

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 14, 2011

Members Present: Sara Azam, Su-Lin Carbonelli, Alderman Frances Clark, Dorreth Cole, Jennifer Delmonico, Ife Gardin, Chris Jacobs, Robert Parker, Dean Sakamoto, Aleta Staton, Nghi Thai, **Staff Present:** Barbara Lamb, Kim Futrell **Members Absent:** Slate Ballard, Douglas Hausladen, Janna Wagner. **Guest:** Josh Borenstein, AMS

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by J. Delmonico at 5:48pm. Welcome and introduction of Josh Borenstein of AMS.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Delmonico called for motion to approve. Motioned by F. Clark, seconded by B. Parker. Minutes passed unanimously.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

No major updates.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: B. Lamb refreshed the commission on the recent strategic plan process in which AMS was tasked with helping DCA to think strategically about how DCA could play a greater role in the development of the city's creative economy. Since that time, the department has initiated Project Storefronts in partnership with the Department of Economic Development and the Economic Development Corporation of New Haven. J. Borenstein of AMS reviewed the strategic plan findings with the commissioners.

Budget Hearings: Members discussed the upcoming schedule of public hearings on the city budget. Cultural Affairs budget will be discussed as part of the Economic Development presentation at the Finance Committee workshop on Thursday, April 7. Members are urged to attend at least one of the public hearings to learn about how the process works and to be available to testify should the Cultural Affairs budget be targeted for reduction or elimination. At this time the Mayor is supportive of continuing support at the current levels in view of the staff and other reductions the Department has experienced to date.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:02pm.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2011 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.