

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 17, 2011 (rescheduled)

Members Present: S. Carbonelli, B. Clark, D. Cole, A. Horowitz, B. Parker, A. Staton, J. Wagner

Staff Present: Kim Futrell

Members Absent: S. Azam, S. Ballard, I. Gardin, D. Hauslauden, C. Jacobs, A. Matthews,

Guests: Kelly Murphy

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by B. Parker at 5:52pm

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

To be revisited later in the meeting as there was not a quorum present.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT (Departmental Report)

Events: The Tree Lighting is scheduled for Thursday, December 1 (rain date of Friday, December 2) on the New Haven Green in collaboration with the Parks Department. Activities will be similar to last year and include an animated alpine safari (mechanical animals) and performances by local choirs. K. Futrell is working with the Parks Department to coordinate possible carriage rides and other activities.

Mayors Community Arts Grant Program: Upcoming events supported by the grants program include "Playing with Matches" by Broken Umbrella Theater, mask making workshops and parade in Fair Haven and Elm City Dance presentation of its piece entitled "Masquerade Ball". Several grant recipients will host events in 2012 and are expected to request initial payment in the upcoming months.

Newhallville: DCA will host a Community Celebration Event on Saturday, September 17 in the Lot at 535 Winchester Avenue. The event wraps up the summer programming in the lot and will include a dramatic production, live musical performances and food. Future plans include afterschool programming at Lincoln Bassett, a series of movies and possible monthly coffee house/open mic events.

Percent for Art: M. Bodell discussed the final jury meeting held on July 15 regarding the artwork for East Rock School. Three artist finalists proposals were reviewed, Jo Yarrington, Robert Perless and Paul Villinski. Paul Villinski's "Dreamdesk" proposal was selected unanimously by the jury. Villinski is known for working in recycled materials and specializes in interactive sculpture initiatives that involve the community within which he has commission. "Dreamdesk" a sculpture of a flying desk will be suspended from the rear entryway ceiling. Villinski will submit per the jury's request, a rendering that incorporates student's homework into the wings of the desk.

Public Art: no update.

Project Storefronts: Project Storefronts will be moving in the near future as it has been advised by the owner of 100 Crown that the space will soon be rented. However, PS has been able to negotiate use of the space until the end of October. PS will participate in Citywide Open Studios events including a special event entitled "LAMP" or Light Artists Making Places in collaboration with Ninth Square residents and retailers.

Project Storefronts in partnership with Café 9, retailers and artists hosted L.A.M.P. (Light Artists Making Places) festival on Friday, October 14 after the Citywide Open Studios reception. The event which featured various illuminated projections on buildings, light displays and performance was well attended and featured about 30 artists.

New Haven Sister Cities: B. Parker discussed growing interest in a collaboration between SCSU student exchange program

Other: no update

IV. OLD BUSINESS

K. Murphy discussed the status of the search for a departmental director. Members were invited to participate in the review of applicant finalists. B. Parker noted that the job description refers to a departmental name change from Cultural Affairs to Arts, Culture and Tourism and inquired if the Commission name should be modified.

Acknowledged the department will begin to shape an increase attention to tourism through partnerships, programs and events and agreed that the commission name should be modified and would speak to counsel.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:44pm

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