

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 13, 2009

Members Present: Tia Blassingame, Su-Lin Carbonelli, Alderman Frances Clark, Dorreth Cole, Laurel Coniglio, Jennifer Delmonico, Robert Parker, Dean Sakamoto, Mimi G. Sommer, Aleta Staton. **Staff Present:** Barbara Lamb, Kim Futrell. **Members Absent:** Suzette Franco-Camacho, Gabriela Campos-Matteson, William Denby, Perkins Foss, Randi Rubin Rodriguez.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by J. Delmonico at 6:15 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

J. Delmonico called for a motion to approve the January 2009 minutes. R. Parker motioned to approve the minutes. Seconded by A. Staton. Minutes unanimously approved.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Cultural Affairs: B. Lamb reported on the potential elimination of an additional staff position that had been supported by special funds if monies are not secured. Grants are currently been sought to support this position through the NEA stimulus funds.

Grants: Cultural Affairs has received a proposal that would begin the strategic planning process with the funds received from the 2008 Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism Local Arts Agency grant.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Mayor's Community Arts Grant Program: Guideline and application packet are now available for organizations to apply for funding in support of arts and cultural programs. Materials are also available for download on the city's website. Information sessions will be held in the library branches in early May. Letter of intent due May 1 and application due June 3.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 11 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.