

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES
Thursday, January 17 (rescheduled)

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by S. Murphy at 5:47 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Commission agreed to revisit when a quorum is reached.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Commission agreed to revisit when a quorum is reached.

IV. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

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

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES (revisited)

S. Murphy called for motion to approve July and October 2007 minutes. K. Triffin motioned to approve. Seconded by A. Staton. The motion passed unanimously.

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (revisited)

S. Murphy called for a motion to nomination for the position of Commission Chair. J. Delmonico nominated S. Murphy. The motion passed unanimously.

S. Murphy called for motion to nomination for the position of Commission Vice-Chair. L. Cobham nominated M. Sommer, seconded by K. Triffin. B. Parker nominated J. Delmonico, seconded by A. Staton. After discussion there was a majority vote in favor of J. Delmonico.

V. OLD BUSINESS

Percent for Art Program: OCA recently hired Todd Jokl, an instructor at University of New Haven as a replacement for Erika Van Natta who stepped down from her position as Percent for Art Coordinator. He will be managing the Roberto Clemente School Percent for Art project. The jury for the project is beginning to be formed. D. Sakamoto will serve as the Commission representative on the jury. B. Parker agreed to serve as back up if D. Sakamoto is unavailable to attend the meetings.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

Clarifying Commission Roles and Responsibilities:

With the restructuring of the duties of the Office of Cultural Affairs due to the elimination of the jazz festival production, the staff believes it is necessary to undertake a strategic planning process. It is

seeking funding to hire a consultant through the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism. B. Lamb invited commission members to participate in the process.

B. Lamb suggested the membership revisit the contents of the bylaws during the strategic plan process. The Commission currently has six standing committees as outlined in the bylaws: public art, grants/awards, arts advocacy, preservation, marketing and events. These should all be reconsidered.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 pm.

The February meeting will be held at an earlier time and alternative location to allow members to listen to the exhibition lecture at the Yale Art and Architecture Gallery, 32 Edgewood Avenue.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2008 AT 5:15 PM AT THE YALE ART AND ARCHITECTURE GALLERY, 32 EDGEWOOD AVENUE.