

ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Room #323
 Meeting Date: 9-12-16
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order / Minutes

Call to order 6:33PM

Present: Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Allison Smith, Yulia Rothenberg, Hayley Harmon, Mark Cuddy, Aimee Blesing

Absent: Amanda Nelson, Dennis Shanahan, Jamie Clavet

Also in attendance – community member Jason Shulkin

2. NHSCA Grant & funding (Jane)

RFP (Kim)

- Jane spoke to Bill Simons from the garage – we’re still looking for funds
- Kennebunk Savings offered \$500 for signs, Jane following up to get funds moved from signs to artist
- Jane will reconnect with Bill about Kennebunk gift, and will ask Chinburg, Shaheen and Gordon, TIF, and Police Benevolent fund for additional money.
- Press release adjusted to reflect new dates, Kim will send to Mike Gillis
- Bill asked us to consider reducing \$2,000 icon payment to \$1,500 if we come up short, Jane continuing to ask for remaining \$1,500 so artist doesn’t have to donate time.
- Stacey and Jane hoping for October, but might be November
- Bill thinks City can do installation, might cost a few hundred dollars

3. Henry Law Park (Mark)

- Planning soft opening in October
- Have been doing lots of groundwork and water stuff, now complete.

4. Arts and Culture Survey (Hayley)

- There are 10-15 responses, Hayley added and re-contacted more businesses
- Jane mentioned a survey done by Americans for the Arts, requires 900 responses.
- Jane to find more information about Americans for the Arts Survey
- Hayley wondered if we could go door to door or survey at events

5. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

Update documents on website (Kim & Yulia)

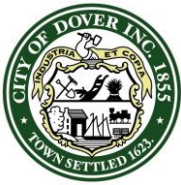
- We have 526 likes on Facebook page.
- Encourage friends to “like” the page
- Hayley will ask Mike Gillis if it’s ok to put somewhere on our website a call for events

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

- No update

7. Contracts & Art Acquisition policy (Amanda)

- Amanda was absent



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

- 30 artists signed up, 22 participated over the two nights.
- Insurance was a challenge – but overcoming it showed artists Mixer organizers were working for them.
 - Confusion about what insurance would apply, in the end, Mike said to run it and it all went smoothly.
- A great response from the public, many visitors made purchases in person and followed up with commissions
- Next year plans to advertise- summer magazines, etc.
- Press was great, front page of Foster's
- Plan for the future is to have a fee to enter
- Jane liked and suggests continuing balance of experienced and emerging artists
- Suggestions from the committee for a paid market manager, themes for each market

9. Outreach reports/ New Business

- Dover Main St Annual Gift –
 - i. Decided to spiff up downtown, offering a designer to make improvements
- Robins building project fell through, cannot do an underground parking structure
- Brattleboro, VT – Yulia went for a tiny house festival, they have interesting murals all over town
- 7th Settlement – doing community benefit days. September 25 is benefit day for Dover Main Street. 5% of Revenue goes to the organization.
- Theatre Unmasked is spearheading Fringe Festival – calls for volunteers
- Community member Jason shared his interest in studio space conversations for Dover, and is having an opening at Wrongbrain at the end of the month
- Amanda shared via email a story about a Black History Trail for NH, suggests we reach out and offer support for the project.

Meeting Adjourned 8:00 PM