



CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

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DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION MINUTES OF APRIL 27, 2009

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

Minutes of the last meeting were accepted as mailed.

1. City Center, Pat Pambrook, requested \$5,000 for their *City Center Summer Concert Series* beginning June 13 and ending August 29. They will feature a variety of entertainment to appeal to everyone. Every third Thursday there will be special family programs. (not every Thursday as in the past, because the cost of performers have gone up so much). There will be concerts every Friday and Saturday for 11 weeks however. They are continuing to partner with area organizations and businesses and to be the destination for culture, arts and entertainment. She thanked us for our past support.

2. Ct. Institute for Communities/Head Start of Northern Fairfield County who are representing *Harambee* requesting funding for their Youth Center Programs. Debbie Channing, Dir. Of Planning and Development requested \$3,000 for a more formalized cultural enrichment program for Harambee. There will be dance, music, visual arts classes in a series of four 8-week sessions. They hope to accommodate 100 youngsters from economically challenged families with a hands-on partnership..

DCC Sponsored Events: M. Burke reported that *ICAN* has received great benefit from the Journaling as well as the Drumming Programs, both used for cancer patients. B. Feinson and B. DaSilva reported on the fine *Gottschalk photo show at Richter* as well as the very enjoyable *Barbershop Concert*.

Coordinator's Report: M. Siegel reported on the progress of the *Poetry Contest* which will take place on May 29 at 6 pm at Warner Hall on WCSU's downtown campus with Arrangements by H. Bechard. Winners have been notified and commitments of refreshments were received from DCC Commissioners for the event.

Action Taken: City Center Summer Concerts: H. Center moved we grant \$4,000; motion was seconded by H. Bechard and passed. Harambee: M. Schwartz moved we grant \$2500 M. Burke seconded; J.Cherry abstained. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Our next meeting will take place on Mon., May 18 (one week earlier than usual) media and City Hall will be notified.

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