



ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Cafeteria
 Meeting Date: 9-11-17
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order / Minutes

6:38pm Minutes were accepted from last meeting.

We did not have a recorder for the meeting as Kim Schuman was absent.

Arts Commission Members: Jane Hamor, Aimee Blesing, Yulia Rothenburg, Dennis Shanahan (City Liaison), Monica Nagle, Mark Cuddy, Linnea Nemeth

Community Guests: Brian Cartier (Artist), Serena Duckrow Fonda (Art Therapist), Christian

2. **Henry Law Mural** (Jane)

\$3150 was secured

Jane is approaching Jewett Construction about further funding (\$3000 by December 1st, then another \$3000 after that)

If this is unsuccessful, Jane will contact others on the list from Reid Weston.

The Chinburgs are converting the Mill to 34 apartments and this may have an impact on available funds for Henry Law Park.

Brian is willing to do some talking with people about funding and other opportunities like LED lighting, and is in contact with the Teen Center about the project. He has begun sketches and conceptual ideas.

Yulia suggested contacting the people in the retirement building earlier rather than later about whether they want to be part of the conversation on what the subject matter is for the mural.

3. **HS Committee** (Jane, Aimee)

Jane and Aimee have met with Peter Driscoll and one of the sub-committees to discuss how the Arts Commission can be of help to them as they build the theatre and arts space. Dennis also attended the Fundraising Committee meeting with Jane and Aimee.

Jane is trying to get in touch with the theatre liaison person to discuss what is actually there in terms of technical equipment and whether there are other details that we can advise on.

4. **The Art Center Update** (Monica)

Scheduled to move in for October 1st.

All studios are rented out, there will be a retail section selling art work as well as multiple art facilities and a stage. Once the move in has happened there will be an opening reception.

5. **Busking permitting** (Monica)

Lots of people are interested in helping to get the word out. Aimee and Monica will work on a new flyer that can be displayed and distributed.

6. **Riverfront project /Our Town grant** (Kim/Pam)

Kim and Pam were absent.



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7. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

- a. Feature Artists on our Facebook page – we need to figure out the wording of how we would ask artists to do this. The same information may be in the application to exhibit. Yulia will create a post or update the bio on our FB page requesting contact and details from artists wishing to be featured.

Yulia has been trying to find out how to set up Instagram and Twitter for the Arts Commission, Jane will try to follow up about this as well with Mike Gillis.

Can all members please add a bio and picture to the Gdocs folder:

https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B1_z6QAdaDguaWpVc1lBQ05aZVk

8. Membership

Serena has applied to join the Commission and will most likely be approved as an alternate. Serena's email address is: dr.duckrowfonda@gmail.com

9. CNNH cat couch

Jane suggested the Seacoast Charter School; SPCA was also suggested.

We don't have many ideas about where it might be able to go, perhaps ask around in other communities.

10. Outreach reports/ New Business

Arts Commission at the Dover Art Walk:

Aimee moves that the Arts Commission has a table at the Dover Art Walk from October 2018 onwards.

Monica seconded.

Motion passed.

October 6th will be the first one we are involved in. Monica will set up the table, Yulia and Linnea will man the table in October.

Yulia will provide the easel, Linnea will bring a large note pad and may have access to an easel too, the green envelopes will need to be collected, the Arts Commission Powerpoint can be running on a laptop, we will also need to bring business cards.

We could have two members a month on rotation.

We should take a pile of green envelopes to the Art Walk to try to raise funds for the AC.

We can display busking flyers and also have an easel up for people to write arts suggestions on.

(We need to figure out a way to follow up with the City on who is donating and whether the money is getting to the right account. Dennis can check what is in the fund at the moment.)

DONATIONS TO THE AC FUND: We need green envelopes in order to donate to the Arts Commission fund. We need to grab a handful of green envelopes so that we can make contributions.

Mother's Day Freedom Project: Going very well, about 28 sponsored locations; now connected with Steven Tyler's "Janie's Fund".

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APPLE HARVEST FESTIVAL: theatre.unmasked will be running two classes and there will be other stuff through the day at The Strand Ballroom, October 7th.

Yulia motions to Adjourn,

Linnea seconds

Adjourned at 8:15pm