

**Connecticut Commission Culture & Tourism
Special Projects Committee Meeting
Connecticut Humanities Council
940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden
Wednesday, April 22, 2009
10:30 a.m.**

DRAFT PENDING APPROVAL

Present: Fritz Jellinghaus, Ann Sheffer, Arthur Diedrick, Helen Higgins, Michael Price
(via conference call)

Absent: Carolyn Cicchetti

Staff: John Cusano, Rhonda Olisky (recording), Karen Senich

Call to Order

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

I. *Approval of the February 20, 2009 Minutes*

On a motion by Ann Sheffer, second by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Special Projects Committee approved the minutes from February 20, 2009. (Y-4, N-0)

II. *Action Items*

Connecticut Humanities Council

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$150,000 to the Connecticut Humanities Council for the Best Practices Resource Center and Field Service Collaboration.
(Y-5, N-0)

Connecticut Public Television

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$200,000 to Connecticut Public Television for All Things Connecticut and a 30 minute Positively Connecticut segment on the Moderns with host Diane Smith.
(Y-4, N-0, Arthur Diedrick abstained)

The Bushnell

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$45,000 to the Bushnell for the Phase I of the Capitol District Vision Plan and the iQuilt: Hartford's Pathways of Innovation project.
(Y-5, N-0)

Arts Council of Greater New Haven

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to the Arts Council of Greater New Haven for a planning grant for a Cooperative Cultural Database.

(Y-5, N-0)

Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival, Inc.

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to the Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival, Inc. for the 2009 Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival.

(Y-5, N-0)

Connecticut Beardsley Zoo

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding in the amount of \$50,000 to the Connecticut Beardsley Zoo for Country Fair at the Zoo.

(Y-5, N-0)

New London Main Street.

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to New London Main Street for the “Visit the District” marketing campaign.

(Y-5, N-0)

Sea Research Foundation, Inc.

On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding in the amount of \$5,000 to the Sea Research Foundation for the Connecticut Conference on Tourism.

(Y-5, N-0)

III. *Adjournment*

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next Special Projects meeting will be held Friday, October 23, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. Location: TBD