



ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 8-6-18
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Present: Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Amanda Nelson, Serena Duckrow Fonda, Maria Ayers, Dennis Shanahan
 Guests: Shane Morin, Matt Huusko
 Absent: Monica Nagle, Linnea Nemeth, Pam Becker, Yulia Rothenberg, Aimee Blesing, Allison Castelot

Call to order: 6:35

Minutes

Jane made motion to accept the minutes with a correction. Serena seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Citizens Forum

Up until last week the Poet's Corner was in Dover and was talking about moving to Portsmouth. Seth from Unity of the Seacoast offered his space. But they want to create a larger, literary based space for writers and those involved in the literary arts in Dover. They are looking to create a safe, supportive environment for writers of all ages to come and learn and having their work constructively critiqued. They are looking to create workshops in Dover in October. Jane recommended that they reach out to the NH Humanities Council.

Visioning Planning

Linnea will fix the dates/days mismatch and will re-send the survey.

Arts Commission Budget

1. **Parking garage Total Budget : \$12,181** (NHSCA grant :\$4500, Donations: \$5000, City of Dover in-kind: \$2681)→2017
2. **Henry Law Mural: Total budget: \$11,050** (NHSCA grant:\$3150, Teen Center: \$900, Donations: \$7000, City of Dover in-kind: TBA)→2018
3. **Arts Fund** – currently has \$346

Jane put together the above numbers to help start the budgeting process. The spending for 2017 and 2018 seems to be fairly consistent.

Americans for the Arts Survey (Amanda)

Amanda emailed Cathy Sununu about her contact, but hasn't heard back from her.

Henry Law Mural update (Jane, Kim)

The Commission got \$6000 from the Costos family and paid Brian. Brian is getting 3 written estimates for mounting the mural. Infinity Lighting is doing the lighting and is going to donate everything, but the city electricians have to install it. Jane is still working on getting someone to do the sign.



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

No updates.

Riverfront project /Our Town grant (Kim/Jane)

Jane and Kim had some back and forth emails with Julia from the Children’s Museum talking about finding artists to get input from the artistic community. The commission feels that the Water Front Committee needs to come up with a theme or story/vision that will drive the type/nature of art that goes in. They need to talk to members of the artistic community.

Jane spoke with John Forti, the executive director at Bedrock Gardens in Lee to see if he could come to an art commission meeting to get his thoughts on the potential of the park having a garden-like feel.

HS performance space (Dennis)

The project is on time and on budget. The high school fundraising committee has someone who is very interested in donating money to expand something that has a community aspect—the performing arts center would fit this. One potential project is expanding the rigging and theatrical lighting. Dennis sent the bids with the baseline to Aimee for feedback.

Governor’s Award in the Arts

The commission wants to wait until the high school is done and other projects (River Front project) before exploring resubmitting a nomination.

Webpage and social media (Yulia)

We need to have an administrator. Kim will follow-up.

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

August-Amanda Sept. – Linnea Oct. Serena

The commission needs new materials for our table. Should the table move around to different locations? It was agreed that it shouldn’t move every month, and that if the commission decides to move the table it should be consistent for the quarters so it is consistent with the map. The commission should have a suggestion box with cards so the community feels like it is participating. The commission should meet with the Art Walk people to discuss ideas on how we can help each other. Perhaps the Art Commission could have a listing of upcoming arts events that changes every month.

Jane is going to set up a meeting with Danielle Festa.



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New Business

Jane got an email from Yulia about a project at Whittier Street—the kids want to do a mural. But they’ve missed the Youth Arts Grant deadline. The commission could possibly give them some of the budgeted money. Kyle Pimental had a student who applied for the youth part of his project and has approached the commission for money.

Matt is involved in Steampunk events and suggests that Dover have a costume ball—*not* Halloween, and not plastic costumes. There are cities that have developed Steampunk events and there is a huge following of these festivals. It would add a whole new character to the artistic dimension of the town. But venue is an issue: maybe the Children’s Museum, perhaps Rivermill, or Tendercrop.

Outreach

Art Center: August / *Works by Resident Artist Stephen Godlieb*

Kim made motion to adjourn, Amanda seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 8:12