

ARTS COMMISSION – AGENDA

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Room #323
 Meeting Date: 7-6-2015
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order / Minutes

- a. Call to order 6:41: Aimee Blesing, Jane Hamor, John O'Connor, Mark Cuddy, Yulia Rothenberg, Martha Kaubris, Hayley Harmon, Jamie Clavet, Liz Goldman
- b. Absent:
- c. Special Guest Koz from the Orchard Street Chop Shop. John moved to move Koz's business to beginning
- d. We moved back to the Cafeteria because we could not unlock the meeting room door. Left a sticky note there so people could find us.

2. Arts Mixer

- a. Jane heard lots of positive feedback from the event. People saying that "Its such a great arts community" another comment is that we should "Pay the artist" to exhibit. Our response is that that isn't the purpose of the public arts space.
- b. Haley suggested doing the last minute reminder such as a flyer under the door.
- c. There was an email list. We are unsure of who took it from the mixer however, we want to make sure that those emails get added to the list.
- d. ACTION ITEM: Jane is emailing Kim to find out. By July !)

3. Public Art/Parking Garage update

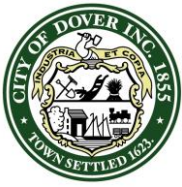
- a. Update from Captain Brault: Wants to see parking garage presentation from us before the presentation goes to the joint building committee.
- b. ACTION: Mark, Jane, John will meet by the end of the week of the 17th. Jane will email Captain Brault.

4. McConnell Center art purchase by Rec Dept. (Jane)

- a. Jane talked to Tess at the Children's Museum. The suggestion is to have 3 different artists instead of one. Jane has examples of "Call for Artists". She requested from Gary dimensions & budget. Once we have that we can send out a press release.
- b. ACTION: Waiting on Gary, Jane will follow up by July 10th.

5. Arts and Culture Survey (Communications Committee)

- a. Aimee: The survey has been complete. What she thinks that is delaying it is that the database needs to be approved by Mike Gillis so that it can be sent out.
- b. Jane: asked Aimee to update the database, list, press release, and send that out to Mike Gillis and cc: Kim. (ACTION DUE DATE: Wed July 15th)
- c. We are in agreement to send this out immediately so that it coincides with the beginning of the Cocheco Arts festival.



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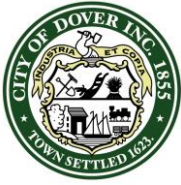
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6. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)
 - a. The decision is to create a new committee since most of the members are no longer with the Commission.
 - b. The New subcommittee: Aimee, Yulia & Haley
 - c. TO BE SCHEDULED ASAP

7. Map update – can we add the skate park?
 - a. The reason the skate park got painted was to obscure the obscene drawings before a skate competition.
 - b. Gary has been asked about adding the skate park to the Art Map where there is room for people to do additional artwork.
 - c. Haley would like to create an art layer to Dover in google maps.
 - d. ACTION: PART OF THE GARY UPDATE.

8. Other Projects
 - a. City Council Presentation- See Parking Garage update
 - b. Arts & the Chamber, Main St. – improve opportunities & relationships
 - c. Building Committee for new HS
 - d. Marketing the Arts Commission - who we are, what we do. Outreach Reports (All)

9. New Business
 - a. Koz: Brought up the point that the Commission is unknown.
 - b. Martha asked for feedback as to where to find out about us in response to him saying he didn't know about us. He responded that the Coheco Arts Festival markets well and he knows about that. Also he thinks about Portsmouth as the arts center. He would need to give it some thought on where he would really expect to see us, but definitely branding on events more consistently. Would like to be added to our mailing list to be in the know
 - c. The idea he is presenting is in response to the down business because of the major downtown construction. His idea is to make a "permanent" fluid Art's Market. This would be to make Myrtle St an Art Market. Could fit about 30-40 vendors. It's the Brick Walkway/Alley between Chop & Aubechon (called Myrtle St Art Market) Weekly 2 nights a week. He has suggested that the Arts Commission get under it so that we are branding ourselves and encouraging the event.



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- d. Koz is getting interest currently, he is looking to do some solid planning this Fall when there is more concrete plans and evidence of what the area will look like (Layout, Power, etc). AC requested info regarding what his family member is doing at the inspiration location in New Orleans.
- e. ACTION: WHO WANTS TO BE INVOLVED, What is the level of commitment and availability.
- f. ADD THIS ITEM TO AGENDA FOR NEXT MEETING
- g. YULIA would like to have permission to go and talk to artists about an art walk and combining it with Apple Harvest.
- h. ACTION: Yulia to send to Jamie the ArtWalk Info
- i. Keefe House Opening was a great event and exhibit. Jane is having lunch with the new executive director of the museum. They are looking for curator.
- j. Aimee brought up an accountability system and action item system. We are setting up a recap measure.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21