



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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**DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION
MINUTES OF AUGUST 22 MEETING**

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

Minutes of last meeting were accepted.

1. *CityCenter*, Pat Pembroke requested \$3,000 for this year's Taste of Danbury. They will have a variety of entertainers including performances by celebs Sherry Winston and Brad Howe. They plan a chef showdown; childrens programs, a Walk of Honor, new foods, booths of area non-profits, etc. Last year some 15,000 people attended, they said.

2. *Charles Ives Art Center*, Phyllis Cortese, requested \$7,500 for Ives 9/11 Concert and Official Commemoration program which will be free to the public. They will feature speakers, performances by the Ives Wind 32- piece Wind Ensemble, Drum Corps, Color Guards, Danbury Fire & Police Department representatives and flag presentations.

3. *Danbury Children First*, Linda Kozko and Barry Finch, requested \$1,000 for a Tony deBlois concert plus a jam session w/local musicians from youngsters to professionals With support from Danbury Parent Leadership Training Institute alumni. This is a fund raiser with support from area organizations. DeBlois is autistic, his amazing variety of musical talents service as a model for those who are autistically challenged, as well as a multi-faceted musical program which everyone can enjoy.

4. *The Mercurial Collective*, Amanda Bloom, requested \$275 for Sept. 24 art exhibit of architecture, photography, illustration, etc., thru Dec.15. Funds to help with setting up the project and includes WCSU musicians.

Report on DCC sponsored events: It was reported that "Oliver" by *Musicals at Richter* was a delightful show and both the adults and children were wonderful. The *Charles Ives Center Radio Show* and the *St. James Carillon concerts* were very good and the Ct. Ballet Dance Program at Charles Ives Center was excellent.

Action Taken: City Center Taste of Danbury: H. Center moved we grant \$1200,seconded by G. Smith and passed. *Children First:* M. Schwartz moved we grant \$800, seconded by J. Cherry and passed. *Charles Ives 9/11 Concert:* G. Smith moved we grant \$5,000.G.Wencek seconded, motion passed. *The Mercurial Connection Art Exhibit:* M. Schwartz moved we grant \$275 seconded by H. Center, motion passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:20 pm. Our *next meeting* will take place on *Sept. 26*. Please notify me if you cannot attend.

Mildred Siegel, Coordinator