

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Room #323
 Meeting Date: 12-7-2015
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

Present: Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Mark Cuddy, John O'Connor, Hayley Harmon, Yulia Rothenberg

Absent: Aimee Blesing, Jamie Clavet, Amanda Nelson

1. Call to order / Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:39

November meeting minutes approved with the following updates or changes:

Recorder was not present at the meeting.

Add Absent from meeting: Yulia Rothenberg

Add "project" to end of Item 2.

Action: Hayley will pick up the recorder for the January meeting.

2. Public Art/Parking Garage update (Mark, Kim)

Mark shared photos; painting has started. Jane suggested that we move forward with an RFP for the design of 5 icons

Action: Kim will email the packet to Commission members, and will upload to Google Docs. . Mark will ask Captain Breault for available funding for the designs and signs. Yulia will develop the RFP. Yulia and Mark will visit the garage to gauge placement for the designs and size, and will email members with the date and time for the site visit.

3. Arts and Culture Survey (Aimee/Communications Committee)

Action: The Communications Committee will be meeting to divide up the outstanding survey respondents and conduct follow up with them.

4. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

Jane noted that the application for artist on the webpage needs to be updated with instructions and contacts for each site.

Action: Jane will to identify final (correct) version in Google docs, and Yulia will use this version to update to a fillable form, and add instructions.

Kim will assist with conversion to fillable form as needed.

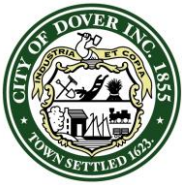
5. Myrtle St Arts Mixer report

Koz responded to latest invite with request to meet during a weekday.

Action: Aimee and Jamie will set up time to meet with him.

6. Woodman Museum artist education presentation

Presentation was not well attended. The Museum's Executive Director provided a favorable review. The presenters were knowledgeable and engaged.



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For the next brown bag session it was suggested to plan and market further in advance (4-6 weeks) and consider a nominal fee. Yulia recommended a session on the curator selection process.

7. New high school (Jane, Kim, Amanda)

Jane attended a recent meeting to review proposed plans. A specific item for review is the proposed height for the new stage. Jane is hopeful to consult with Aimee and Jamie on this item.

Action: As supported by the Commission, Jane will recommend a height of 4 ft. and confirm 850 seats is OK as long as it works for the school academically.

8. Henry Law Park

Mark showed the updated plans for the Park playground. A stone structure artist has been engaged to create an art piece. "Musical instruments" will be purchased from playground suppliers. Opportunity for additional artwork. No funding available at this time. Various suggestions were made for groups and funding to support an installment.

Action: Hayley will gather information regarding a community art project completed in Berwick.

9. Membership – new member, openings

Jane asked Amanda to become a regular member. There are two alternative positions open.

Action: Hayley will post the openings on Facebook.

10. Outreach Reports

Main Street: Meeting on Downtown Flags delayed until 2016.

Action: Jane will follow up and share the meeting date with Kim and Yulia.

Woodman Museum: Artist Fair every weekend up to Christmas

11. New Business

12. Other Projects

- a. City Council Presentation
- b. Arts & the Chamber, Main St. – improve opportunities & relationships
- c. Marketing the Arts Commission - who we are, what we do. Outreach Reports (All)

Meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.