

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

**Historic Preservation Council
March 4, 2009 - 9:30 a.m.
One Constitution Plaza, 2nd Floor
Hartford, Connecticut**

MINUTES

Present: Chairman Beeble, Dr. Bellantoni, Ms. Churchill, Mrs. Green, Mr. Hughes, Dr. Robbins, Mr. Schreck and Dr. Woodward

Staff: David Bahlman, Susan Chandler, Mary Donohue, Sandy Hayes, David Poirier and Stacey Vairo

Absent: Dr. Buel, Mrs. Costello, Ms. Kelley, and Mr. Wills

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Beeble at 9:40 a.m.

II. REVIEW OF PUBLIC COMMENT PROCEDURES

Copies of the public comment procedures and agenda were available to the public at the door.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Ms. Churchill, second by Mr. Hughes, to approve the minutes of February 4, 2009 as revised. (Y-8, N-0)

Page 3, correct spelling from Hunting to Huntington.

IV. REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE – Chairman Beeble Reporting

No report at this time.

V. ACTION ITEMS

NOMINATIONS TO THE STATE REGISTER – Stacey Vairo Reporting

Ridgefield Playhouse, Ridgefield

Four letters of objection were received from Peter T. Coffin, AIA, Library Board Chair, Sue Manning, resident and former First Selectman of Ridgefield, Edwin C. Pearson, 373 West Mountain Road, and Edward Tyrrell, 17 Pond Road. Phillip Esser, Associate Cultural Resource Consultant, spoke in support and also submitted a letter of support from Rudy Marconi, First Selectman. Christina Nolan, Director, Ridgefield Library, spoke in opposition of the nomination.

A motion was made by Mrs. Green, second by Mr. Schreck, the Historic Preservation Council approved to list the Ridgefield Playhouse, Ridgefield, Connecticut, on the State Register of Historic Places. (Y-7, N-0, A-1, Dr. Woodward)

PRESERVE – David Poirier Reporting

Ash Creek Corduroy Road, Fairfield

Three letters of support were received from Kenneth A. Flatto, First Selectman, Edward H. Jones, Open Space Manager, Town of Fairfield, and David Brant, Executive Director, Aspetuck Land Trust.

A motion was made by Dr. Bellantoni, second by Dr. Woodward, the Historic Preservation Council approved to establish Ash Creek Corduroy Road, Fairfield, as a State Archaeological Preserve. (Y-8, N-0)

SURVEY AND PLANNING GRANT FUND PROGRAM – STATE FUNDING – Mary Donohue Reporting

Tom Nenortas, Hartford Preservation Alliance, spoke in support of their grant.

A motion was made by Ms. Churchill, second by Mrs. Green, the Historic Preservation Council approved the grant awards to the below applicants from the 2009 Survey and Planning Grant Program in the amount of \$46,200.00. (Y-8, N-0)

<u>Applicant Awarded</u>	<u>Project</u>	<u>Grant Amount</u>
City of West Haven, West Haven	Pre-development study of former Masonic Hall	
	Reuse study by Historical Architect for Arts Center	\$20,000
West End Civic Association, Hartford	National Historic nomination	
	Oxford-Whitney-Fern Streets area	\$ 6,200
Hartford Preservation Alliance, Hartford	Historic Building Index Survey, Phase 3	
	Completion of City	\$20,000
	TOTAL	\$46,200

BASIC OPERATIONAL SUPPORT GRANT – Mary Donohue Reporting

Hartford Preservation Alliance, Hartford

On a motion made by Mrs. Green, second by Dr. Robbins, the Historic Preservation Council approved a Basic Operational Support Grant, for the Hartford Preservation Alliance, year 3, at a 40%/60% matching share, in Hartford, Connecticut in the amount of \$75,000. (Y-8, N-0)

VI. REPORT OF THE DIVISION DIRECTOR – David Bahlman Reporting

Division Director David Bahlman discussed the following items:

1. Museum Issues
 - a. Museums Opening Schedule
2. State Budget
3. Exhibition on New Canaan Moderns

VII. OLD BUSINESS – Susan Chandler Reporting

A status update regarding on-going activities were given for the property located 93 East Avenue, Norwalk.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

No report at this time.

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

Next Council Meeting

The next Historic Preservation Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, April 1, 2009, 9:30 AM, One Constitution Plaza, Main Conference Room.

Tabled Items

None at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:

Sandra Hayes