

**Connecticut Commission Culture & Tourism
Special Projects Committee Meeting
@ CT Trust for Historic Preservation
Friday, February 19, 2010
10:30 a.m.**

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Present: Carolyn Cicchetti, Fritz Jellinghaus, Ann Sheffer, Helen Higgins

Absent: Arthur Diedrick, Michael Price

Staff: Rhonda Olisky (recording), Karen Senich

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 10:45 a.m.

I. *Approval of the November 13, 2009 Minutes*

On a motion by Ann Sheffer, second by Helen Higgins, the Special Projects Committee approved the minutes from November 13, 2009. (Y-4, N-0)

II. *Review of Strategic Initiative Grant applications*

On a motion by Carolyn Cicchetti, second by Helen Higgins, the Special Projects Committee accepted staff recommendations and approved funding for the following eight (8) Strategic Initiative Grant applications totaling 160,360.00.

(Y-4, N-0)

Barnum Museum Foundation, Inc.: \$46,060 to support *Connecticut Icons: PT Barnum and Mark Twain* landmark birthdays celebration, events and programs.

Hygienic Art, Inc.: \$6,000 to support Parade Parade: A Community Celebration, a 2-day community rededication of New London's historic Parade Plaza.

Ivoryton Playhouse: \$6,000 to support the Ivoryton Playhouse Centennial: Building Awareness project.

Mystic Seaport Museum, Inc.: \$30,300 to support the appearance of "Pegasus" Tug and "Theodore Too" as key events in Mystic's "Tugs" exhibit.

New Haven Symphony: \$50,000 to support the "Aquatic Dances" performance-based program incorporating a newly commissioned work for 10 dancers and five musicians by New Haven choreographer Lindsay Bauer to be performed in April 2011 at Mystic Aquarium.

Norwalk Historical Society: \$6,000 for the research and design of interpretive signs at the Mill Hill historical site.

Real Art Ways, Inc.: \$10,000 to support the “Wall”: an exhibition and public programs that examines contemporary takes on Connecticut’s stone walls.

Site Projects, Inc.: \$6,000 to support expanded educational programs and a hospitality collaboration for the Felice Varini’s *Square with four circles* public art project in May 2010.

On a motion by Helen Higgins, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee did not accept staff recommendations for funding for the Ballet Theatre Company and the American Mural Project.

(Y-4, N-0)

On a motion by Helen Higgins, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee accepted staff recommendations for not funding the following projects.

(Y-4, N-0)

Artspace for Ground Up: Considering Notions of Sustainability; Connecticut Zoological Society for Wildlife of the World; Dandelion Productions for Connecticut Free Shakespeare; Danbury Downtown Council for the Connecticut Film Festival; Hill-stead Museum for the Hill-stead Farmer’s Market; Mystic Seaport Museum for the Barrouallie Whalers; National Theater for the Deaf for the Signs of History in the Making; and Sea Research Foundation for the Connecticut Conference on Tourism

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Helen Higgins, the Special Projects Committee accepted staff recommendations and deemed the applications by the Connecticut Public Broadcasting, Inc., the Northeast Organic Farming Association and the Jewish Federation of Eastern Connecticut as ineligible.

(Y-4, N-0)

III. *Discussion on on-going projects & Governor’s Awards*

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Carolyn Cicchetti, the Special Projects Committee authorized the extension of the grant contract period for the grant 2009 - SIG – 17803 with the CT Trust for Historic Preservation from May 31, 2010 to October 31, 2010.

(Y-3, N-0)

The 2010 Governor’s Awards for Excellence in Culture & Tourism were discussed by the committee. The awards ceremony will be held on Wednesday, April 28, 2010 at the Legislative Office Building.

IV. *Other Business*

V. *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 1:00 p.m.