

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES -REVISED

Thursday, October 23, 2008

Members Present: Dorreth Cole, Sheila Murphy, Robert Parker, Mimi G. Sommer, Aleta Staton. **Staff Present:** Kim Futrell. **Members Absent:** Gabriela Campos-Matteson, Alderman Frances Clark, Laurel Coniglio, Jennifer Delmonico, Suzette Franco-Camacho, William Denby, Dean Sakamoto. **Guest:** Perkins Foss.

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by S. Murphy at 5:45 p.m. S. Murphy welcomed guest Perkins Foss who has been recommended to become a member of the commission. Mr. Foss, an art historian has a background in museum administration and working with artists with disabilities. Members shared brief introductions.

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

Events: K. Futrell updated members on the Mayor's Halloween Parade scheduled for Wednesday, October 29 at 10:30am (rain date: Friday, October 31). Over 1,000 students from New Haven Public Schools will participate.

Tree Lighting: OCA is currently planning the annual holiday event and is seeking sponsorship. Tree Lighting Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 4 from 4-8pm on the lower Green. The event includes free activities for children such as letter writing to the North Pole, carousel rides, hayrides and live entertainment.

Other: K. Futrell informed members present of an event occurring at the New Haven Museum entitled "Unpacking the Boxes: Memoir of a Life" a book signing, reception and talk by Donald Hall (raised in Hamden) the Poet Laureate of the United States.

V. OLD BUSINESS

None discussed.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None discussed.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 6 p.m.

THE NEXT MEETING OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION IS SCHEDULED FOR THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 13 (due to Veterans Day), 2008 AT 5:45 PM AT CITY HALL.