



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF AUGUST 22, 2008 MEETING DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

Present: B. DaSilva, M. Schwartz, B. Feinson, H. Center, M. Burke, J. Cherry, H. Bechard, G. Smith,
C. Rotello

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

1. *Taste of Danbury*, Andrea Gartner, City Center, requested \$3,000 grant for Taste of Danbury taking place Sept. 6 & 7 from noon to 10 pm and noon to 7 pm on the CityCenter Green. The event will feature family/children events: face painting, clowns, the Fire Departments, a News-Times 125th Anniversary Parade on Sunday. The Oyster Cult group will play both days as will popular area and local bands. Classic cars, cheer leaders, karate, and other groups will be there and there will be tents for food seating. Taste is also receiving funding from the City.

There will be food available from 15 different food stands (Nicks, 2 Steps, Palio, Gelato, St. George Church, Polish Deli, etc.). Non profit organizations will have tables as well as craft booths.

Other: A discussion took place regarding late grant requests. The motion was made by G. Smith that no grants will be given after the event has taken place and that grants must be received at least one week prior to the Cultural Commission meeting. M. Burke seconded the motion which was passed.

2. *Report on DCC sponsored events:* H. Center reported that Harmony Street, the last *concert on the green* for the summer, drew a large crowd and was a good way to end the season. B. DaSilva said the *Ridgefield Symphony Orchestra program on the green* was excellent as were their vocalists. B. Feinson reported the "*The Music Man*" by *Richter Musicals* was very good. M. Siegel reported that *the Ct. Ballet Performance* which was held at Danbury High School because of the rain, was beautifully done and demonstrated four different types of dance. She was sorry there wasn't a bigger crowd to appreciate the program. B. DaSilva reported on the *Storytelling* program stating it was very interesting and that the teacher Bert McCarry was very good and professional.

Action Taken: Taste of Danbury, CityCenter, M. Burke moved we grant \$3,000; H. Center seconded the motion which was passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 PM.


Mildred Siegel, Coordinator

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