

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, January 10, 2011

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by J. Delmonico at 5:50pm. Introductions were made by members to Sara Azam who has been recommended for appointment to the Cultural Affairs Commission.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Events: DCA does not anticipate hosting a fireworks display in 2011.

Mayors Community Arts Grant Program: *Acting Out*, a set of four one act plays by Theatre 4 will be held at The Study January 12 & 13. The event sold out in 48 hours.

DCA plans to continue to support the community through the grants program in the amount of \$25, 000 in 2011.

Percent for Art: A second meeting for the East Rock Magnet School committee has been set for February.

Public Art: The WESTAF online database is in its testing and preview stage with hopes to go live in the next couple of months. In addition to having the city's works on display nationally, consultants are working to ensure a database is also available in house.

Project Storefronts: The second three-month project extension is winding down and DCA is currently negotiating a lease renewal for 71 Orange Street. Additionally, staff is evaluating several commercial districts for a second location.

New Haven Sister Cities: Will host its annual meeting in January. B. Lamb has identified individuals interested in re-activating the Afula-Gilboa, Israel city committee. B. Lamb is developing a tour package to Hue Vietnam for April 2011. Tetlanohcan, Mexico will also be hosting a tour in April 2011. Avignon recently held a sale of a selection of products from France at Project Storefronts. NHSC will also be participating in the International Night at Edgewood School later this month with representatives planned from Avignon and Hue. NHSC plans to continue to host a bike tour as part of the International Festival of Arts and Ideas.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: B. Lamb reported that she is awaiting the final report from AMS with recommendations for moving the department forward. She will make copies available to all commissioners when it is finalized. She will also ask Josh Borenstein to come to an upcoming meeting to discuss.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A meeting was held in December between the city's Economic Development Administrator, Kelly Murphy and the CAC leadership (Delmonico, Parker and Clark) to discuss how the Cultural Affairs Commissioners can play a greater role in supporting the Department. It was determined that Commissioners should play a more active role in engaging their individual Aldermanic representatives to insure there is a greater understanding of the many accomplishments and goals of the department which is accomplished at very low cost to the city. Commission members will be asked to speak to their own representatives as well as identify residents of other wards who appreciate the work of DCA who would speak to their aldermen about the work of DCA.

It was resolved that in the coming weeks, talking points should be developed which outline the value of DCA. It was also suggested that the CAC invite downtown partners to future meetings so that commissioners can hear directly from them as to the role DCA plays and how commissioners can be more involved in the process.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:55pm.

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