



ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 7-2-18
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Present: Yulia Rothenberg, Amanda Nelson, Monica Nagle, Maria Ayers, Dennis Shanahan, Linnea Nemeth, Kim Schumann, Pam Thyng

Guests: Valerie Arsenault, Shane Morin, Julia Kirchmer (Children's Museum)

Absent: Jane Hamor, Alison Castelot, Aimee Blessing

Call to order 6:27

Minutes

Yulia made a motion to accept the minutes, Linnea seconded the motion, and it passed unanimously.

Citizens Forum

No comments.

Visioning Planning

Status check-in—everyone should take a look at the power point which is available on our Google drive account. Are our goals are still relevant? Do we need to add anything or remove something? We need to establish our priorities and create recommendations and an implementation plan. We should look at setting up another Saturday, possibly in September, to go through our plan in detail as our monthly meetings are full. Linnea has created a template that we can constantly update and refer to. Our first goal should be create a process of how we can get funds out to artists that request funds—how do we do this, what is the process, how do we let people know the funds are available and that they can apply.

Arts Commission Budget - \$2000 approved FY 2018-19 funds available July 1.

We need to create a process/policy of how to disburse this money. Monica, Yulia and Amanda volunteered to be on a subcommittee and to meet with Jane who has all of the numbers of spending in previous years. We need to go through our prior numbers of what we've spent, raised in grants, donations, etc., in order to create an overview of our numbers from prior years and to guide our budget planning. We need to double check whether we have a policy on the arts legacy fund and whether we can use that as a template. Can independent businesses have the green envelopes in their businesses? We need some marketing around the green envelopes and what they mean. It seems there is a lot of administrative red tape regarding the arts legacy fund and is it effective—what is the return on investment and is it the best vehicle for raising funds?



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Americans for the Arts Survey (Amanda)

Amanda will reach out to Cathy Sununu about her contact and having that person meet with the Arts Commission. We will also invite Woodman, Chamber, Main Street, other stakeholders, etc., to meet at our September.

Henry Law Mural update (Jane, Kim)

Community Art Day was a great success. Lots of people from the community showed up. We still need to finalize the budget and the installation (who is going to mount it, scheduling the lighting people?). Kim and Jane have found a vendor for the dedication marker. We are targeting for a September ribbon-cutting. It would be great to have it up by Apple Harvest Day.

Chestnut St Mural Project Up-date(Jane & Kim)

Jane and Kim met with Aly from Cathartis. They are very excited about the project. The big take-away is trying to coordinate with the Children's Museum and other organizations to hire local talent. They are going to figure out a realistic budget. There will be three sections, however they will probably want only one person doing the mural for consistency.

Riverfront project /Our Town grant (Kim/Jane)

Not a lot to report. The developers have identified 5-6 spots that will be ideal for public art, but some of them are time sensitive because they will need to know if they need to do specific foundation work. Kim and Jane spoke with Jen Martel, the landscape architect. This is bigger than the Arts Commission, and we need to find others who should be involved in this. Is there money from the developers (Carthartis) for public art? Do we have a group meeting with local artists to brainstorm ideas? Yulia will create a Google docs list of ideas that can be added to, including people who have stake in the community. There should be a meeting to generate ideas. The art commission should be the facilitator between the waterfront committee and the artists for a brainstorming session.

Our Town grant may be too ambitious for us at this point, so it probably won't work for the riverfront project.

Webpage and social media (Yulia)

We post things as they come in, but nothing specific to report. Yulia is still working with Mike to get our Instagram account set up.

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

July – Maria



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August-Amanda

September-Linnea

Outreach reports/ New Business

Dover should apply for the Governor's Arts Award for 2018.

We have many things going on, does the art commission need to grow? We do not have a designated staff person, like other city commissions.

The high school is nearing completion. There is a strong fundraising program going on. There is an organization that wants to spend a significant amount of money on the performing arts center. What else does it need? Dennis will send out information to Jane and Aimee.

Eric Wasserman had a meeting at Aztec Financial for angel sponsors for Mother's Day Freedom project. The spoken word CD is finished, as is the Mothers and Daughters book for the project. Calling in the Celts at Cara will act as a fundraiser for the Mother's Day Freedom project.

Monica has been organizing "sessions" for musicians (sessions are groups that play Celtic music at Celtic pubs)—they all come to Dover (Cara's), but none of them are paid. They do it for the love of the community. Can we come up with a way to give them a stipend?

High Water Mark project—art project that has gone out to the high school and middle school to solicit ideas on how to engage the city in discussions regarding high water issues in Dover.

Trying to raise money to provide a student a stipend to create the program of engagement. Can the art commission help provide some money?

Adjourned: 8:27