



ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center Room 323
 Meeting Date: 12-4-17
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order / Minutes
 - a. 6:35 call to order
 - b. Present: Kim Schuman, Amanda Nelson, Dennis Shanahan, Allison Castelot, Jane Hamor, Pamela Thyng, Yulia Rothenberg, Monica Nagle
 - c. Absent: Aimee Blesing, Serena Duckrow Fonda, Linnea Nemeth
 - d. Guest Maria Ayer, Brian Cormier
 - e. November minutes approved
2. Guest – Mike Gillis
 - a. Mike will come in January instead.
3. Henry Law Mural update (Jane, Brian)
 - a. Brian has a draft of the mural. Each puzzle piece will be 7.5x5ft. the depth of each will be staggered and backlit with LEDs. They're made of an aluminum composite. Brian contacted sign guy that can cut the pieces. Brian will iterate on design – adding colors, paint splatters, continents will be filled with handprints. Suggests a community day for everyone to come down to put their handprint. Yulia suggests putting hand print on the place you're from. The panels will be painted at the Seymor Osmond center, or the Teen Center. Brian hopes to have the pieces by the end of January. Probably take a month to work with the kids to work on it (four sessions). Jane suggests Gary will have to approve the final design, Brian plans to complete it this week. Yulia questions how the seniors will make it to the site to do the handprints, committee suggests that the senior center may be able to assist with transportation. We could plan the handprints with another community event. Monica will ask if we can do it at the Art Center.
 - b. Press release timing – Kim is a bit behind schedule, the committee agrees that we should wait until new year.
 - c. Brian is meeting with teen center on 12/20 for an update meeting, and again 1/24. He would like to have the panels in time for the 1/24 meeting, and wants to share on 12/20 that they will have the panels a month later.
4. HS Committee (Jane, Aimee)
 - a. Fall of 2018 opening event planning underway. Jane proposes that we ask if we can be part of the planning, since there will be performance(s) in the theater space. Committee agrees. Jane will ask Aimee if she's interested, Kim can help, too.
5. The Art Center Update (Monica)
 - a. Jane and Amanda attended Art Walk on Friday at the Art Center. They had artists, music groups, Amanda reports that acoustics were good.
 - b. Pamela suggests we could have a meeting there. Amanda suggests Rebecca would like to have lots going on there. Kim suggests we could do visioning work. Monica confirms that Rebecca would welcome this.



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- c. Yulia and Monica are members of the art center, and have allotted time in the center.
 - d. It's open until 6:00 PM every day, or by appointment.
 - e. Commission's art walk materials will be stored in Monica's studio.
- 6. Busking permitting (Monica)
 - a. No major update, but Art Walk and Art Center have helped word spread about busking being welcomed. Monica is doing grassroots outreach to police.
 - b. Pam suggests going to Chamber about talking to businesses about busking. Monica has been talking to businesses
 - c. Monica and committee discussed importance of not having artist seated on the ground
- 7. Riverfront project /Our Town grant (Kim/Pam)
 - a. No new update. Plans are moving forward, reviewing contractor proposals. Kim will follow up with them to see when it makes sense to meet regarding grant. RFQs are due this week, we don't know when they will be making an award.
 - b. This particular grant is due in September. Pamela is ready to work on it when we know that the time is right.
- 8. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)
 - Mike Gillis – Kim
 - NHPR – Our Town – Monica
 - a. Monica hasn't heard anything
 - b. Yulia suggest using the "contact us" on the show's website.
 - Emails – Jane
 - a. Pam needs to do it
 - b. We all need to be using them.
 - c. Jane and Yulia recommend that we all copy personal emails so that things don't get lost.
 - Update website – Yulia
 - a. There's a lot to update on website – e.g., remove the RFP for the parking garage.
 - b. 3S art space is Portsmouth is listed. We need to refresh this.
 - c. Jane recommends Common Ground should be listed
 - d. Yulia recommends Dover specific resources versus regional resources
 - e. Yulia would like to put a link to the Dover Art Walk on the Dover resources
 - f. Committee brainstormed what should be on the list
 - a. Art walk
 - b. Art center
 - c. The strand
 - d. Flight
 - e. Fringe Seacoast
 - f. NH State Council on the Arts
 - g. NH Humanities Council



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- h. Arts Alive
- i. Northern NH Arts Alliance
- j. NH Acoustic Music Association
- k. NH Charitable Foundation – Piscataqua region.
- l. League of NH Crafts
- m. NH art association
- n. NH biz committee for the arts
- o. Common Ground – artist directory
- p. NH writers guild
- q. NH Writers project
- r. NH institute of art
- s. Woodman museum
- t. Dover library
- u. Yulia will send a list via Google Doc, if you have an addition – add it
- g. The committee thinks that Mike is the person who makes changes to our website.

9. Art Walk –sign up members for monthly table

- a. Kim will do January. Show up a little before 4.
- b. Allison will do February
- c. Pamela will do March

10. Outreach reports/ New Business

- a. Yulia suggests we get the city to use the icons from the parking garage. Amanda says that this will allow us to trademark them ** January agenda item with Mike. Kim and Yulia can revisit the City Lights committee to find out what’s going on.
- b. Monica has follow up on Foster’s incident, she had a two hour meeting with the reporter, who wrote a follow up article about the visual arts show that accompanies the poem.
- c. Mother’s Day Freedom Project Installations remaining in Dover: bonfire, the triangle club. Yulia suggests the hospital
- d. Pamela visited an art center in MA, there was an artist studio tour. Sell a button that would get you into studio spaces. Yulia and Jane commented that it’s a good idea, we just need people to spearhead this. Monica could get some info from a contact in Newburyport to see how they do it. Jane will add to the agenda. Yulia suggest doing it in May/June
- e. Jane received an email from Chris Parker, who received a letter from a developer – who’s interested in doing murals on side of building that will face Chestnut. The company is catharsis, in Boson. The bottom of the building will be cement block – about



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10-12 feet tall. Developers want to do murals. Developer must pay an impact fee to the city, want to see if they can use that money to paint the murals, they're renovating the grassy area and have specified for a park bench and bike rack. Jane advocated for cool bench and rack rather than flipping through a catalogue. Commission agrees that it's a good idea. Their idea was that you'd paint on the building and it would get painted over every few years. Amanda advised that doing something like this, the building owner could be liable for destruction. Could contract out of it. Or, could see if Brian's materials are great, we could use those? Construction thought to be finished Summer 2019. Fee should be part of the record. The development is far along, demo will start Jan 1 or later, land swap will happen to move parking versus land. Developer will send rendering of that side of the building with dimensions so that we can better understand the opportunity.

- f. Yulia announced Dec 20, Strand is having a public meeting to discuss artist programming.
- g. Monica talked to poets about doing a chat book

11. Vision Planning – Linnea

- a. Linnea was absent.

12. 8:07 adjourned