



ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 4-2-18
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

1. Call to Order
 - a. Present: Dennis Shanahan, Pamela Thyng, Jane Hamor, Yulia Rothenberg, Linnea Nemeth, Kim Schuman, Amanda Nelson, Monica Nagle, Allison Castelot
 - i. Community member Sean
 - b. Absent: Aimee Blesing, Serena Duckrow-Fonda, Maria Ayer
 - c. Call to order 6:50PM
2. Approval of March Minutes
 - a. Approved with one edit on Aimee's name, and change to 8:13. Allison will make these edits
3. Citizen's Forum
 - a. No comments
4. Henry Law Mural Update (Jane, Brian)
 - a. Jane and several others met with pool committee. Artist Brian came up with some ideas to include historical references per pool committee's suggestion. Jane passed these ideas to Gary, she and Dennis will follow up with Gary to find out what next steps should be. If necessary, we could ask for a smaller meeting to follow up. Yulia suggests the meeting be held with Brian, the kids, and the mural pieces in the workspace.
5. Chestnut Street Mural Project Update (Jane)
 - a. Jane send the snippet from the minutes where we approved our collaboration with them to Ally Copeland, who said the developer will work on a Facebook post.
 - b. Next steps – Jane offers to meet with the developers in Boston, video conference, have them at our meeting, whatever will work. We will need a timeframe first to know when they will complete work, so we'll back up project timeline from there. Jane thinks they expect to open about a year from now, Dennis confirms spring 2019 is their stated plan. Amanda and Jane will coordinate a meeting together in Boston, Amanda also has business in Boston in April.
 - c. Yulia asks how they replied to budget estimate, Jane gave them an 8,000-12,000 budget and they didn't object. Yulia asks if we should have 3 artists work on it, group thinks we should speak to developer about it.
6. HS Committee (Jane, Aimee)
 - a. Jane and Aimee met with superintendent, great meeting. Meet and greet style meeting, offering the commission as a resource. He invited them to come back to a meeting with 2-3 people from the high school who are now starting work on the new rental policies. Aimee and Jane posed several questions that that group hadn't yet considered. They're scheduled to go back on 4/20/18 to talk about the rental policies. Jane and Aimee strongly suggested that they begin to develop general policies for use of the space. They previously contacted Aimee's contact from Pinkerton Academy, and had information



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from Marshwood. The superintendent came from a school in Pennsylvania where he spent five years working on launching an art based high school. Peter Driscoll stated their commitment for getting the community involved in the school. They discussed the opening committee, they're just starting that out. Pam asks if they're considering a sliding scale for rental, Jane isn't sure what they're working on. Talked a lot about having a tech person hired for shows, superintendent wondered about resources at UNH, if UNH could mentor students. Would be symbiotic.

- b. Dennis shared emphasis on we're building a performing art center, not just an auditorium. There are videos online of a recent tour of the school that the City Council took.

7. Riverfront Project /Our Town Grant (Kim/Pam)

- a. There was a meeting that was short, and mostly about getting official RFPs released, those went out last week. Looking for a decision mid-June.
- b. They will have an art subcommittee meeting soon.

8. Webpage and Social media (Communications Committee)

- a. Mike Gillis sent an email this morning, there's a technical issue with setting up an Instagram account
- b. Linnea knows the issue – Dover Arts Commission comes up as tag-able location
- c. On our website they created a link to the busking permit and all of our resources, state of NH and city of Dover busking permits – links directly to them. Permits are free, they're more informational rather than permission based.
- d. Linnea found out about an app called Timely that pulls from community resources to create a calendar
- e. Our Hometown – Monica met with Rebecca, we're on the list, could be up to a year before production. Monica will talk to people at Children's Museum and Woodman to let them know we're doing it.

NHPBS/Our Hometown

Emails – Jane

Update Website – Yulia

9. Art Walk –sign up members for monthly table **(note your volunteer activity)**

Serena – April

Allison – May

Aimee – June

Pam – July

10. Vision Planning – **Review Results**

- a. Linnea formatted the content in PowerPoint, the commission reviewed.



