

**Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism
Executive Committee
May 14, 2008**

Present Carolyn Cicchetti, Arthur Diedrick, Helen Higgins, Fritz Jellinghaus, Larry McHugh, Michael Price, Clem Roy (late arrival), and Ted Yudain

Excused: Bruce Fraser

Staff: Leigh Johnson (recording), Karen Senich and Ann Sheffer

I. *Call to Order*

Michael Price called the meeting to order.

II. *Approval of the February 20, 2008 Minutes*

A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Fritz Jellinghaus to approve the minutes from the February 20, 2008 meeting as circulated. (Y-5, N-0)

A recommendation was made to change the start time for the Executive Committee meetings from 12:30 p.m. to 11:30 a.m. All were in favor.

III. *Action Items*

A. *On a motion by Ted Yudain, second by Carolyn Cicchetti, the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a \$3,000 grant to the New Higher Order Thinking School for FY 09.* (Y-5, N-0)

B. *On a motion by Ted Yudain, second by Larry McHugh, the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved 14 grants totaling \$27,865 for the Creative Collaborative Grants for FY 09.* (Y-4, N-0, Recused - Commissioner Cicchetti)

C. *On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ted Yudain, the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved the Basic Operating Support Grants for Historic Preservation Non-profit Organizations to the Hartford Preservation Alliance in the amount of \$75,000, and to the New Haven Preservation Trust in the amount of \$57,000.* (Y-5, N-0)

D. *On a motion by Helen Higgins, second by Ted Yudain, the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant to the Lyman Allyn Museum in the amount of \$38,144; Greater*

Hartford Arts Council in the amount of \$100,000; Hebron Historical Society in the amount of \$10,000; CPTV in the amount of \$100,000; Wesleyan University in the amount of \$36,000; Stamford Center for the Arts in the amount of \$100,000; Riverfront Recapture in the amount of \$15,000; Real Art Ways in the amount of \$50,000; and the Palace Theatre Group in the amount of \$30,000. (Y-3, N-0, Recused – Commissioners Diedrick and Cicchetti)

- E. On a motion by Carolyn Cicchetti, second by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a grant in the amount of \$50,000 to the Connecticut Trust to explore the future of the National Park Service Museum with the Coltsville Historic District, a National Historic Landmark, and prepare a report to the National Park Service. (Y-5, N-0)

IV. *Other Business*

Operating Support Program

There were six (6) organizations whose interim reports were not submitted or submitted after the deadline date. Two (2) of these organizations were discussed.

A motion was made by Carolyn Cicchetti and second by Ted Yudain that the Executive Committee of the Connecticut Commission on Culture and Tourism adhere to the Operating Support Program guidelines and deadlines. (Y-6, N-0)

Unity Dinner

The Unity Dinner will be held on Tuesday, December 2, 2008. There will be a keynote speaker, cocktail reception hour followed by the dinner and awards. The Commission is looking to have the event at the new MGM Grand Hotel in Ledyard.

Motion to adjourn – all in favor.