

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 12, 2010

Members Present: Su-Lin Carbonelli, Alderman Frances Clark, Dorreth Cole, Robert Parker, Janna Wagner. **Staff Present:** Barbara Lamb, Kim Futrell **Members Absent:** Gabriela Campos-Matteson, Jennifer Delmonico, William Denby, Perkins Foss, Ife Gardin, Douglas Hausladen, Dean Sakamoto, Aleta Staton. **Guest:** Nghi Thai

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by B. Parker at 5:48 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Revisit upon a quorum

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Commission: B. Lamb has submitted two additional names, Mark Potocsny and Nghi Thai for the Cultural Affairs Commission to the Board of Alderman for consideration.

Project Storefronts: DCA is in the process of distributing the Call for Artists to utilize temporary vacant retail space in New Haven. The project will be considering applicants with innovative concepts that will drive foot traffic.

New Haven Jazz Festival: The 2010 New Haven Jazz Festival produced by Jazz Haven will be held August 14 and August 21 on the New Haven Green. The festival will include performances by youth jazz ensembles as well as professional musicians. DCA will continue to support the festival with marketing support.

Summer Cycling Celebration: DCA is collaborating with Transportation, Traffic and Parking Department to revive the Summer Cycling Celebration at East Rock Park. The bulk of the event will be managed by the Transportation Department with the hire of a contractor.

New Haven Sister Cities: B. Parker requested that NHSC monthly updates be added to the meeting agenda.

Percent for Art: The Hill Central School jury has selected three artists who have agreed to develop proposals for the site. Jury meetings will soon begin for the East Rock School project.

Other: B. Lamb and other Economic Development staff are working with the Shubert on a recently released *Request for Qualifications* to architects to undertake a feasibility study to consider the redesign of the theater's 1980s lobby/office addition. The intent is to reconfigure existing space and possible add new spaces such as rehearsal halls, additional office, classroom, and possibly a jazz club and/or other public spaces with a view to creating new revenue streams.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: The strategic planning workshop originally scheduled with AMS Management Consulting is currently on hold until further discussion about the structure of the department and the city's budget process.

DCA Newsletter: B.Parker and K. Futrell will coordinate content to create a quarterly newsletter reporting on some of the many things the Dept of Cultural Affairs is responsible for. The newsletter will be primarily for the Board of Alderman but can be used with other audiences as well as placed on the City's website.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Mayors Community Arts Grant Program: K. Futrell reported that the funding cycle for the 2010-2011 will be announced in the upcoming week. The grant program is open to individual artists, non-profit arts organizations, youth and neighborhood based community groups who produce arts and cultural related events/activities in New Haven. The application packet will be available in the public libraries, online, the Arts Council, City Hall and upon request.

Church St South Housing Complex Mural: D. Hausladen reported that a group from the Yale School of Nursing is working with these tenants to create a 75' x 10' mural at the housing complex that will be visible from Union Station.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MAY 10 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.