



## ARTS COMMISSION – MINUTES

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

Present: Aimee Blesing, Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Maria Ayers, Serena Duckrow-Fonda, Yulia Rothenberg, Amanda Nelson

Absent: Allison Castelot, Dennis Shanahan, Pamela Thyng, Linnea Nemeth, Monica Nagle

Call to order: 6:32

### Minutes

One amendment was suggested to change “sold” in point 13 to “convinced the state to implement” as Monica is not selling the program to the state but licensing it. Yulia made motion to accept the minutes as amended. Serena seconded. Unanimously passed.

### Citizens Forum – High Water Mark application

The application as presented to the art commission is just for youth; the adult project will come later. Installation is predicted to occur between October-December 2018. There are still a lot of details to work out on their part. (We need to clarify our form in several spots at a future meeting as there is some ambiguity over what “installation” actually means.) The application for the youth needs to have “adult project” supporter clarified and needs a photography waiver. Aimee moved to approve the application conditionally, with full approval contingent upon the addition of a media and photograph waiver for minors, and a description of the role of the adult project supporter with signature of adult agreeing to the role. Serena seconded. Unanimous. Yulia abstained due to a conflict of interest.

### Visioning Planning

What accomplishments do we have, and where can we put them in our vision plan? Yulia made a motion to table this discussion to the end of the meeting, and if time permits, to re-open it. Kim seconded. Unanimous. (NB: There was no time to re-open this issue.)

### Riverfront project /Our Town grant (Kim/Jane)

Kim attended the last meeting. She had a good conversation with the landscape architect, who identified 5-6 spots where public art could be installed, but there is not a lot of money. The commission needs to get information to her by August to let her know what plans we have so they can be incorporated into the larger plan. We want to bring in larger community stakeholders as this is bigger than just the art commission, so we want to have community input for themes/suggestions. It was suggested that the art commission help form a committee of stakeholders.

Is this an area for an Our Town grant? We want to move forward deliberately because the art installed here could inform the conversation regarding the type of public art that goes up in the rest of the city. But we will need a partner for the Our Town grant. It is possible to apply for a planning grant so we can look at both the park and the city as a whole. There are going to be a lot impact recreational fees, which may help pay for some of the public art. The current waterfront committee doesn’t really have any artists on it



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at this moment. What direction do we want to do with the overlook spot so that they can prepare the foundations? What is the message that we are trying to give? The art commission needs to see the plans as it is very difficult to come up with ideas without them.

Henry Law Mural update (Jane, Kim)

Costas family approached Chris Parker and said they are donating \$6000 to the mural project (through their impact fees). Jane is going to work with Gary to determine the rest of the budget and if we need to raise more money. Jeff Spires is working on the signs (made the historic markers in town)—production will take about 4 weeks. There is still some remaining electrical work that the city has to do, so no timeline as to when the mural will be lit. Posters are being hung all over town advertising June 10<sup>th</sup> event. Kim wants to get a group photo of the kids and Brian. The art commission members will convene about 1:30 to take pictures.

Art Commission budget

The art commission was given \$2000 by the city; how to we want to use it? Should we have a subcommittee? Does it roll over? Do we set up several grants, holding back a small amount for misc. expenses? Look at documents surrounding the art fund and how those funds were supposed to be spent. We will add this to agenda next time to discuss further, and commission members are encouraged to come up with ideas.

Chestnut St Mural Project Update (Jane & Kim)

There is a meeting Friday June 15 2:30 pm w/ Aly Copeland. Anyone else interested in attending contact Jane.

HS Committee (Jane, Aimee)

Jane emailed Roseanne but hasn't heard anything back.

The Art Center (Monica)

Monica was not at the meeting, so no report.

NHPR – Our Town (Monica)

Nothing to report. We are on the list, but it will likely be about a year out before things start happening.

Webpage and social media (Yulia)

Mike Gillis is having a hard time creating our Instagram account because someone else has “DoverArtsCommission”. We are going to create an alternative name. Yulia is working with Mike to create a new page for our website about the garage mural project. For each completed commission project, there should be a new page.



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

Aimee – June  
 July –Maria  
 August—Pam

Aimee was very concerned about attendance—not a lot of people inside the mills. This is not the first time recently that attendance has been low. Amanda noted that in prior months, participation by vendors within the mill seemed low.

(Recorder ran out @8:26.)

Outreach reports/ New Business

Amanda reminded everyone that the BIA roundtable will be held June 19<sup>th</sup> in Portsmouth.

Adjourned: 8:31