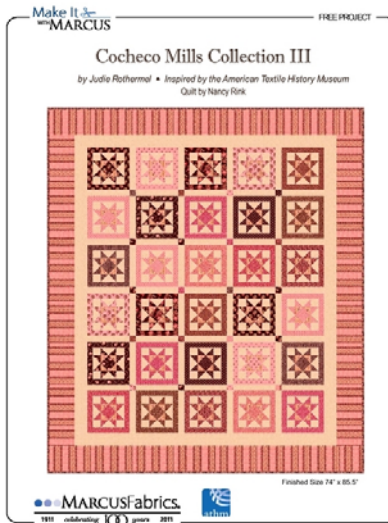
If we can link several community organizations in the project, the grant will be more attractive to funding bodies - modeling on percent for art. If we can show that the city values the arts it will be more attractive to funding bodies.



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Materials could come from local businesses. We will need to get in touch with a professional artist/designer that does this kind of thing for a living to find out what will be durable and what will work for the space. This project could be incorporated into signage for the Parking Garage. ALL - find images of art that was discussed - subway tile art, images from other parking garages.





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F&B's 'From the Mills' new line,
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4. Legacy Fund – (Martha)

Martha discovered that donations do get to the fund. Can we create a thank you card for when donations come in? How are incoming donations processed and followed up?
 John will look into how the information is managed. We need to know and be able to check on when donations are made so that we can track what comes in.

5. New Survey: Arts and Culture Inventory – (Communications Committee)

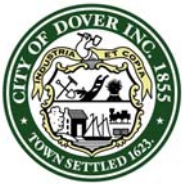
Survey is ready but email and press release text needs to be revisited by the Communication Committee and sent to Mike for approval. Communication Committee will be meeting in approximately a week to review and send out. Committee will determine when survey will go out, how much time between send out and follow up, and who will follow up which businesses.

6. Webpage and Social media – (Communications Committee)

Communications Committee will meet to review and discuss social media etc.

7. Dover Arts Center event – (Jane, Jamie, Stephanie, Liz)

Discussed the event being at City Hall
 November 20th, Arts Commission Mixer



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FORMAT

Some artists displaying work, some musicians playing music, brief introductions and State of the Arts statement, inviting people from the Chamber of Commerce, Dover Main Street, Dan Barifaldi, Rich Ryzman from Darcy Creative and others to speak on the arts in Dover.

AIM: To engage the community in conversation about the arts in Dover.

Talk through our mission and some of our projects, find out what others have been doing and what ideas they have about the future.

Jamie has been looking into food for the event. We are hoping to have about 30 people attend. There will be easels up in the space so that people can write down what their ideas are and how they want to work on those things. Want to generate a grass roots effort to actually get people moving and doing things. Intentionally informal so that people feel open to speak about their ideas.

TARGET AUDIENCE

Parents, artists in Dover, local business people - those who want to contribute but don't know how.

PRESS RELEASE

Will go to the museum, galleries, ArtStream, Woodman Institute etc

GROUP EMAIL

To be sent out from each of us to our email lists with the Press Release and a brief invitation.

SOCIAL MEDIA

We need to set up a Facebook event that people can visit to sign up so that there is action taken on the press release.

MARTHA will speak to her friend about playing piano

AIMEE will speak to Jim Dozet and Stu Dias about playing

JANE will CC Yulia and Liz about the information being sent around

8. Other Projects

City Council Presentation

Arts & the Chamber, Main St. – improve opportunities & relationships

Building Committee for new HS

Marketing the Arts Commission - who we are, what we do. Outreach Reports (All)

9. New Business / Outreach

RESTAURANT WEEK is this week - Dover, Portsmouth and the remainder of the Seacoast.

CHILDREN'S MUSEUM: Annual Pizza Fest - Sat Nov 15th, \$10 for all you can eat!

Chicago opens at UNH this Wednesday, runs to Sunday matinee.



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AIMEE makes a motion to adjourn

MARTHA seconds

Motion passes unanimously, meeting adjourns at 8:02pm