



ARTS COMMISSION – MEETING MINUTES

Meeting Type: Regular Meeting
 Meeting Location: Dover HS Principal's Office (6:00 pm)
 Meeting Date: 4-1-19
 Meeting Time: 5:00 pm tour of theatre & art classrooms

Present: Yulia Rothenberg, Dennis Shanahan, Maria Ayer, Cliff Blake, Pam Becker, Linnea Nemeth, Kim Schuman, Amanda Nelson, Jane Hamor, Mike Lee

Absent: Rick Kincaid, Julia Kirchmer

Tour of theatre & art classrooms

Very impressive with all of the things they are doing. There is a lot of potential for adding additional programming.

Call to order in HS Library: 6:02

Citizens Forum

No citizens at this meeting.

Minutes

Yulia made a motion to accept the minutes from the last meeting and Pam seconded. Passed unanimously.

City Grant

Everything is in the Google drive along with our review policy; however, the review policy does not yet have a numerical system. The arts commission received 4 applications. The commission scheduled a special meeting for Monday April 15th at 6pm to review the applications and make a decision.

Visioning / Cultural Plan

Linnea sent out our presentation to Chris Parker, who said they are working on an updated master plan with the Recreation Dept. This takes away our chapter on arts, culture and history. We need to get in touch with key players to look for backing on separating the arts and culture from the Rec. Dept. The Rec. Dept. has been wonderful to the Arts Commission, but the arts and culture sector of the city is growing larger than what the Rec. Dept. can handle. As far as Jane can tell, no other city in NH has a cultural plan tied in with the city master plan. Perhaps we should look to other cities for examples. Linnea will reach out to the State Council on the Arts. We should also reach out to Tony McManus and Cathy Beaudoin, as well as Dave Tompkins at the Woodman, the Heritage Commission, and the Children's Museum. Should we ask Dover Listens to facilitate a community discussion? We should also ask Economic Development to be part of this meeting. We need to feel out the other stakeholders and present to them what we've done so far and let them know we want their participation and then follow-up with Dover Listens.

AC Membership Survey

The members should take a survey of their skills.

1. List 3-5 strengths that you could bring to the board.
2. Is there a project or area of ownership you'd wish to take on?
3. What projects or areas do you wish we'd focus on more?



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4. Any additional feedback?

The commission should bring their responses back to the next meeting.

Chestnut St Mural

Jane has been in touch with Ali, who has set up a new, separate email to receive grants. Now we need to get the word out, beyond Dover and the Seacoast. Maria will research the best way to get the word out to individual artists. CDI needs to create the content, but we will help them promote it. We will create a document on the Google drive to list potential contacts that can be filtered by city, region, state, New England, etc.

Public Art Installation at City Hall

Kim went over once it was installed and took some photos. Moving forward, we should include in the artist bio a website and/or email. Several people visiting City Hall wanted to make donations. The commission should be responsible for putting together the final bio label to make sure it complies with ADA standards. Once the work comes down, we should try and find another exhibit to put in there—perhaps quarterly. Mike suggested that there is a disconnect between the artists and the rest of the city—perhaps we need to have a workshop to walk people through the application.

Sophie's mural

Yulia believes the dedication will be May 4th but will double-check.

Art Walk / May, June, July August volunteers

Jane reached out to Julie about being at the Children's Museum but didn't hear back.

May: Jane

June: Pam

July: Maria

August: Amanda

Americans for the Arts

No updates.

New Business/Outreach

Dennis spoke about the high school and that he requested the policy group be added to the School Board agenda. There was some push-back so he feels that if a couple of members of the commission could go it might help move the policy discussion forward. Perhaps we can invite some of the people from Pinkerton to show the school board what the potential is. Jane will email Pinkerton to see if they are willing to send a representative.

We need to get back to the Governor's Award and double check dates. We need to put it on the agenda to make sure we get everything in place in time.



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Cliff spoke with the Our Hometown people, and it will probably be another year, but we are in the pipeline.

Arts4NH is hosting its 7th annual arts advocacy award and wants presenters from all over the state to participate in a Pecha Kucha, and mentioned Dover specifically.

The city budget is out and the Arts Commission is included—we asked for more, but they kept us level. Dennis encouraged everyone to reach out to council members to encourage the increased spending. This Wednesday is a meeting of the wayfinding committee, and Dennis suggested the icons from the parking garage.

Jane forwarded on a letter from a constituent about redesigning the city flag. We are happy to help him contact the right people, particularly in light of the approaching 400th anniversary.

The NEFA New England Foundation for the Arts Creative Communities Exchange will be in June in VT. Jane and Linnea submitted applications for scholarships. The early bird rate is \$100 and expires April 12th. The conference is June 6-8th in Montpelier. Pam a motion to reimburse Jane's registration at \$100 for the NEFA conference as well as disburse the remaining \$100 in our budget for related travel expenses, Cliff seconded. Jane abstained from voting due to the conflict of interest. The motion passed unanimously among the remaining members.

Yulia made a motion to adjourn and Linnea seconded. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned: 7:37