

ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Room #323
 Meeting Date: 3-7-16
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order / Minutes

Call to order: 6:38

Present: Kim Schumann, Mark Cuddy, Alison Smith, Yulia Rothenberg , Amanda Nelson, Jane Hamor, Jamie Clavet

Absent: Aimee Blessing, Hayley Harmon, Sue Tremblay, Dennis Shanahan (Council Liaison)

Martha Kaubris resigned from the Arts Commission

Several changes were made to the meeting minutes of 2/1/16. Jane will make the changes and re-submit the minutes. Jamie moved to accept the minutes as amended, Kim seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

2. Guest Speaker

There was no guest speaker. Although she had been invited to attend this meeting, she did not respond to the invitation.

3. Public Art/Parking Garage update/ (Jane & Kim)

Kim and Jane met with the Executive Director of the Main Street Program to see if they had the money to pay a small honorarium for an artist to design the icons for the parking garage. The icons could also be used on banners and other places around town as a branding opportunity. Unfortunately, the Executive Director felt their project had grown larger than expected, and so they pushed their project timeline back to 2017. Jane called Mike Joyal to see whether the city had the funds to pay an artist to design the five icons. Joyal suggested that the Commission ask the city for \$2000 at the next council session in April.

Kim made the following motion:

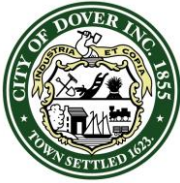
Motion: The Arts Commission will request \$2000 from the City Council to fund the cost of a graphic artist to create five icons as specified in the Parking Garage Proposal and approved by the Parking Garage Committee. These icons will be used by the city in various applications such as in the garage, on banners, and other branding opportunities.

The motion was seconded by Jamie. It passed unanimously.

Jane received an email from artist Robert Russell regarding mosaics in the parking garage. He proposed creating three mosaics that include the above icons. Children from the housing authority would design the background. The Arts Commission is going to try and put together a grant to the NH Charitable Foundation to obtain a grant (\$5000) for the cost of the mosaics. Jane and Kim will start drafting a description of the project for the grant, which is due May 13.

4. Henry Law Park (Mark)

The city is months ahead on the site work for the new playground due to the lack of snow this winter. It should be open for the summer. The Children's Museum is currently looking for a



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contractor who can build a replica of the Garrison Hill Tower. Mark circulated an RFP for the members to distribute to contractor contacts.

5. Main St signage mtg (Kim & Yulia)

There hasn't been a meeting of the Main Street Project since the last Arts Commission meeting. Their next meeting is 3/10/16. Kim and Yulia will report back at the April meeting.

The commission expressed concern over suggested holiday themed decorations in December on Silver Street. The members felt that there were practical, financial and religious considerations that were not being taken into account with the proposal. They felt that there might be other alternatives, such as planting decorative trees along the street. Further, there was concern that there didn't seem to be an overall long-term plan for signage/decorations for city street. The Commission is willing to help articulate a long-term plan, but any plan must also acknowledge the city's desire to eventually restructure the downtown's traffic pattern.

6. Arts Legacy Fund (Martha)

Since Martha has resigned from the commission, Jane is going to take this over. The fund currently has \$202 in it. The members of the commission all agreed to make a donation.

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

So far the results from the survey have not been particularly informative nor helpful. The communications committee noted that the survey has been out for some time, and perhaps it would be helpful to see which businesses haven't responded and send a follow-up email. The committee also noted that since it has been some time, there are new businesses in Dover that would not have received an original survey. Yulia and Haley will review the current survey and update it, as well as speak to the Chamber of Commerce about including a link to catch new businesses.

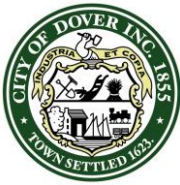
8. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

Update documents on website (Kim & Yulia)

Yulia has created a fillable artist application form on the website; however, there are complications because of the nature of GoogleDocs. The biggest hurdle is that someone from the commission would have to regularly monitor GoogleDocs for applications, which then have to be forwarded on to the appropriate person at City Hall. There was also concern that the GoogleDocs version might not be the most user-friendly. Kim, Jamie and Yulia will explore various options for a more user-friendly application that would also cut the Commission out as a middleman.

9. Myrtle St Arts Mixer –update (Aimee)

There is no new information about this. It was noted that the name should be the Myrtle Street Arts Market in the agenda, not Mixer (which is a completely different event). There are still concerns about the amount of space on Myrtle Street that will be available. The members of the commission who attended a meeting with Coz reiterated to him that the role of the commission



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was purely advisory, and that this was not an Art Commission project. Jamie will follow up with Coz.

10. Brown Bag Series education presentations – make a committee

There was some question as to whether the commission wanted to continue with this. There was some discussion about changing up the events, so that sometimes it was a mixer, other times it could be a keynote speaker/brown-bag lunch. Amanda and Alison agreed to be on the committee and will keep Kim informed, although she is not formally on the committee. The new owner of the Strand had expressed interest in hosting a mixer, and that might be a good opportunity to get feedback from the artistic community about what they might like to see.

11. HS mural – assign a volunteer

Daniel Provencal-Fogarty and his email is dannyprofo@hotmail.com. He is a senior at DHS and the student representative for the School Board.

Daniel approached the Art Commission about doing a mural for the parking garage, but as the current plan involves mosaics, it was proposed that he might be interested in doing a mural at the Henry Law playground instead. Mark will follow-up with him.

12. Outreach reports

Aimee and Jamie brought Theatre Unmasked to Portland, ME.

Jamie noted that Stratham was coming up on an anniversary of the town's founding, and said that it has worked to increase community involvement. Stratham has commissioned a play about the town's history, which is proving to be very popular. She wondered if Dover should look to do something similar. Dover's 400th anniversary will be coming up soon, and there was a question as to whether a 400th anniversary committee has been formed. Jamie will follow-up with various town officials to see if such a committee exists yet.

13. New Business

Amanda took a look at the city art acquisition policy. She expressed concern that some of its policies could result in a lawsuit by an artist against the city. She also noted that there was no discussion about intellectual property ownership of city art in the policy. Commission members were unsure as to whether there were contracts between the city and artists when the city commissions public art. Amanda is going to reach out to the city attorney to discuss the acquisition policy and contracts the city might be using when dealing with public art commissions.

14. Other Projects

- a. City Council Presentation
- b. Marketing the Arts Commission - who we are, what we do.

Tabled.

Motion to adjourn was made by Jamie, with a second by Mark. Motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 8:43