



Design Committee Meeting

November 18, 2026

12:00 PM

Zoom link

Zoom:

<https://zoom.us/j/96347833287>

Meeting ID: 963 4783 3287

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AGENDA

- Welcome
- Agenda
- Minutes (October)
- Public Comments
- Projects/Updates
 - DDP Critical Improvements Program (Deferred Maintenance Conditions)
 - Holiday Storefront Contest “Moving Through the Holidays”
 - Benches reinstalled in downtown
 - Keep Delaware Beautiful (\$2,380)
 - Banners / Decorations (Holiday, Paint Dover, Veterans, etc.)
 - Other
- Confirm Next Meeting Date: December 2026
- New business
- Adjourn

To be confirmed: Next Meeting December 9, 2026 via Zoom

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Design Committee Meeting

October 14, 2026

12:00 PM

Via Zoom

Attendees: Jennifer Gunther, Malcolm Jacob, Dawn Melson-Williams, Mark Nowak, Diane Laird

Agenda: Motion made by Malcolm Jacob, Jennifer Gunther and unanimously accepted.

Minutes: Motion made by Jennifer Gunther, Malcolm Jacob and unanimously accepted.

Public Comments: N/A

The meeting focused on downtown design and public art initiatives.

- Diane provided an update on the facade grants and building improvements project, noting that a list of about 20 properties with deferred maintenance had been vetted and professional cost estimates were being developed.
- The committee discussed the annual Holiday Storefront Decorating Contest and agreed on a transportation-themed concept: Moving Through the Holidays, with Dover Kent MPO suggested as potential judges.
- Diane reported that the Tiny Art Public Art Project had been unexpectedly challenging and recommended against continuing it, suggesting instead that remaining funds be used for a more near-term project. Keep DE Beautiful funds remaining \$2,380, for which the Committee may determine a new project, and proceed with KDB approval.
- The group then discussed the placement of four city-owned benches currently in storage, weighing the benefits of providing public seating against concerns about vagrancy and maintenance. They reached a consensus to trial two of the benches at the PNC Bank fountain area.
- Finally, the committee agreed to move the next meeting to November 18th due to the Veterans Day holiday.

Meeting Adjourned 1 p.m.

Next meeting Date: Wednesday, Nov. 18 (one week later, due to holiday on previous Wednesday.)

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