

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, February 2, 2009

1:30 P.M.

One Constitution Plaza

Hartford, Connecticut

MINUTES

Present: Nicholas Bellantoni, Charles Bunnell, Arthur Diedrick Sandra Evoy, Larry McHugh, Ed McKeon, Paul Pozzi, and Leo Redgate

Joined via Conference Call

Chairman Michael Price, Carolyn Cicchetti, Phillip Eliasoph, Anne Elvgren, Fritz Jellinghaus, Betty Hale, Herbert Jay, Greg Johnson, Ann E. Sheffer, Walter Woodward and Ted Yudain

Absent: Walter Fiederowicz, Bruce Fraser, Daniel Heffernan, Helen Higgins, John Hollander, Harvey Hubbell V., Ed Marcus, Guy Ortoleva, Clem Roy, Rita Schmidt, and Will K. Wilkins

Staff & Guests: David Bahlman, Randy Fiveash, Leigh Johnson (Recording), George Norfleet, Rhonda Olisky, Karen Senich and An-Ming Truxes

I. **CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting of the full Commission was held on Monday, February 2, 2009 at the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and was called to order.

II. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Ted Yudain, to approve the minutes of January 5, 2009 meeting as circulated. Discussion held. A motion to amend the minutes was made by Ann Sheffer, and second by Fritz Jellinghaus. After further discussion, Ann Sheffer withdrew her motion. The minutes of January 5, 2009, were approved as circulated. (Y-17, N-0)

III. **CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Michael Price Reporting**

Chairman Price welcomed and introduced two (2) new Commissioners to the Commission – Leo Redgate and Dr. Phillip Eliasoph. Both Redgate & Eliasoph gave a brief introduction of themselves to the Commissioners. Commissioners Redgate and Eliasoph were appointed to the Commission by the House Minority Leader – Senator McKinney.

The Chairman stated that on Wednesday the Governor will give her budget address to the legislature.

IV. **EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Karen Senich Reporting**

Executive Director Senich reported she has no information as to what is in the Governor's proposed budget relative to CCT.

CCT is in the process of planning the Governor's Awards on Excellence which are scheduled for April 15, 2009 in the atrium of the Legislative Office Building.

V. **ACTION ITEMS**

- A. **On a motion by Ted Yudain, second by Betty Hale, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved the Arts Endowment Fund Distribution for 2009 in the amount of \$803,762 . (Y-16, N-0, Recusing Commissioners: Ann Sheffer for Westport Country Playhouse, Betty Hale for Opera House New England, Ted Yudain for Curtain Call, Inc., Michael Price and Larry McHugh for Goodspeed Opera House, Greg Johnson for Creative Arts Workshop and Elm Shakespeare Company, Phillip Eliasoph for Fairfield Arts Council.)**
- B. **On a motion by Larry McHugh, second by Chuck Bunnell, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a Supplemental Certified Local Government Grant to the Town of Roxbury to create a Historic Resources Inventory in the amount of \$30,000. Discussion ensued concerning the disconnect between the Historic Preservation Council and the Commission. It was recommended that Commissioners Woodward and Bellantoni, Chairman Price and Executive Director Senich meet before the next Commission meeting on March 2nd to discuss whether the Historic Preservation Council should serve as CCT's History Committee, or to find Commissioners willing to serve in order to resume the History Committee. (Y-16, N-1, Commissioner Jay.)**
- C. **On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ann Sheffer, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a Strategic Initiative Grant to the Hill-Stead Museum in the amount of \$21,750 for the establishment of a farmer's market, and to the Rose City Renaissance, Inc. in the amount of \$55,000 to provide general operating support for arts, history and heritage, and tourism related events during Norwich's Semiseptcentennial Celebration in 2009. (Y-17, N-0)**

VI. **OTHER BUSINESS**

No new business at this time.

VII. **MOTION TO ADJOURN** – a motion to adjourn was made, and so moved. All were in favor.

VIII. **NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING** – Monday, March 2, 2009, 1:30 p.m., One Constitution Plaza, main conference room.

Future Actions

- None at this time.

Tabled Items

- None at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:
Leigh Johnson, Recording Secretary