

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Room #323
 Meeting Date: 8-1-16
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order / Minutes

Present: Amanda Nelson, Allison Smith, Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Aimee Blesing

Absent: Yulia Rothenberg, Jamie Calvet, Hayley Harmon, Mark Cuddy, Dennis Shanahan (council liaison)

2. NHSCA Grant & funding (Jane)

RFP (Mark & Kim)

- NHSCA gave us full funding (\$4,500) for grant.
- For additional funds, Jane contacted Kennebunk Savings. They do a monthly approvals process, Jane will submit and indicate that we won NHSCA grant.
- Issue of delaying project
 - Stacy at housing provided dates for afterschool enrichment
 - Artist Robert is backed up, pushing dates is ok
 - Jane to ask Stacy for preferred weeks, confirm with artist, and notify State Council of delay
- Also for additional funds, Kim ran into Main Street Board member who indicated they may be interested in providing some funding. Jane to follow up with Amanda at Main Street
- RFP
 - Kim passed RFP to city before her vacation. They had some outstanding questions about the bid process (for art, best price may not be best work).
 - New proposed schedule: 8/8 Press release, 8/19 response due, 8/26 notification, 9/26 complete

3. Henry Law Park (Mark)

- Work has resumed at the Park, Gary hopes for mid-September soft opening. Garrison Tower project isn't happening.

4. Main St signage mtg (Kim & Yulia)

- No updates. Jane will speak to Amanda at Main Street about banners and icons

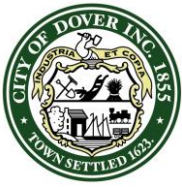
5. Arts and Culture Survey (Hayley)

- Hayley was absent

6. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

Update documents on website (Kim & Yulia)

- Hayley and Yulia were absent, seems active



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

- Officially named “Myrtle Street Gallery”
- Dates: August 24, 2016 and August 31, 2016 for 6-9pm
- Amanda from Main Street and Aimee have been working with Koz to create this year’s dates as test events. Koz would like it to run all summer next year. There are 30 artists registered this year, for no fee. Marketing and purpose of Gallery is to sell/buy art. There is no budget this year, seeking volunteers to speak to attendees – brief survey to make gallery better next year. Have received some press, using Facebook to market. Looking for and booking musicians, too.

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

- Amanda and Allison met with Dan at the Strand, he’s open to doing really anything
- Currently the Strand hosts an open stage night, last Thursday of every month. Allison and Amanda attended, mostly CATA students
- New ideas: Music Mixer event at the strand, educate and meet and greet between an open stage type event “supported by the Arts Commission” or “presented by the arts commission”
- City Spotify playlist(s)
- Allison and Amanda will speak to Dan, and include CATA (Eric Turner?), and Ralph from House of Tone

9. Art Acquisition policy (Amanda)

- Amanda continues to try to get in touch with city attorney.

10. Outreach reports/ New Business

- Noticed new “Made In Dover” Facebook page
- Aimee is directing youth theater- Macbeth
- Jaime and Aimee are talking about doing Fringe Seacoast.
- Mater Faire is 8/27
- Main Street is no longer doing the Seacoast Irish Festival
- We will issue a press release about receiving grant

8:11 PM meeting adjourned.