

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES -REVISED
Monday, May 12, 2008

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by S. Murphy at 5:47 p.m.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

S. Murphy called for the review of the April 2008 minutes for edits or corrections. A. Staton moved to approve the minutes with technical changes. Motion seconded by J. Delmonico. Motion carried unanimously.

III. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

B. Lamb distributed a written director's report covering the various projects for which the OCA is responsible.

Bicycling Festival: OCA is working with the Mayor's Office, Transportation, Traffic and Parking and the Parks Department to present a bicycle festival at East Rock Park on July 19. The festival will include children's activities, bicycle timed trial, bicycle jamboree, food vendors and performances. The event is scheduled for 12noon – 4pm.

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.

Percent for Art: The commission discussed the recent article and letter to the editor about the artwork to be designed by Sam Weiner for the Bishop Woods School. B. Lamb will be meeting with Dick Abetello, the board member who raised concerns during the most recent Board of Education board meeting to discuss the project.

Jazz Festival: OCA will be working with Jazz Haven, Inc. to co-produce the New Haven Jazz Festival. The festival theme for this year is "All Great Jazz is Local" and is scheduled for 4pm – 9pm on August 9 and 4pm – 8pm on August 10, 2008 on the Green. OCA has agreed to assist Jazz Haven with marketing of the event.

Special guest Doug Morrill of Jazz Haven, Inc. and A. Staton (a board member of Jazz Haven) gave the commission an overview of Jazz Haven and their involvement in the revival of the New Haven Jazz Festival. This year's event will feature Wycliffe Gordon, Wayne Escofferey, Harold Danko, Christian Sands and Jesse Hameen, among others, all musicians that have gotten their start in New Haven and moved on to other parts of the country. Additionally, the festival will feature the New Haven Jazz Orchestra and other performances. Neighborhood Music School's Summer Jazz Program will open the weekend activities with its recital performance on Friday, August 8.

Other: OCA will be moving its office to the 6th floor of city hall.

Members discussed the possibility of hosting some of the monthly meetings at different locations (offices of CAC members or an arts facility).

IV. OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

V. NEW BUSINESS

Public Works: D. Sakamoto (representing both Site Projects and CAC) discussed a recent meeting with the Director of Public Works who is interested in collaborating on ways to promote recycling in New Haven. The commission discussed how art may be incorporated into the promotion.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, June 9, 2008 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.