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- b. We added lines for the Poet Laureate committee
- c. Dennis suggests we present to the Council. Before this, Jane recommends we go through what we're doing, and identify how we're achieve it, where it fits in the plan.
- d. Committee agrees what we should have conversation with Strafford Planning before we go to the City.

11. Outreach Reports/New Business

- a. Jane got an invitation to business in the arts dinner if anyone would like to go. You must pay. May 7, \$100 or table of 10 for \$1000
- b. Pam – was at a transportation meeting, Colin from Strafford Planning, he said they're so excited about coming, Kyle will be the one to come, all the great ideas for the whole trail, concept of geo things where you go on a site – you can see other people's pictures online (Yellowstone has this). Talking about doing this citywide. Cassie Mason is willing to come, found an urban planner from Manchester who's experienced in arts, who can also come. Kim will continue to reach out to Chris. Hopefully this will all happen at next meeting, May 7
- c. Linnea attended creative communities network meeting in Plymouth. Large Arts Alliance of Northern NH presence, with state council. Linnea presented on what we do and the mural work. Concord Chamber of commerce president spoke about downtown revitalization – the art there is leased. Third speaker was executive director from Arts Alive, a nonprofit that gets arts nonprofits off the ground. They use the Timely calendar app. NHSCA has a new person working for them – creative communities in arts and health person. Following the meeting they sent several resource documents which Linnea will post in our Google drive.
- d. Community member Sean shared that Gary McCool, reference librarian at University Library at Plymouth, has a database of grants for the arts.
- e. Yulia – is on board of directors of Families First – they're looking for art for their new calendar. Not a paid opportunity. Yulia will email digital version of poster to Monica so that she can hang in the arts center.
- f. Yulia – April 29 there's a fundraiser at the art center for the Fringe festival. Theme of the event is all the world's a stage – taste of the world. Ticketed event, \$20 per person, \$60 per family. Looking for auction donations, and attendees. Money raised at this event supports the marketing etc. for Fringe, because all ticket sales go directly to Fringe artists. Fringe is looking for volunteers, pop up galleries, donors. Portland Fringe is the week before, then Dover, then there's a Providence RI Fringe.
- g. Amanda – NH Citizens for the Arts did a roundtable in Monadnock region, brought business people and state and city level legislators to talk about economic impact of the arts in the region. Next one will be in Manchester, Amanda suggested the seacoast next, in the Fall. Perhaps two in seacoast, one in Portsmouth, one in Dover. Kim voices concern that doing two, emphasizes a divide in the region. The committee recommends considering Durham.



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- h. Monica – suggests creating an official subcommittee for a poet laureate for Dover.
 - i. Monica is helping the de facto poet laureate getting funding for the Long Mile – a writing workshop for people in recovery. Happening in Dover SOS, Rochester SOS, and Safe Harbor in Portsmouth. He’s been doing it for free for years, Monica is helping him get funding. Dennis believes we would establish the position, and then we’d make it official.
 - ii. We move to create subcommittee to designate a city of Dover poet laureate starting with the existing unofficial Shane Morin -- Monica, Dennis and Linnea will be on this committee. Dennis will manage the subcommittee posting agenda, following city rules.
 - iii. Monica was invited to a party for the ending of the Concord Eye, and there she connected with NHPR and will be on Laura Knoy. Aimee’s group is going to do a reading about the founding of Mother’s Day. Monica also made a connection to a ballet dancer at UNH who created a ballet following assault. She’s working on getting fiscal agent, and funding.
 - iv. Monica – Dover Homeless Commission is getting involved with art and Mother’s Day freedom project. Monica got in contact with a woman from Austin who’s doing art with homeless and raised a bunch of money, most of the money (95%) goes to the artists. Tri-City coop on board for this. Looking for ways that arts commission could partner with these organizations. Monica will share link to the video of the art in Austin with the commission.
 - v. Regarding a press release with members – Kim suggests we do a press release about membership with we establish officers
 - vi. Kim – please update subject lines on emails when replying all.
 - vii. Monica – 28th Poets Corner 6:00 event.

8:23 PM adjourned