

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 8, 2010

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by J. Delmonico at 5:55 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Revisit upon a quorum

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Ethnic Heritage Exhibit: DCA and New Haven Sister Cities will co-host a reception for the upcoming "Ethnic History of New Haven" exhibit which was developed by the Ethnic Heritage Center and originally displayed at SCSU last fall. The Exhibit moves to city hall for a month-long display and the reception will be held on Tuesday, March 23 from 5:30-7:30pm. The exhibition is on view through April 15, 2010.

New Haven Sister Cities: Su-Lin reported that NHSC is working with Elm City Cycling to develop and host a cycling tour of sites related to the various Sister Cities, to be held during the International Festival in June. Barbara reported that Hue, Vietnam has invited her and the Mayor to visit in June during that city's biennial International Festival. Barbara had hoped to sponsor a public tour to that Festival this year but has been unable to dedicate the time required, however she is hoping to attend the festival herself.

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.

Professional Development: B. Lamb and M. Bodell will attend NEFA's (New England Federation for the Arts) Connecting Creative Communities conference in Providence later in the week.

DCA Newsletter: Discussion was held regarding the development of a newsletter as a tool to connect with the Board of Alderman and the community about DCA's activities. B. Parker has volunteered to coordinate the project. Members are encouraged to contact B. Parker with content.

Additionally members discussed the benefit of using social networking to distribute information. DCA currently has a presence both on twitter and facebook.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Doug reported on the creation of a very large, 75'x10' mural being developed for the Church Street South housing project being sponsored by the Yale School of Nursing's Helping Neighbors Program. It will be inside the housing complex however it will be visible from Union Station and will be painted on removable boards so it can move if the building comes down.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, APRIL 12 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.