



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street
Danbury, Connecticut 06810
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March 28, 2022

Minutes of the Meeting

Meeting called to order, in person and as a video conference call, by Chairman Harvey Center at 6:30 pm with Commissioners: John Cherry, John Cooke, Cheryl Hill, Ed Moore, Percy Price, Gregory Smith, and Coordinator Gregory Wencek. Absent: Mary Burke and Alma Faham.

Welcome Alma Faham and Percy Price, appointed by Mayor Esposito and confirmed by the City Council March 1, 2022.

Presentation of Minutes

The Minutes of the February meeting were presented. A motion by GSmith to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by JCooke. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

Correspondence

EMail threads: 1. Tyler Keur - the Coordinator invited potential nominees to this meeting of the Commission, 2. Scholarships, 3. Literary contests,
Phone: -

Reports on DCC sponsored events

- o Danbury Music Centre
 - Peter and the Wolf - March 13 @ 3:00
- o Danbury Concert Association
 - Llewellyn Sanchez Werner - March 20 @ 3:00

HCenter: The recital was well attended. Mr Werner is very good. **EMoore:** Mr. Werner's biography is excellent.

- o Danbury Library
 - "Last Wisps of the Old Ways: North Carolina Mountain Singing" with Folklorist Derek Piotr (**GWencek:** Postponed)

Danbury events not sponsored by the Commission

- o Danbury Music Centre
- o Danbury Museum
 - Guided Tours of 4 Danbury Museum Historic Buildings on our Main Street campus
 - The outdoor exhibit panels are installed.
- o Danbury Railway Museum
- o Palace Theater Danbury
- o Galleries
 - Gallery of the Visual and Performing Arts Center WCSU Westside campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension
- WCSU
 - o A Night of Jazz Fri, Mar 25, 7:00 PM
 - o Jazz Combos Sun, Mar 27, 3:00 PM

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Upcoming events

See addendum

Coordinator's Report

- A. Dues for Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut
 - a. The price for non-profit organization membership is \$120.00 per year.
- B. Response to Government Review Committee City Council meeting March 16, 2022
 - a. Meeting canceled
- C. Literary Contest
 - a. Literary contest Short story winners named
 - b. Poems submitted 158 poems from 129 authors attending 4 high schools
 - DHS: 62, ACE: 15, IHS: 6, HAT: 76, WHO: 0
- D. Make Music Day coordinated by John Fazio, Jr.
 - a. Progress with promotion: website - <https://www.makemusicday.org/danbury/>, instagan - <https://www.instagram.com/makemusicdaydanbury/>, and facebook - <https://www.facebook.com/makemusicdaydanbury>
 - b. There are currently 10 venues confirmed and performers are signing up
- E. Commission's assistant, Jonathan, is editing the Poetry videos into usable presentations

Appeals from Community groups:

None

Old Business

1. Literary Contests
 - a. Enamel pins as prizes for Literary contest

MOVED: by GSmith and JCooke to purchase a number of pins with the chosen wording added on the bottom. Seconded by PPrice.

DISCUSSION: The words "Danbury Cultural Commission" should remain on the bottom of the logo to enforce the name of the group, as DCC alone could be ambiguous.

GSmith proposes a number of phrases: Curious and Creative, Be Inspired, Dedicated to the Arts, Enriching Lives, Enthusiast, Partner in the Arts, Promoter. Other suggestions are: Friend, Participant, Enriching, Enthusiast.

CALLED: The selected quantity is, the minimum, 50. The chosen word to add is Enthusiast. Passed by unanimous voice vote.

- b. Add stickers for additional prizes

DISCUSSION: Tabled until April.

- c. Add pins just for Commissioners

DISCUSSION: **HCenter** notes that the minimum order of 50 is excessive for just the Commissioners. The consensus is to agree, so Commissioner only pins will not be ordered.

- d. The Coordinator is asked to resend the list of reception items to the Commissioners.

