



ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: McConnell Center room 323
 Meeting Date: 12-3-18
 Meeting Time: **6:30 p.m.**

Present: Yulia Rothenberg, Amanda Nelson, Kim Schuman, Linnea Nemeth, Jane Hamor

Absent: Serena Duckworth Fonda, Maria Ayer, Dennis Shanahan

Guests: Cliff Blake, Rick Kincaid, Christina van Blake, Lisa Burke McCoy, Liz Goldman

Call to order: 6:33

Citizens Forum / Guests Lisa Burke McCoy – NHSCA, Liz Goldman

Lisa: Coordinator of the Creative Communities program at the NHSCA, she wants to hear from the Arts Commission about what kind of support the Commission needs/could use from NHSCA. She encouraged members of the Commission to get in touch with her. She said they are setting grants deadlines now, but they are going to be similar to 2018 dates. The workshop for the 2019 grants will be held in January. In June, NEFA will be running their creative communities exchange. The Governor's Arts awards are coming up in the spring. Jane said the most frustrating part about applying the last time was that there was no feedback. Lisa encouraged Dover to apply for the award again.

Liz: Spoke with the director of COAST about engaging students to create artistic works for the bus shelters. She shared a proposal with Jane. Busses are seriously underused and have a huge potential for fuel efficiency. She may be approaching the Commission soon for help in acquiring grants. When attending the COAST public meetings, the lack of bus shelters was brought up as an issue. People don't want to take the bus if they have to stand out in the elements. It currently costs \$20,000 to build a bus shelter, so expense is a factor when building shelters.

Minutes

October minutes: Linnea moved to accept the minutes, Yulia seconded. Unanimous

November minutes: Yulia moved to accept, Kim seconded. Unanimous.

Membership

Both Rick and Cliff have submitted applications to join the Arts Commission. The appointments committee is meeting on the 12th, however Cliff can't make that date. He will continue to attend meetings until he is officially appointed.

Visioning Planning – Jan 12 8am -12pm at the Dover Police Dept. community meeting room

Yulia has secured the community meeting room. Yulia will put together an invite. Linnea is going to put together an agenda so the Commission members can come prepared for the meeting.

HS performance space

Jane doesn't have anything to report, and the policy committee is supposed to be formed by the school board but she hasn't heard anything.

Policy for disbursement of Arts Commission funds

Jane has sent all of the materials to the city attorney and is just waiting to hear back. The city attorney is aware that there is a time crunch.



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Americans for the Arts Survey

Amanda called Americans For the Arts for more information but no one was available at the time as everyone was in a meeting. She left a message, but no one has returned her call. She will continue to follow-up.

Chestnut St Mural Project Up-date

Nothing new to report.

Riverfront project /Our Town grant

Kim had a telephone call with one of the other project members about adding art to the park. Next step is to have a meeting between the Arts Commission and the park committee to discuss what the story is that Dover wants to tell (not just maritime history) and what is the best way to tell that story.

Webpage and social media

Yulia has created a recurring event for Commission meetings to invite the public. She is working on a template for completed projects for the Commission's city page.

Art Walk / Location for Oct – Dec: Art Center

Dec. Yulia Jan. Kim Feb. Jane

Jane spoke with Rebecca today, Rebecca suggested either the Gyro Spot or Nichole's Hallmark. The Commission's first choice is the Gyro Spot and Jane is going to contact them.

Past Agenda Follow-up items

Public Art application update & pending application

Jane updated the public art application to include the Whittier Street space. Jane also followed up with Amy and suggested a couple of indoor spaces for her installation, including the hallway outside of the city clerk's office.

Our Home Town

Kim needs to circle back on this.

Mural Project

Tabled as Maria was not at this meeting.

Stafford Planning Public Art Project

The project involves a mural project on the wall outside of the indoor pool. The mural is supposed to generate conversation around climate change. The artwork is being designed by a 13 year-old from the Seacoast Charter School. Aubuchon donated all of the paint. Dover Listens is participating by coming up with ideas on how to frame the conversation.

New Business

No new business.



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Outreach

Wrong Brain's bazaar is next weekend. The Art Center is having a big open house this weekend. The Woodman is having their artisan weekends. Jane is going to follow-up with the woman running the show after it is finished to discuss ways to incorporate more local artists (many are from Maine). There is a new bookstore in Dover, Free Thinkers—it is a combination of new and used books. He is planning a lot of events, and the Commission may want to collaborate with him. Strafford Wind Symphony is at the Strand. Northeast Dance is performing the Nutcracker. NHSCA has some upcoming RFP's for seacoast area artists.

Our next meeting is January and Commission members should spend it preparing for the Visioning Retreat.

Yulia made a motion to adjourn, and Kim seconded. Unanimous.

Adjourned: 8:10