



ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 11-5-18
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Call to Order: 6:33

Present: Yulia Rothenberg, Pam Becker, Jane Hamor, Kim Schuman, Amanda Nelson, Maria Ayer, Dennis Shanahan, Serena Duckrow Fonda

Absent: Linnea Nemeth

Guest: Julie Kirchmer (she is interested in joining the commission)

Citizens Forum / Guests

No comments.

Minutes

Linnea may have the minutes from the last meeting. Aimee Blesing tendered her resignation from the Commission in October (but will remain involved with the HS performance space).

Visioning Planning

A tentative meeting was set for January 12th, 8-12.

HS performance space (Dennis & Jane)

Fundraising for the performance space has gotten the attention of a “large local employer” (unnamed at this time) who might be interested in making a large donation in return for potential naming rights. They are having meetings on how to manage the space when it is not being used for school purposes. They are proposing to put together a performance space policy committee, and several names are circulating. The Arts Commission already has policies from Pinkerton, Marshwood and Wolfeboro to use as models. Once the policies are in place, a programming subcommittee will likely be formed as the full policy committee will not have to meet regularly. The school is already getting calls from outside groups to use the stage. Can the Arts Commission create some sort of ex-officio position for Aimee so she can continue to be involved in the project? Jane and Kim are willing to serve as the Art Commission representatives to the policy committee.

Policy for disbursement of Arts Commission funds

The policy will be sent up to the city for approval, and the Arts Commission will set a deadline so it doesn't languish, likely early December so the Arts Commission can start advertising in January. Jane requested the first disbursement for the approved mural. The Arts Commission needs to come up with a budget by the beginning of the year for FY2020.

Membership

Julie is a curator at the Children's Museum, and she works with the exhibits that are on the ramp at the museum. She's worked at galleries before joining the Children's Museum, community based galleries, and a lot of other nonprofits. She would love to see more interaction with the Museum in public art projects, and would like to be a bridge between the



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Children's Museum and the Arts Commission. She does have to travel for work and will miss some meetings, but the members of the Commission don't think this will be an issue as long as things can be communicated via email. Friday is the wrap-up at the Leadership Academy and Dennis will plug the Arts Commission. The Arts Commission will add applications for the Commission to the Art Walk table. Maria is attending the volunteer fair at the library and will also discuss the Arts Commission with attendees.

Americans for the Arts Survey (Amanda)

Amanda met with Robin Albert of Portsmouth, who has been involved in two surveys to get background on the approach the Arts Commission should take. First steps are to determine exactly what the geographic area includes as it may not be just Dover, but might include Rollinsford as well. The Art Commission also needs to start talking to important nonprofit stakeholders in the area to make sure they not only support a survey but will be partners in conducting the surveys. Amanda will follow up with AFTA.

Henry Law Mural update (Jane)

Kim is finishing up the proclamation and will send it out for approval. Mike Gillis has the press release; it appeared in the Dover Download and the Facebook event is live. The Arts Commission just has to set the final agenda for the day. Jane will welcome everyone and then turn it over to Steve Papajohn who will introduce a teen who will read the poem that was composed for this event. The Arts Commission should also talk to Brian to see if he wants to say a word. The Arts Commission should also read out a list of the kids who were involved with the project to acknowledge them. Hopefully the Mayor will be there to read the dedication. Kim is seeing if someone can record the ceremony, and Mike Gillis is trying to coordinate that. Jane sent out the invitation to the sponsors, state reps, and the Governor; someone from the State Arts Council will attend. Dennis sent it out to city officials. Jane is finishing up the grant report. There are some issues with the accounting because the check deposited to pay Brian went into one account, and the actual payment to Brian came out of another account so the numbers are off.

Chestnut St Mural Project Up-date(Jane)

Jane hasn't heard anything from them.

Riverfront project /Our Town grant (Kim)

There was no meeting in October, but there will be a meeting in November. At the September meeting one of the members was very interested in a public art installation. There is no real plan at this point, but Kim is going to meet with him to talk about his idea and remind the group that any public art installation will need to go through the Arts Commission. The new VP of the committee is very interested in the public art aspect of the park. Kim is going to try and meet him for coffee.

Webpage and social media (Yulia)



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Need to finalize the descriptions of previously done projects so we can add them to the Arts Commission city website.

Art Walk –meeting report submitted (Jane)

Location for Oct – Dec: Art Center Location for Jan-April?

Oct. Linnea Nov. Pam Dec. Yulia Jan: Kim

The Arts Commission will be at the Art Center until January. Jane met with Main Street, Rebecca and Danielle and they recommended going over to the Gyro Spot. The maps are going to be updated every 4 months.

New Business

Jane has an application for public art, but the application is not yet complete. Jane has communicated with the artist a couple of times. She is proposing two wooden panels with a mural—the subject is suicide awareness. This would be a temporary installation. The Arts Commission doesn't have enough information to make a proper decision; therefore, Yulia made a motion that it approves the premise of the installation, pending clarification of the site and approval from that location. Jane seconded the motion. Unanimous.

Outreach

Yulia spoke with Alan Kranz about a mural on the Seymour Osmond Center, but he doesn't think we'll get permission to do the garage doors on the public works building across the street. He is also very interested in art in the open spaces. Since the land is city owned and run by the Housing Authority, the Arts Commission should add it to the application as a potential location.

Dover Listens is scheduling a new round of discussions, and they might be a good partner for the AFTA survey.

Maria met with Ellen Bates (owns Office Interiors) who is planning a wine and cheese meet and greet with the Chamber to discuss the mural project. She's been reaching out to other businesses, including members of Rotary.

Kim is going to follow-up with the Our Home Town people to make sure they have the proper contact information.

Tours of the high school will be held on November 23rd. Jane has seen the theater and said it was amazing.

Pam made a motion to adjourn and Kim seconded. Unanimous.

Adjourned: 8:22