



ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Room #323
 Meeting Date: 6-5-17
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order / Minutes

6:34 Call to order

Present: Jane Hamor, Dennis Shanahan, guest Susan Kelsch, Monica Nagle – new member, Pam Thyng (pamela.thyng@gmail.com) alternate member, Linnea Nemeth – new member Lnemeth1024@gmail.com, Christian Bearman- guest, Kim Schuman, Mark Cuddy, Allison Castelot, Amanda Nelson, Aimee Blessing

Absent: Yulia Rothenberg

2. Arts Mixer review

Mixer event was held at The Strand in May. 40 attendees, Jane reports that it went well. Amanda brought the papers from the walls. Feedback was attendees wanted street music and performers in Dover, open air arts market, email list serve, get all arts organizations together to have a loud community voice. We collected email addresses; Dennis advised we need to understand what people thought they were signing up for. Jane suggests entering them into city email address book so that we can send minutes and agenda.

Allison to contact Mike Gillis or Annie Dove to make a “Friends of the Arts Commission” email list.

Amanda recommends doing a follow up mixer in September, location TBD.

3. NHSCA Grant Parking Garage (Jane)

Henry Law Mural (Jane)

Garage: Jane reports murals are up in the garage. Jane got Reid Weston to contact Glassroutes for a plexiglass donation; we had \$200 left and they donated the rest. The high school made one wood frame, Dennis stained it, the rest of them will be in to him soon. Facilities will mount the frames. Cocheco Printworks is donating their time for the signs, which will be complete soon, and mounted with the frames.

Park: waiting to hear grant results. Jane contacted Reid for her support for raising the matching funds.

4. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)
Update documents on website (Yulia)

Aimee now has editor privileges for the FB page. Monica and Kim will connect on FB so that Monica can be a FB admin. Please continue to report content to add.

5. Riverfront project (Kim)



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Relevant party was not at the last river meeting. Kim hopes to see her at next meeting (June). Kim confirms that the park is a public park.

6. HS Committee (Jane, Aimee)

Jane and Aimee met; we have one year left before the space should be booked. Jane contacted facilities manager Kathy Faure, who provided copies of process the school uses to book facilities now. Aimee and Jane discussed what the school needs to be able to address if outside organizations are to come in to do events. E.g., ticketing, how they rent the space, technical specifications, who's going to oversee that. Aimee has information from UNH theaters to provide to DHS so that they can have a starting point. Arts Commission to approach DHS from a mentorship perspective, rather than enforcement. Jane asked Kathy to get rental information from Marshwood and Noble high schools, Jane will do research on other schools that do this for best practices. Aimee will contact theater manager from Pinkerton.

7. Membership

We have one alternate position vacancy. Mark reports that Bri heard that Dover residents applied, and that they would have priority. Jane will follow up with Susan.

8. Our Town grant

NEA grant based on place making. 25,000-200,000 grants. Jane examined grants that have funded; she wonders if we could be prepared by September. The Mayor contacted us about it. Jane suggests forming a subcommittee to find a few projects that could work. We must have another nonprofit (doesn't have to be cultural) involved. Possibly Riverfront park. The grant should solve a problem. One issue could be rising water. Could address in a park, in an educational way. Could be state, UNH art department, Great Bay, UNH marine department. One funded example was painted sidewalks. Park, children's museum, 2 people who came in a while ago, UNH cooperative extension. Dennis indicates that city works closely with storm water center at UNH. Amanda suggests contacting Great Bay. Kim suggests the Gundalow. Kim asks Jane to put together a little presentation about what the grant is, which Kim can share with park people. Kenneth Lavalley is UNH cooperative extension contact. Pamela will do some research on the grant, Jane suggests the whole group look at the projects that have been approved to get ideas. Cannot partner with a nonprofit that already receives federal funds.

9. Outreach reports/ New Business

Monica is building an art center in the mill building, ready in August, it will be a nonprofit. Backstory is Rebecca Proctor is involved, Chinburg is involved. Rebecca called Jane (following Jane's request for



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affordable studio space). The chinburgs are taking Rebecca's space, making apartments. They're building walls up for privacy, a stage, cubbies for occasional work. Rebecca's business will be there. Art center will be a nonprofit. Mission for the nonprofit is to run the collective, and to collaborate with Dover. Jane suggests that the art center could be a candidate for the Our Town grant.

Jane went to the speaker panel. It went really well. She mostly reported what is going on in Dover, people there said Dover is doing great things. Most of the conversation kept going back to public art. Jane gave city credit, talked about garage, next grant, high school. People were so impressed that Dover is so open and willing and welcoming to the arts, and understands that the arts are a place making opportunity for Dover. Someone from Portsmouth shared that they feel pushback from our city, and we don't. Jane was approached by a writer who wants to do an article on the arts in Dover. Jane gave contact info to Kim.

Amanda got an email from someone from NH citizens for the arts. Rep Danielson will stalk state Senators and get them to attend. Amanda told Danielson about Art Walk, Fringe, Cocheco Art Center, and Theatre Unmasked at the Strand. Amanda will keep pushing things to him.

Jane and Aimee recommend doing press releases about busking for the Art Walk. There are permits, Dennis will follow up and find the forms. It's on city web page, arts, commission, street vendors/peddlers. Some confusion about form versus contact police. Monica will research what Dover will allow. Monica will communicate information with Aimee to get info distributed.

Amanda suggests that city renew music license to prevent any city liability. Dennis asks the cost – Amanda says it depends on size and scale.

Jane asks Amanda about trademarking icons. The city would need to register them as ownership. Amanda will speak to city attorney Anthony about it. Kim suggests we come up with written rules of who has authority to give permission. Amanda suggests city should have a basic IP policy.

Fringe Seacoast is July 5-9, closing ceremony on July 11. 12 different shows from all over the place. Pop up gallery program, each day somewhere different. Fringe late night, which is at our venues and special event at the Strand, 3 bands playing. Venues are Fringe, Brickhouse, Cara.

Theatre Unmasked is doing 12th Night – Woodman, Flag Hill Winery, The Strand, Henry Law Park

Meeting adjourned 8:01.