

CONNECTICUT COMMISSION ON CULTURE AND TOURISM

FULL COMMISSION MEETING

Monday, January 11, 2010

1:30 P.M.

One Constitution Plaza

Hartford, Connecticut

Draft Pending Approval

MINUTES

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

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting of the Full Commission was held on Monday, January 11, 2010, at the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism and was called to order.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Anne Elvgren, second by Daniel Heffernan the minutes for September 23, and November 9, 2009 were approved as circulated. (Y-14, N-O)

III. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT – Michael Price Reporting

Chairman Price stated that the loss of the film division is a great loss for this agency. The film division has merged and settled in at the Department of Economic & Community Development.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR – Karen Senich Reporting

Budget Update

The executive director updated the Commissioners on the Governor's mitigation plan. The Governor's proposal would have taken a large amount of funding from the agency. The legislators combined total would have been \$171,000.

The worse case scenario in this budget round of cuts could be that any grant funding remaining that has not been expensed out could be lost.

In 2009, the agency has lost five (5) employees via the early retirement incentive, one (1) employee retired in November 2009, four (4) film staff were merged into DECD; one (1) staff who left state service, a few on disability retirement.

Mike Kaiser President and CEO of the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC will be doing a nation-wide tour on "*Arts in Crisis*" for each state. CCT will be assisting the coordination of his visit to Connecticut

scheduled for Yale and St. Joseph's College in June 10, 2010, with Diane Smith as moderator.

V. ACTION ITEMS

- A. On motion by Rita Schmidt, second by Arthur Diedrick, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved Sarah Barber as CCT's Public Information Fellow for 2010. The annual stipend will be \$30,000 for 50 weeks at 30 hours per week.. (Y-14, N-0,)
- B. On motion by Anne Elvgren, second by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved 54 Arts Presentation grants totaling \$57,629. The grants provide funding to non-profit organizations and educational institutions that present events featuring members of the CCT's Directory of Performing Artists and CCT's Directory of Teaching Artists. (Y-14, N-0)
- C. On motion by Anne Elvgren, second by Fritz Jellinghaus the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved Andrea Miller-Keller to replace Nancy Stula who resigned as Committee member due to her work as director of the Lyman Allyn Museum. (Y-14, N-0)
- D. On motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Clem Roy, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved the FY10 budget for the Connecticut Artists Collection in the amount of \$200,000, the same as FY09 budget. These funds come from the 10% of the 1% allocation for Art in Public Spaces (AIPS) projects. (Y-14, N-0)
- E. On motion by Ted Yudain, second by Carolyn Cicchetti,, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved an award for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$4,500 to the Town of Chaplin for Architectural consulting services to prepare schematic level drawings for possible adaptive reuse of Ross Memorial Library. (Y-14, N-0)
- F. On motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Paul Pozzi, the Connecticut Commission on Culture & Tourism approved an award for a Certified Local Government Historic Preservation Enhancement Grant in the amount of \$502.00 to the Town of Westport to print copies of a study report for proposed local historic property designation at 187 Long Lots Road. (Y-13, N-0, A-1, Commissioner Sheffer)

VI. OTHER BUSINESS

Strategic Plan Update – Fritz Jellinghaus Reporting

Copies of the Executive Summary for the Strategic Plan were distributed to Commissioners. Discussion on the summary to be held at a later date. It was recommended that each Commissioner review the Executive Summary for discussion and comment.

2010 Full Commission Meeting Dates

The 2010 meeting dates were accepted with a change to the July 6th meeting. The July 6th meeting has been changed to July 12, 2010. All were in favor.

Governor's Arts Awards

The Governor's Arts Awards is scheduled for April 28, 2010. The awards ceremony will be held in the Legislative Office Building, using the same format as last year's awards. Nominations for both the Governor's Awards and Distinguished Advocates are due on or before February 5, 2010.

- VII. MOTION TO ADJOURN** – a motion to adjourn was made by Arthur Diedrick, second by Ann Sheffer. All were in favor.

- VIII. NEXT FULL COMMISSION MEETING** – Monday, March 8, 2010, 1:30 p.m., One Constitution Plaza, main conference room.

Future Actions

- None at this time.

Tabled Items

- None at this time.

Respectfully submitted by:
Leigh Johnson, Recording Secretary