

## **CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**

### **Monday, March 14, 2011**

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

#### **I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by B. Parker at 5:50pm.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

To be revisited upon a quorum.

#### **III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Events: There are no upcoming major DCA produced events.

Mayors Community Arts Grant Program: The 2011 Guidelines and application packet will be available in April.

Percent for Art: Three artists have been selected to develop proposals for East Rock Magnet School art work. 3 alternates have also been selected.

Public Art: The creation of an overlay of the City-owned public art collection onto the city's GIS map is almost complete. Additionally, the data base submitted to WESTAF for the national Public Art Archive is almost complete however most of the New Haven's public art collection is publicly accessible now. The city's Percent for Art, WPA and Monuments & Memorials are currently accessible for view. B. Lamb and the consultant working on this project will be meeting with Yale soon to try to convince them to upload their data as well as part of the New Haven site. DCA has almost completed all the projects that received support from the various state and federal grants related to public art.

Project Storefronts: The "Call for Artists/Creative Entrepreneurs" has been revised and reissued for phase II of the program and several applicants are in process now. DCA is currently on a month-to-month agreement with Related Properties for the 71 Orange Street space. Additionally, DCA has submitted a formal request to Related Properties to extend the agreement until year-end with some escalating rent clause that would provide limited rental income to them. Meantime, other potential downtown locations are being investigated.

A Letter of Intent has been submitted to the NEA's Our Town grant program. The grant, as described, would cover program costs, including marketing of both the participants of Project Storefronts and the program itself. It would also cover some limited rent to Related or other property owner. DCA will be notified as to whether or not it has been invited to apply by the end of March.

New Haven Sister Cities: NHSC Hue Committee has designed a 15 day trip to Vietnam and Cambodia with a special 3-day stop to visit the sister city of Hue. There are currently 8 confirmed participants. The Afula-Gilboa committee has been reactivated with the addition of a new board member. A meeting has been scheduled at the request of Southern Connecticut State University. It is anticipated that they want to discuss the possibility of creating student/teacher foreign exchanges.

#### **IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Budget Hearings: Members discussed the upcoming schedule of public hearings on the city budget. The 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. They are also urged to attend the April 7 workshop to show support for the Cultural Affairs office.

#### **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES REVISITED**

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

#### **V. NEW BUSINESS**

None discussed.

#### **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50pm.

**THE NEXT MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2011 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.**