



Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism

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CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, May 3, 2010

1:30 P.M.

One Constitution Plaza
Hartford, Connecticut

MINUTES

- Present:** Chairman Michael Price, Nicholas Bellantoni, Charles Bunnell, Carolyn Cicchetti, Arthur Diedrick, Philip Eliasoph, Betty Hale, Helen Higgins – via phone, Renny Loisel, Larry McHugh - via phone, Paul Pozzi, Rita Schmidt, Ann Sheffer – via Phone, Walter Woodward, and Ted Yudain
- Absent:** Frank Borres, Anne Elvgren, Walter Fiederowicz, Bruce Fraser, Daniel Heffernan, Harvey Hubbell, Herbert Jay, Fritz Jellinghaus, Ed Marcus, Ed McKeon, Guy Ortoleva, Leo Redgate, Clem Roy, and Will K. Wilkins
- Staff & Guests** CCT Staff - David Bahlman, Randy Fiveash, Leigh Johnson, Karen Senich and An-Ming Truxes; Ed Dombroskas, Eastern Region Tourism District

I CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Full Commission was held on Monday, May 3, 2010, at the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and was called to order. Chairman Price noted there was not enough of members present for a quorum and requested the members of the Executive Committee approve the action items.

II APPROVAL OF MINUTES

No quorum. The minutes from the January 11, 2010 and March 8, 2010 meeting will be placed on the July 12, 2010 Full Commission agenda for action.

III CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Michael Price Reporting

At the last Executive Committee meeting held on April 6, 2010, the following action items were approved:

- a. *Tourism Marketing Fellowship Grant award to Rachel Gray the FY 2010–2011*
- b. *Public Spaces Fellow John O'Donnell for FY2010-2011*
- c. *Visual Arts Fellow John Bent for FY2010-2011*
- d. *16 applicants for Historic Restoration Grants totaling \$995,354*

Resignation Letter

Chairman Price informed the Commissioners that Commissioner Ed Marcus resigned as Commissioner to the Full Commission.

Governor's Arts Awards

The Governor's Arts Awards held last Wednesday was well attended and spectacular, with Governor Rell in attendance. The special award that was given to the State Capitol Preservation group – was a wonderful expression of appreciation for the work the preservation group is doing.

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IV EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Karen Senich Reporting

The July Full Commission Meeting venue will be changed to the Hartford Hilton and will coincide with the first day of the HOT Schools Institute.

Governor's Deficit Mitigation Plan

With proactive planning, the agency was able to sustain an additional deficit cut in April and to fund planned programs.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- a. *On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, second by Ann Sheffer, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a Survey and Planning Grant totaling \$7,500 to the Hartford Public Library – Connecticut Explored. (Y-6, N-0)*
- b. *On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, second by Carolyn Cicchetti, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved a Basic Operating Support Grant for Historic Preservation Non-Profit Organizations totaling \$24,224 to the New London Landmarks, Inc. (Y-6, N-0)*
- c. *On a motion by Arthur Diedrick, second by Carolyn Cicchetti, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved the Elizabeth Mahaffey Arts Administration Fellowship in the amount of \$2,500 to Steve Sigel. (Y-6, N-0)*
- d. *On a motion by Carolyn Cicchetti, second by Arthur Diedrick, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved 37 artists selected for FY 2010 Artist Fellowship Program totaling \$125,000. (Y-6, N-0)*

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

None at this time.

VII. ADJOURNMENT - All were in favor.

VIII. NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING – Monday, July 12, 2010, 1:30 p.m., at HOT Schools Summer Institute at the Hartford Hilton Hotel – more details to follow.

Future Actions

- *None at this time*

Tabled Items

- *None at this time.*

Respectfully submitted by:
Leigh Johnson, Recording Secretary