

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Monday, February 11 (special meeting) - REVISED

Members Present: Dorreth Cole, Alderman Francis Clark, Lisa Cobham, Laurel Coniglio (*awaiting approval*), Jennifer Delmonico, William Denby, Sheila Murphy, Robert Parker, Mimi G. Sommer, Dean Sakamoto. **Staff Present:** Barbara Lamb, Kim Futrell. **Members Absent:** Suzette Franco-Camacho, Gabriela Campos-Matteson (*awaiting approval*), Sheneane Ragin, Aleta Staton, Kerry Triffin.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting at the Yale Art and Architecture Gallery, 32 Edgewood Avenue was called to order by S. Murphy at 5:20 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission agreed to revisit when a quorum is reached.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

B. Lamb shared current events and activities with the members present.

B. Lamb notified members of the formal appointment of Karen Senich as the Executive Director of the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism.

Public Art: B. Lamb briefly mentioned OCA's plans for development of a temporary public art installation for summer 2009. A Call to Artists is in development. Lamb also reported that Jessica Buckley, OCA's part-time Public Arts Coordinator, is in the process of researching public art policies of other Cities and developing draft policies relating to acquisition, deaccession, donations and maintenance of city-owned artworks. A Public Art Committee, as provided for in the Commission's By-Laws, will be re-instituted. CAC members interested in being part of the committee should contact B. Lamb.

Police Substations: The OCA has been asked to assist with improving the outward appearance of New Havens substations. B. Lamb recently met with Peggy Sawyer, an art teacher at New Haven Academy to consider whether she and her students might take on the project.

M. Sommer expressed interest in using public art as a method of encouraging environmental awareness to the community. B. Clark suggested the environmental awareness component may not be part of OCA's mission, however suggested M. Sommer present the concept to JoAnn Moran, a local artist who has a history of engaging the community in her banner projects.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (revisited)

S. Murphy called for a motion to approve the January 2008 minutes. L. Cobham motioned to approve. Seconded by B. Denby. The motion passed with one abstention.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

Strategic Plan: OCA recently submitted a pre-application package to the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism's Local Arts Agency (LAA) Program outlining OCA's interest in developing a

strategic plan. The LAA grant process now involves a number of steps and meetings with CCCT staff and outside consultants. It will be several months before OCA will learn the success in getting the grant.

Additionally, OCA has is currently completing an application requesting strategic planning consulting services from the Peer Advisor Network, a network of professionals who provide assistance to the arts thru CCCT. The program supports consultations for up to two days, with the bulk of the cost being paid by the Commission. OCA would only be responsible for \$200 of the total cost unless the consulting were to continue beyond the two day limit.

V. NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm. Members present were invited to attend the “Painting the Glass House” lecture and following reception.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, MARCH 10, 2008 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.