



## CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street  
Danbury, Connecticut 06810  
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May 18, 2020

### Minutes of the Meeting

The Meeting called to order, as a video conference call, by Chairman Harvey Center at 6:00 pm with Commissioners: Richard Aronson, Helen Bechard, Sandy Chaleski, John Cherry, John Cooke, Ed Moore, Cheryl Hill, Gregory Smith, and Coordinator Gregory Wencek. Absent: Mary Burke.

### Presentation of Minutes

The Minutes of the April meeting were presented. A motion by GSmith to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by HBechard. Motion passed with JCherry abstaining because he encountered technical difficulties phoning into the April meeting.

### Correspondence

Mail: RECEIVED - Press releases

Email: Make Music Day Grant, Literary Contest,

Thank you from first prize Poetry winner, Year end procedures from Dan Garrick, and WCSU virtual art exhibit invitation, among other correspondence.

### Reports on DCC sponsored events

Events CANCELLED Effective with Gov. Lamont's Executive Order No. 7B

- 2020 Spring Season - Richter Association for the Arts
- 2019/2020 Season Danbury Concert Association - Borealis Wind Quintet
- 2019/2020 Season - Danbury Music Centre Strings in Concert

HCenter: take a look at the Flute performance on the Music Centre [Facebook page](#).

#### Danbury events not sponsored by the Commission

- Danbury Palace
- Danbury Music Centre
- Galleries
  - Gallery at Still River Editions
  - @287 287 Main St. Danbury
  - Gallery of the Visual and Performing Arts Center WCSU Westside campus, 43 Lake Ave. Extension
- Accessible Art
  - City Hall,
  - CityCenter Danbury,
  - Hodge Insurance,
  - Filosa Convalescent/Hancock Hall,
- Danbury Museums
  - Historical Society
  - Danbury Railway Museum
- Danbury Library

JCooke: look at the New Haven <https://www.artidea.org/artsoncall> site a—socially distanced—arts performance!

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NOTE: Additional and supporting information can be found in the files at the Commission office.

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### Upcoming events

Calendar submitted to the Commissioners, and maintained at DanburyArts.com

EVENTS HAVE BEEN CANCELLED BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR AND THE MAYOR DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC.

### Coordinator's Report

1. Budget is being wrapped up. There are no extra funds.
2. Literary Contest
  - a. Short stories and Poetry winners are announced through press release.
  - b. No work done for Literary gathering. Judge suggested a Zoom meeting. She is preparing a video speech to be posted on the Commission website.
3. Make Music Day
  - a. Grant check received but waiting for Finance to tell us how to deposit it.
  - b. Committee met.
  - c. Matching Website launched.
  - d. Potential to move the festival to on-line activities.
  - e. Grants available to the Commission to receive Harmonicas and Drum sticks. Need a teacher to provide classes (on line). The deadline for submitting requests will be June 4th. All requests are treated equally, it does not help you to submit further in advance. Please try to solidify your event plans before submitting. Thank you!

### Appeals from Community groups:

1. None

### Old business

1. Literary Contest
2. Make Music Day committee
  - a. Work with the Music Centre to produce a product like the Flute piece they already posted. Pay musicians.
  - b. No feed back from the bank on their participation.
  - c. HBechard wondered if schools which made on-line projects for end of school could play them back on Make Music Day. GWencek will touch base with Dr. Mike Obre and SChaneski will check with Kim Russell.
3. Designs for Danbury Action Tabled to 2020/2021
4. Logo design

Moved HBechard seconded by JCooke to accept the presented logo

SChakeski asked where the black outline around the leaves is. GSmith: The artist noted that it distracted from the image. JCooke: The colors are vivid enough to stand on their own.

CALLED: Passed by majority vote with SChaleski abstaining.



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### **New Business**

None

### **Action on Grant Requests:**

1. None

### **Other Business**

1. HCenter noticed on Netflix a 6 or 7 part series about Hollywood after WW II directed by Dan Minihan. He has directed and produced a number of projects and was a grant recipient many years ago.
2. Thank you to Sandy Chaleski, for her 6 years of service to the City of Danbury through her work on the Danbury Cultural Commission. She is moving to Florida and has submitted her resignation to the Mayor.

### **Motion to adjourn at 7:00**

Made by HBechard. Passed by Unanimous 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 has set up a video conference call which will start at 6:00 on Monday evening. Commissioners and the public should connect to <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86463618860>  
Meeting ID: 864 6361 8860 and no password. Or call 929 205 6099 and use Access code:864 6361 8860 and no Password. The meeting will start at 6:30 as usual.