

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, June 13, 2011

Members Present: Su-Lin Carbonelli, Ife Gardin, Douglas Hausladen, Robert Parker, Aleta Staton, Janna Wagner

Staff Present: Barbara Lamb,

Members Absent: Sara Azam, Slate Ballard, Alderman Frances Clark, Dorreth Cole, Chris Jacobs

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by B. Parker at 5:58pm.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To be revisited next month as there was not a quorum present.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Events: We have been advised that the fireworks would be produced by the Parks Department at East Rock Park again this year.

DCA is working with the city's Livable Cities Initiative to bring back Friday Flicks on the Green. The dates that are currently being held are Friday, July 8-August 5 (with August 12 as a rain date), 2011. There is potential to show the documentary "Last Days of the Coliseum" as part of the family oriented line-up of films.

Mayors Community Arts Grant Program: 38 grant applications were submitted to the program for the 2011/2012 funding cycle. K. F. plans to host the panel review meeting by mid July.

Newhallville: DCA is working with a consultant to enliven a city owned lot on Winchester Avenue. Activities may include afternoon arts workshops, evening movies and street theater.

Percent for Art: DCA is awaiting the proposals from three artists being considered for the East Rock Magnet School art work. These proposals will be on display for public review and comment in July.

Public Art: DCA is winding up its inventory on city owned public art. The city's inventory can be viewed on the national based Public Art Archive and the Museum Without Walls. Yale has recently agreed to participate and is working to add its works to these archives.

DCA is working with the artist Karen Rossi to restore the "Gabriels" a series of whimsical public art sculptures in Westville.

Project Storefronts: DCA is currently working out of a new location on 55 Church Street (former Kinko's building). The location is hosting the "Free Store"...Additionally, Project Storefronts will soon open at 100 Crown Street (former Water Company) which will house City Bench and an events planning business.

DCA was presented with one of two "Creative Economy Awards" for Project Storefronts at the recent New England Foundation for the Arts Creative Communities conference in North Adams, Massachusetts. The award included a prize of \$3500.

New Haven Sister Cities: The 15 day trip to Vietnam and Cambodia was a success. The Mayor of Hue expressed interest in hosting international jazz musicians.

NHSC recently hosted a “Sister City” bike tour as part of the International Festival of Arts and Ideas. The Avignon Committee will host a “Bastille Day” event at Union League on July 14.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan

V. NEW BUSINESS

Two members of the Commission recently resigned due to increased work responsibilities and residence outside of the city.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, JULY 11, 2011 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.