



ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 3-5-18
 Meeting Time: 6:30 p.m.

1. Call to order / Minutes

6:36 call to order

Present: Pamela Thyng, Maria Ayer, Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Aimee Blesing, Amanda Nelson, Linnea Nemeth, Dennis Shanahan, Allison Castelot

Absent: Serena Duckrow-Fonda, Monica Nagle, Yulia Rothenberg

Motion to amend agenda to include two resolutions:

1. Budget -

Dover Arts Commission Establishment Of Annual Budget

Through the efforts of the Commission and the strong participation of local artists the City is rapidly becoming a hub for artistic activity in the Tri-City region.

The Commission's activities to support the burgeoning artistic culture in the City requires financial investment and support.

A budget is established to facilitate the Commission in the performance of its prescribed duties. The amount of the budget for Fiscal Year 2019 shall be \$2,000.00. These funds shall only be authorized for use by a majority vote of the Commission at a publically noticed meeting that is attended by a quorum of voting members.

Motion to accept the establishment of an annual budget in amount of 2k dollars for FY 2019. – Amanda. Jane seconds, moved.

2. Pool –

Dover Arts Commission Approval of Henry Law Park Mural

The Arts Commission of the City of Dover serves in an advisory capacity to the City Council and City Manager to enhance an appreciation and awareness of arts and culture in the community through increased dialog and participation of citizens and by coordinating the installation of art in public spaces.

Through the efforts of the Commission, a project has been proposed to install a community-based mural on the westerly wall of the Dover Indoor Swimming Pool facility. The proposed mural will be a joint design between a local artist and youths at the Dover Teen Center and will be created by the Teen Center along with other children and adults from the community.

The Commission will receive the approval of the concept and design of the mural from the Pool Advisory Committee.



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Upon approval of the proposed mural by a majority vote in favor of the project, the Commission will request City Council approval to raise remaining funds in support of the project and engage the artists to finalize design and complete creation of the artwork.

On March 5, 2018 the Arts Commission approved the design, concept, and creation of the community-based artwork to be placed on the westerly side of the Dover Indoor Pool facility.

Motion to submit our approval of the proposed Henry Law Park mural – Amanda

Seconded By Pamela, moved.

2. Henry Law Mural update (Jane, Brian) ***presentation to pool committee ,date TBA***

March 6, 2018 7pm – meeting/presentation at the pool meeting room...Jane, Pam, Kim, maybe Dennis will attend. We have a PowerPoint to present outlining the project, talking about different communities who have used murals. Hopefully pool committee accepts design, then we can do it. The document also triggers resolution to the city council

3. Chestnut St Mural Project Up-date(Jane) ***application attached***

Jane attached the application, and the design. Application from the 104 Washington St. LLC, the group that's doing the Robbins building. Submitted application, want to do three blank murals. They'd like us to find an artist for us, and handle the whole thing. Work with us to come up with design, budget.

Motion to: accept the application from 104 Wash. Street LLC. And the arts commission agrees to facilitate and collaborate in the mural project on Chestnut Street. - Jane
 Amanda seconds. Moved.

4. HS Committee (Jane, Aimee) ***meeting March 9***

No update

5. The Art Center (Monica) ***The Face of Feminism Now, artist reception March 24, 6-9pm***

Pam attended a quiet art walk – about 10 people – at our table. Mayor Weston came.

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

No update.



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7. Webpage and social media (Communications Committee)

No update. Yulia was absent, but reported to Jane that she hadn't heard back, but there are a few updates on the website that Yulia noticed.

NHPR – Our Town – Monica **letter sent**

Emails – Jane

Update website - Yulia

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

Pam – March

Serena – April

Allison – May

Aimee – June

Today – Jane called Chris Parker about the impact fees. We are not qualified to get the impact fees, it's a state requirement. Chris did say that he was thinking of researching other options to have to increase amount of money we have moving forward. Chris understands that 2k is not enough budget. Jane spoke to Gary Bannon. He never sees the fees, he would like to use that money to relocate skate park. He goes to city for the money, it's for capital improvements. If Gary doesn't do anything this year, the funds don't go away, they accrue so he can save them up for bigger projects.

Amanda reports that Portsmouth has impact fees for the arts – she will look into this more. The developer wants to use the impact fee for art, there are times it could work. The city told developer you cannot have three blank walls on your building – must have an architectural feature, or a mural. In lieu of paying all of the recreation impact fee, also partly because of small park they're doing, city is allowing a portion of it.

Sliver St tunnel mural, the person spearheading that went away and had a baby, so Chris got put back onto that. Strafford regional planning was working with trail committee on establishing the trails (not sure how). When Chris was at this meeting about the tunnel, also looking at the rest of the trail, looking at other areas of the trail for art. This should be arts commission responsibility, to look at entire trail project, not just tunnel. So, Chris thought Strafford regional planning would consider helping us create a public art plan for the city. So he went to a meeting with them and pitched idea, told them we did visioning, so that some of the work they'd be asking us to do, is started. So then Kim and Jane met with Chris today, and basically said, Jane feels like so many different projects happening in Dover right now, and it's snowballing, and without a plan, we're piecing things together. And Chris said if there's a whole plan, position better for grants, decide to have this money, focus on this for this year, that for next year. So they would write the plan. This would be a bigger project with a separate budget, they would



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figure out how to pay for it via grants. Chris's next step is for him to go back, and convince them this is a good idea, figure out how much it would actually cost. We could be self-led in planning somewhat, if they provided structure. Chris just worked with them for climate control, and transportation, and a stewardship project. So, he has a great relationship here. No community in the state has a public arts plan, so our plan could be the first/template for other towns in the state, rural or more urban.

Pam – Bloomberg grant to establish a plan, she spoke to mayor Weston about it. Bloomberg properties

Aimee – have a thing called cultural districts at the state level. State has designated a bunch of areas in MA ~40, money available for the arts there.

9. Vision Planning – **Review results**

Presentation Linnea made is in google drive

- Exec summary – we would be looking to add our content to the stewardship chapter- anything under the “quality of life” category goes here.
- Aimee comments that it's very focused on visual art ...change to “the arts” and “artists”
- Linnea made edits to the document as we went.
- Budget piece- let's ask Gary how it's in the budget – is the 2k for us, or for “arts” in Dover
- For time, we'll stop here and continue next meeting. We stopped at the budget item goal.
- Deadline to provide feedback on the rest to Linnea – 3/23/18
- We're expecting we may have Strafford group come to the next meeting.

10. Outreach reports/ New Business

- a. Arts Council for the state asked if we could send a rep to the creative communities meeting on March 23. – Jane will send info to Linnea
- b. Pam suggests the new CAP building need art and should they write a grant. Jane will follow up with this.

Meeting adjourned 8:134