

**Connecticut Commission Culture & Tourism
Special Projects Committee Meeting
Stepping Stones Museum, Mathews Park, 303 West Avenue, Norwalk
Friday, October 17, 2008
10:30 a.m.**

Present: Arthur Diedrick, Helen Higgins, Fritz Jellinghaus, Michael Price (via phone), Ann Sheffer
Absent: Carolyn Cicchetti
Staff: Rhonda Olisky (recording), Karen Senich

The meeting was called to order at 11:02 a.m.

On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee approved the minutes from May 9, 2008.

(Y-4, N-0)

On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, seconded by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Special Projects Committee approved an extension to file a final report for the CT River Foundation at Steamboat Dock, Inc. (aka CT River Museum) Grant Number: FY07-StrantIni-15483. The new deadline is January 30, 2009.

(Y-4, N-0)

The Special Projects Committee agreed that a special meeting is needed to discuss the guidelines and criteria of the Strategic Initiative Grant Program. The special meeting will be held prior to the next regularly scheduling committee meeting on December 12.

The Special Projects Committee asked Rhonda Olisky to prepare a Strategic Initiative Grant report, in a spreadsheet format, for their use at the next meeting.

On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, seconded by Helen Higgins, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$16,500 to the Hartford Children's Theater to support the Family Tours initiative.

(Y-4, N-0)

On a motion by Helen Higgins, seconded by Arthur Diedrick, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to The New England Carousel Museum, Inc. for the Painted Ponies Parade: Take A Spin Across Connecticut project.

(Y-0, N-4)

On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, seconded by Helen Higgins, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to the New London Main Street Corp. for the Creating a Sense of Place with a District Marketing Campaign project.

(Y-0, N-4)

On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, seconded by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$30,000 to the Hartford Stage Company for the Connecticut Theatre Consortium CTheatreNow.com project.

(Y-2, N-0, A- 2 – M. Price and A. Sheffer)

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Arthur Diedrick, the Special Projects Committee did not recommended funding to the Westport Downtown Merchants Association for the Blues, Views and BBQ Festival.

(Y-0, N-4)

On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, seconded by Helen Higgins, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$50,000 to the Hebron Historical Society for the production of *Testimonies of a Quiet New England Town* documentary.

(Y-4, N-0)

On a motion by Michael Price, seconded by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$18,000 to the Brookfield Craft Center, Inc. to support the Brookfield Craft Center Artisan Studio Tour.

(Y-4, N-0)

On a motion by Michael Price, seconded by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$17,000 to the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, Inc. to support the Open Studio & Gallery Tour Pilot project.

(Y-4, N-0)

On a motion by Michael Price, seconded by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$16,500 to the Northwest Connecticut Arts Council, Inc. to support the Locally Grown History – It's In Your Backyard project.

(Y-4, N-0)

The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.