

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES**  
**Monday, November 9, 2009**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

J. Delmonico called for a motion to approve the September and October 2009 minutes. Motion by D. Hausladen, seconded by B. Parker. Minutes unanimously passed.

**III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Lewis Street Park Dedication: DCA recently co hosted a dedication for a metal sculpture entitled "Moai" by Christopher Solbert donated by Mary B. (and the late Robert) Arnstein in Fair Haven's Lewis Street Park. Concrete for the base was donated by Suzio Concrete, landscaping by Chris Oczyk. The donation also included endowment funds for future maintenance.

Mural Program: B. Lamb reported on a recent meeting with other departments to discuss a citywide mural program. The Chief Administrator's Office has committed to providing funding to improve the appearance of several neighborhood police substations. The first project will be conducted in the Hill neighborhood. A number of different public art possibilities were discussed including the possibility of painting Public Works trucks. Discussions are continuing with the Community Services Administrator as well.

Staffing: Recently secured City contract with Margaret Bodell to manage the mural program and the storefronts for art program which will last until the late spring.

Grants: DCA recently applied to the CT Trust for Historic Preservation in partnership with the City Plan Department to map public art on the city's GIS system. Additionally, part-time staff recently attended the Grantsmanship intensive training to improve grants writing skills.

Tree Lighting: The city's annual event is scheduled for Thursday, December 3 from 4-8pm on the Green. There will be a host of free family activities, live musical performances and the lighting of the tree. G. Campos-Matteson inquired about the feasibility of incorporating various neighborhood events that lead up to the larger event on the Green.

Upcoming Events: New Haven Theater Company and Bregamos Theater, a Mayor's Community Arts Grant recipient will be presenting *the Excommunication of Mrs. Eaton* at two additional locations. *Forgot to Laugh* presented by Agoos Art will be held at ACES Arts Hall on November 14.

Other: Members discussed the recent completion of the museum in the Hill neighborhood completed by Gregory Krikko, a well known pencil artist and how DCA support potential community programming.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Strategic Planning: B. Lamb shared the AMS draft summary of the community meeting comments. AMS will soon meet with the Mayor to hear his views on the work of the Dept of Cultural Affairs and to share some of the focus group findings.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

None discussed.

**VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, DECEMBER 14 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.**