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New Haven Democracy Fund Board
Special Meeting
November 15, 2007

Present: Maria Lamberto (chair), Dennis Curtis, Jennifer James, Caleb Kleppner, Lori Kozlowski; Kevin Diadamo, Robert Wechsler (Administrator); one member of DeStefano campaign also attended.

Meeting called to order by Vice Chair Dennis Curtis at 5:04

Approval of October 15 minutes

Public comments were requested, but none were offered

Discussion of mayoral debate

Overall consensus was that things went well. Descent turn out and the questioning went smoothly.

Arrival of Chair and meeting turned back over to her

Discussion of candidates' qualification for matching funds for public financing grants

DeStefano did not qualify for matching funds and the other candidates did not apply

Move that we accept requests for fund no later than 30 days after the election (Nov 6th) unless something is stated differently in the calendar. Unanimously Approved

Discussion of possible amendments to the Democracy Fund Ordinance

The Administrator, Rob, suggested many changes, none policy related, to be discussed at this time. The board will discuss policy matters in more depth in the future, probably splitting them up to do further research.

The board will read through Rob's suggested changes and make comments and then submit individual suggestions for changes and send them in a week before the meeting. Some suggestions already brought up:

Threshold contributions

Spending limit

Timing of reports

Ballot access

Discussion of other post-election Democracy Fund activities and obligations

Rob has to do several reports -- one to the State of Connecticut and one to the Board of Alderman suggestion changes needed in the future.

Rob will also look into city and party rules pertaining to the number of signatures required to be on the ballot.

Adjournment

Next meeting on December 13th 5PM -- Meeting postponed to January 17th due to weather.