

CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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MINUTES OF SEPT. 26, 2011 MEETING DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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

Minutes of last meeting were accepted with correction. B. Feinson's name was omitted from those attending in August.

First Night Danbury, Ted Killmer representative, requested \$6,000 for this year.. He has publicized. the group for the past three years. He reported that last year's event was very successful, doubling the previous sales.

A button featuring this year's theme "Looking Up & Moving Forward" was designed locally. Two new sites will be added this year and more than 25 individuals and groups will appear, including jugglers, the Chinese Theater, plus local and regional talents. Buttons are \$7.50 and include admission to all events from 4 to 8 p.m.

Telebration, Bert MacCary, local member of this nationwide organization, requested \$500 for expenses for this event which takes place every year in November.. In Danbury it will be held this year at the Danbury Museum and the Danbury Library, free to the public.. It will feature nationally known historical storyteller Jonathan Kruk.

Danbury Music Centre, Tom Morris Chairperson, requested \$21,000 for their 76th year of activity. The programs provide free concerts to the community and improve classical music skills for area musicians. And the summer music enrichment programs. In addition to ballet dancers, this year's Nutcracker will feature the Danbury Symphony Orchestra as well as the Danbury Concert and Chorus. He thanked us for our continuing support.

Obey Foundation, Kojo Bey, thanked us for our previous help and requested \$2,845 for this year's mental health drumming program project with the elderly in Danbury. They will work with Danbury's Mental Health Network in integrating arts and culture into the clients treatment plan. Their follow up report on their last drumming project showed the effectiveness and success of their programs.

DCC Sponsored Events: It was reported that *Danbury Concert Association's* piano concert was a huge success. The *Richter Juried Arts show* was one of their best. *The Mercurial Collective art* exhibit was diversified and interesting.

Action Taken: First Night Danbury: H. Bechard moved we grant \$4,500 seconded by G. Smith and passed. **Telebration**: M. Schwartz moved we grant \$400 seconded by J. Cherry and passed. **Danbury Music Centre**: B. Feinson moved we grant \$16,000 seconded by G. Wencek and passed w/J. Cherry abstaining. **Obey Foundation**: H. Bechard moved we grant \$1,600 motion seconded by J. Cherry and passed.

Coordinator M. Siegel requested the \$75 membership HVCA renewal be made. H. Bechard so moved and G. Smith seconded motion which was passed.

Mildred Siegel, Coordinator

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