

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Monday November 9, 2009

1:30 P.M.

One Constitution Plaza

Hartford, Connecticut

MINUTES

Present: Frank Borres, Carolyn Cicchetti (Facilitator), Arthur Diedrick, Anne Elvgren, Renny Loisel, Rita Schmidt, Ann E. Sheffer, Will K. Wilkins, and Ted Yudain. Via conference: Philip Eliasoph, Larry McHugh and Michael Price (Chairman)

Absent: Nicholas Bellantoni, Charles Bunnell, Walter Fiederowicz, Bruce Fraser, Betty Hale, Daniel Heffernan, Helen Higgins, Harvey Hubbell V., Herbert Jay, Fritz Jellinghaus, Greg Johnson, Ed Marcus, Guy Ortoleva, Paul Pozzi, Leo Redgate, Clem Roy, and Walter Woodward

Staff & Guests CCT Staff - David Bahlman, Randy Fiveash, Leigh Johnson, Karen Senich and An-Ming Truxes

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Full Commission was held on Monday, November 09, 2009 at the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and was called to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No quorum.

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Carolyn Cicchetti Reporting

Carolyn Cicchetti reported – at the last Executive Committee held on October 21, 2009 the following action items were approved.

- a. Twenty Local Arts Agency Cultural Leadership grants
- b. Five Peer Advisor Network Field Service Agreement grants
- c. Two grants to support the Arts Division's Higher Order Thinking (HOT) Schools Mentor Program
- d. Nine Creative Collaboration grants (eight fully funded and 1 partially funded)
- e. A non-matching grant to Saint Joseph College, Carol Autorino Center for the Arts and Humanities, to support the planning and implementation Connecticut's 2010 Poetry Out Loud program
- f. 145 grants for the FY10 Organizational Support Program
- g. Tourism district budgets for October 1, 2009 – December 31, 2009

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Karen Senich Reporting

Miscellaneous Items

Karen Senich requested Commissioners make every effort to attend Full Commission meetings. The Full Commission and Executive Committee meetings for 2010 will be scheduled every other month.

As part of the Living Modern in New Canaan - An Exhibition to Celebrate Connecticut's Modern Architecture; "*Years in the Making*" video, moderated by Diane Smith, was produced and funded through grants from Special Projects and Community Investment Act. "*Years in the Making*" will air on November 12 on CPTV.

In the current issue of "*Connecticut Explored*" (focuses on modern architectures - formally the "*Hog River Journal*") contains articles and photos from the Commission on Culture & Tourism.

State Budget

Governor Rell has implemented a 5% rescission on the State's budget. Both budget lines: Culture, Tourism & Arts, and BCR were reduced by 5%, along with a 5% reduction to the regional districts and line items..

Film Division

On October 30, 2009, the film division officially moved to the Department of Economic & Community Development.

Carolyn Cicchetti asked the Executive Committee members to approve the action items:

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. **On motion by Arthur Diedrick, second by Larry McHugh, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism Executive Committee members approved the purchase of eight works of art in the amount of \$164,700.** (Y-5, N-0)

B. **On motion by Ted Yudain, second by Larry McHugh, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism Executive Committee members approved a grant for the Connecticut Main Street Center Workshop on economics of historic preservation, and the Greater Bristol Historical Society, Inc. pre-development study of the roof in the amount of \$13,900.00.** (Y-5, N-0)

C. **Action Item C was withdrawn as it duplicated the second bullet in Action Item B.**

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None 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, December 7, 1:30 p.m., One Constitution Plaza, main conference room.

Future Actions

- Approval of the September 23, 2009 meeting minutes
- Approval of the draft 2010 Full Commission meeting dates

Tabled Items

- None at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:
Leigh Johnson, Recording Secretary