



ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 1-8-18
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to order / Minutes

Call to Order: 6:34

Present: Serena Duckrow Fonda, Kim Schuman, Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, Amanda Nelson, Dennis Shanahan, Monica Nagle, Maria Ayers

Absent: Allison Castelot, Aimee Blesing, Pam Becker, Linnea Nemeth,

Guests: Christian Behrmann, Mike Behrmann, Mike Gillis, Donna Benton, Susan Hannah

Minutes from the last meeting: Change Brian's last name to Cartier, not Cormier. No other changes. Motion to accept with change, seconded by Yulia. Passed unanimously.

2. Guest – Donna Benton, Dover Community Trails Committee/Mural application
 Guest – Mike Gillis

The Dover Community Trails Committee submitted an application for a mural in Silver Street tunnel (@125 feet). Currently there is a lot of tagging going on. They want to involve the community: different organizations/schools to paint mural along with a small acknowledgement of who painted it. They have approached all of the schools; Seacoast Charter school is very interested and wants to involve their students, possibly this spring. All of the schools have been interested, but logistics are a problem: getting students there, fitting it into the curriculum. They will likely need a professional artist to organize the students. Perhaps an artist would want to teach a class if the space is designed to be painted over frequently. They don't plan to do everything this spring because of length of tunnel. They want to have the community feel committed to the trails. They are going to look into funding: may be some money from the city, but they know they will have to fundraise. There will be a call for artists. The Art Commission supports this project. Donna will send the Art Commission copies of their meeting minutes to keep the commission in the loop. She will also send a reminder about their meetings in case members of the commission wants to attend.

Mike attended to talk about the art commission's social media use as a public board. He brought the city policy regarding social media. There are several issues to address while moving forward: continuity, who is responsible. Social media is subject to the right to know law, therefore we have to be careful of the content that is posted. All trails regarding posts can be requested, including private messages. Commission members have to watch creating a comment thread on social media, which suddenly creates a quorum and has legal implications. Members have to avoid conflict of interests and avoid perception that we are favoring one person/project/cause over another. The commission will need a policy to determine how to remove certain comments/posts on our social media without creating a First Amendment issue.



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The commission needs to update the website, which Mike is willing to update.

3. Henry Law Mural update (Jane, Brian)

The art commission hasn't heard back from Brian. The commission did receive \$1000 from Optima Bank. The city cut Brian a check for an initial payment and to purchase the panels. The commission will need the final draft of the panels for final fundraising. Kim has drafted a press release, but it is currently too long. She is going to refine it.

4. Chestnut St Mural Project Up-date(Jane)

Tabled due to time.

5. HS Committee (Jane, Aimee)

Aimee is going to serve on the committee with Jane. Jane reached out to the new superintendent and wants to meet with them. Aimee is currently in London, so when she gets back they will coordinate a date to meet.

6. The Art Center Update (Monica)

Art Center is up and running. It had a large turnout at the last art walk. The opening/ribbon cutting ceremony will be on Tuesday, February 13th at 4:30 and is open to the public. At least one person from the general public wanders in each day and all have been impressed. There is a lot of buzz in the community about the center. They are currently scheduling workshops and classes.

7. Busking permitting (Monica)

Monica has been talking to buskers. It's been too cold to busk!

8. Riverfront project /Our Town grant (Kim/Pam)

Kim attended the meeting, and proposals were discussed.

9. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

NHPR – Our Town – Monica

Emails – Jane

Update website – Yulia

Monica will meet with Rebecca Rule next week about featuring Dover on Our Town. They will discuss the process. They will need support from the town. They do a preliminary meeting to talk about the stories of the town. What do people want to say about their town? The shoot is 1-3 days. They will pick 6-8 stories. They will want to involve businesses in the fundraising. The



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Chamber should be involved. The episodes are shown on television, but are also archived and many towns use them as promotional material. They have not done the seacoast yet, so this is a great opportunity. The commission will submit a letter of intent. Mike will need to be kept in the loop, and the commission should speak with the Chamber, Dover Main Street, and businesses.

10. Art Walk –sign up members for monthly table

Allison – February

Pam – March

Serena—April

11. Outreach reports/ New Business

- Membership: Pam has been approached to be a full member, and Maria has applied to be an alternate. We now have a full commission. We need to send our bios for posting.
- 70 locations are sponsored for the Mother’s Day Freedom Project.
- New art space opening at Farmwood Village Club House.
- Yulia is meeting with the SOS community to discuss creative grants.
- The poet’s corner is almost done putting together a chapbook of poetry for Dover to use for grants and other purposes.
- The Fringe Festival is in planning stages.

12. Vision Planning – Linnea/set a date

How do we update the commission’s master plan? We should have a special meeting. We will have to post an agenda because the meeting must be public. Perhaps we can have it at the police community room. Kim will send out a poll to determine a date in February.

Adjourned: 8:04