2. WCSU Digital Media student internship - CHill



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The Western Connecticut State University (WCSU), Digital and Interactive Media Arts (DIMA) student intern, Hali Dinh-Seng, is working to expand the Danbury Multimedia Arts Gallery from last year's project. She is receiving submissions while still looking for artists and is in need of judges. CHill notes that she is having fun with this project. HCenter thanked her for taking on this role.

3. Commissioning a Marian Anderson sculpture

EMoore: Considering banners along Main Street is an additional idea **GWencek:** a full size bronze statue could be \$150,000. **GSmith:** The Commission could consider stone, granite or marble.

Action on Grant Requests:

None

New Business

- 1. Membership dues for the Cultural Alliance of Western Connecticut will be \$120

Moved by EMoore to pay the dues for the membership. Seconded by PPrice.

DISCUSSION: The Coordinator is assisted by the membership in finding and promoting events.

CALLED: passed by unanimous voice vote.

Other Business

GWencek: Remember that May is the close of the fiscal year. All projects must be funded by then.

Motion to adjourn at 7:28

Made by GSmith. Passed by Unanimous voice vote.

NOTE:

Corporation Counsel has provided the Clerk's office with the following... Current as of 3/16/20:

Effective with Gov. Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B issued on 3/14/20, the requirement of public attendance at all meetings of public agencies is suspended. Meetings are to be held remotely by conference call, videoconference, or other technology, provided that (in summary):

- 1) the public has the ability to view or listen to each meeting or proceeding in real time by phone, video or other technology.

Therefore the Commission office had set up a video conference call which started at 6:00 on Monday evening. Commissioners and the public connected to Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89135805533?pwd=Nm5wbXNqN1NySk4RnUremo1eUhhQT09>

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The meeting started at 6:30 and was not recorded by the Commission.



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Upcoming events Addendum

* Clark Eno - Still Swingin' Jazz - Richter Association for the Arts
Sunday, April 3 · 3:00 – 4:30pm
Richter Art Center
100 Aunt Hack Rd, Danbury, CT 06810

* Claire Simard - Richter Association for the Arts
Sunday, April 10 · 3:00 – 4:30pm
Richter Art Center
100 Aunt Hack Rd, Danbury, CT 06810

* Borealis Wind Quintet - Danbury Concert Association
Sunday, April 10 · 3:00 – 4:30pm
Visual & Performing Arts Center
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811

Spring Concert - Danbury Brass Band
Sunday, April 24 · 2:00 – 3:30pm
Immanuel Lutheran Church- Danbury

18 Clapboard Ridge Rd, Danbury, CT 06811, USA
Scratching the Surface: David Haislip - Gallery at Still River Editions
JANUARY 24 - MAY 27, 2022
Still River Editions
128 E Liberty St Suite 3, Danbury, CT 06810

* The Ashurst Irish Dancers - Richter Association for the Arts
Sunday, April 3 · 3:00 – 4:30pm
Richter Art Center
100 Aunt Hack Rd, Danbury, CT 06810

Danbury Community Orchestra Strings: A Candlelight Concert - Danbury Music Centre
Saturday, April 30 · 7:30 – 9:00pm

*Events sponsored by the Commission

Western Connecticut State University

Ernest and the Pale Moon
April 1 - April 10
Visual & Performing Arts Center
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811

Cinderella - WCSU Opera Ensemble - WCSU
April 8 & 9
Visual & Performing Arts Center
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811

Chamber Singers and University Choir
Sun, Apr 24, 3:00 PM

Visual & Performing Arts Center
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811

WCSU Jazz Fest
Thu, Apr 28, 7:00 PM
Visual & Performing Arts Center
43 Lake Ave Ext, Danbury, CT 06811

2022 MFA Thesis Exhibition - Western Connecticut State University
March 24 – April 4, 2022
Visual & Performing Arts Center
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