

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Room #323
 Meeting Date: 7-11-16
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order / Minutes

Present: Amanda Nelson, Hayley Harmon, Jane Hamor, Mark Cuddy, Kim Schuman, Allison Smith, Dennis Shanahan (council liaison)

Absent: Yulia Rothenberg, Jamie Calvet, Aimee Blesing

2. NHSCA Grant & funding (Jane)

RFP (Mark & Kim)

- July 25 – NHSCA grant will be decided. Stacy (from housing) suggested Kennebunk Savings may contribute to make up funding gap – Jane to inquire.
- Kim posed question: last day for submissions? – Tile artist working between August 14-19
- Kim to adjust Press release/RFP to include request for photos of portfolio work comparable to this project, and will send to committee when city – Mike and Bill – have approved it.
- Jane will ask tile artist about possibility of doing project after school if timeline slips past August.

3. Henry Law Park (Mark)

There's a water feature issue that has delayed opening, expected now after September

4. Main St signage mtg (Kim & Yulia)

No update.

5. Arts and Culture Survey (Hayley)

Hayley will complete sending survey

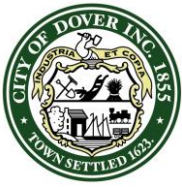
6. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

Update documents on website (Kim & Yulia)

- Facebook activity is strong, members of public have reached out to us to put things up on our page.
- We will promote tile project call to artists on Facebook

7. Myrtle St Arts Mixer –update (Aimee, Jamie)

Aimee provided an email before the meeting. Koz is planning 2 days for the market at the end of August.



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8. Brown Bag Series education presentations (Amanda, Alison)

Never heard from Dan at the Strand. Amanda and Allison will go to Strand in person

9. Art Acquisition policy (Amanda)

No reply from the city attorney. Amanda and Dennis will follow up

10. Outreach reports/ New Business

a. Main St art project

- Seacoast microbrew festival – 2 days, busy
- 7th settlement is doing a Woodman anniversary beer
- Main Street – Amanda at Main Street asked Jane to discuss an art project/installation as a gift from Main Street to the city. Bike racks, mural, sign at Central/Silver old tavern site, benches, tables and chairs, goat, paint picnic tables in Henry Law.
- There's a community room at the new police station – Allison will investigate if it may be suitable for display of art.
- Cocheco Dinner and Movie – Jane and Aimee brought up movie at the tourism meeting. Molly from Arts Festival set a follow up to explain they took it over because it is a good event, and Main Street no longer wanted to run it. Will revisit mission and policy to possibly charge for the festival
- Mark left the museum, Maker Faire is still looking for participants
- Third Street and Robbins development are happening – will make Chestnut Street straight
- High school groundbreaking happening next week
- Commercial development in the city is slowing, residential is easily filled

Meeting adjourned 7:27 PM