

**CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES -REVISED**  
**Monday, April 14, 2008**

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

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by S. Murphy at 5:55 p.m.

**II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

S. Murphy called for the review of the March 2008 minutes for edits or corrections. K. Triffin motioned to approve the minutes with technical changes. Motion seconded by B. Parker.

**III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Arts Advocacy: B. Lamb recently attended "Arts Advocacy Day" in Washington organized by the national arts service organization Americans for the Arts. It was an opportunity for B. Lamb to lobby for arts funding in New Haven by visited with state legislators.

B. Lamb requested any member interested in this topic consider becoming part of an arts advocacy committee of the Commission. Work is needed to develop an advocacy plan for OCA that can help us keep the Board of Alderman better informed about the importance of the arts an industry in New Haven.

Iconic Art/Public Art: Over 36 proposals have been received for the "Iconic Art" project from all over the US and Europe. Proposals will be evaluated and a limited number of artists will be selected to develop "mock-ups" of their installations for display.

Other: B. Lamb shared historic articles about the Office of Cultural Affairs researched by the New Haven Register.

B. Lamb shared OCA's 2008 goals/workplan recently presented at a budget hearing with the Board of Alderman.

Monthly event invitations were shared. B. Clark informed members of the upcoming rally and procession related to the hosting of the Human Rights Torch in New Haven on April 26 from 1-3pm.

**IV. OLD BUSINESS**

Strategic Plan: OCA recently submitted its application to the CT Commission on Culture and Tourism for the development of a Creative Plan for the city to be developed in coordination with Mt. Auburn Associates. The estimated cost of the plan is \$30,000. Research for the plan will include focus groups, interviews with key individuals, community leaders, alderman and other elected officials and representatives of the city's arts organizations.

**V. NEW BUSINESS**

B. Lamb recommended that the Commission revisit the Public Works subject at the next meeting when D. Sakamoto could be in attendance to discuss.

## **VI. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned at 6:28 p.m.

**THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, May 12, 2008 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.**