



CITY OF DOVER

POOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Meeting Type: Special Meeting
Meeting Location: Indoor Pool, Meeting Room, Henry Law Ave, Dover, NH
Meeting Date: Monday, March 06, 2018
Meeting Time: 7:00pm

Dover Pool Advisory Committee Special Meeting with Dover Arts Commission Re: Proposed Henry Law Ave. Wall Mural

March 6, 2018, Dover Indoor Pool meeting room, 7:00 P.M.

Pool Advisory representatives present: Jess Bonello, Pat Campbell, Christophe Cloitre, Cassandra Lanton, Sue Medbery, Tim Paiva, Suzanne Petersen (citizen volunteer)

Pool affiliated city personnel present: Gary Bannon, Kelsey Boese

Arts Commission representatives present: Jane Hamor, Yulia Rathenberg, Pam Thyng

Arts affiliated representatives present: Brian Cartier (artist), Steve Pappajohn (Dover Teen Center)

Meeting began at 7:00.

Citizens' Forum:

Paul Cox spoke about his participation in the planning and oversight of the new Henry Law Park Adventure Playground and his desire to see the themes of the playground continued: local history, natural resources, water. While he praised the concept of wall art utilizing teen participation, the planned mural might be a positive addition to the city somewhere, but not at this specific site.

Mural Discussion:

A multi-page hand out was provided to all attendees and reviewed.

- Dover Arts Commission Purpose: Serve 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.
- Indoor Pool wall mural: Create a painted mural to connect the Rotary Pavilion and the Children's Museum with the playground area. Mural will be designed by Dover artist Brian Cartier and painted by teens from the Teen Center and funded in part by a grant from the NH State Council on the Arts. Teens will leave their mark on a wall between areas largely defined by adult recreation (pavilion) and children's recreation (playground and museum). "The park area and the pool building continue to be the center of civic activity for the citizens of Dover."
- Dover Teen Center: Mural Project is an artistic opportunity for teens at risk of engaging in risky behaviors. The mural gives them a voice that is often not heard. They can claim ownership of an impressive project in the heart of their city.
- Work in progress: With support and guidance from Brian Cartier and Steve Pappajohn, teens are gathering to start the process of painting a rendering of a map of the occupied continents.



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- Community participation: As part of a community day, community members will be invited to put a handprint on the land mass from which they or their ancestors came.
- Artist comments: The puzzle pieces show that we are all connected and social justice affects us all. The map is not intended to be realistic, but is an abstract expression of the continents. Teens view Dover as a safe place in a bigger world. The teens will add meaningful text (such as "We are all equal, because we are all different") to areas around the continents. Kids will like the overall piece because they like to play with jigsaw puzzles.

Upon reviewing the conceptual rendering, members of the pool advisory committee were underwhelmed by the appearance. They had many issues with the lack of connection to the pool, water, or Dover as a place. The mural will have no connection to the whale flukes that will be installed on the roof of the pool building. The mural creates the illusion that Earth's surface is dominated by land masses, not ocean. Most opinions shared by pool committee members indicated support for the concept and promoting an artistic opportunity for at-risk teens, but the mural project does not support the goals of the committee to enhance the profile of the pool or aquatics in the community and it does not contribute to the Dover-based appeal of the playground; thus, the pool wall is not the best location for this project.

The pool committee requested that the artist and teens brainstorm for alternatives that might incorporate more water or Dover-based themes and submit additional renderings for review.

It was noted that the decision by the city council to accept or reject the project could be a consent calendar item. This could limit discussion by the City Council on the item unless one of the Councilors pulls it from the Consent Calendar for discussion before a vote. The public's ability to comment will be limited to speaking in advance of a vote during the citizens' forum.

Voted to table Reports, Old Business and New Business

Adjournment: Tim made a motion to adjourn. Pat seconded. Meeting was adjourned at 8:15.