



## CITY OF DANBURY CULTURAL COMMISSION

256 Main Street  
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July 27, 2020

### Minutes of the Meeting

The Meeting called to order, as a video conference call, by Chairman Harvey Center at 6:30 pm with Commissioners: Richard Aronson, Helen Bechard, John Cherry, John Cooke, Ed Moore, Cheryl Hill, Gregory Smith, and Coordinator Gregory Wencek. Absent: Mary Burke. Public: Sandy Chaleski.

### Presentation of Minutes

The Minutes of the June meeting were presented. A motion by HBechard to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by GSmith.

### Correspondence

eMail: RECEIVED -

SENT: Thank you to artist Emily Baerga-Horan, logo designer, Americans for the Arts COVID10 Survey

Mail: Thank you from Nila Narayan - Millie Siegel Music Scholarship

Phone: CityCenter re: past grant and future plans.

### Reports on DCC sponsored events

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

- 2019/2020 Season - Danbury Music Centre
- 2020 Musicals at Richter season
- 2020 CityCenter events through August

#### 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



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### Upcoming events

Calendar submitted to the Commissioners, and maintained at DanburyArts.com  
EVENTS HAVE BEEN SLOW TO RESUME DUE TO THE COVID19 PANDEMIC.

### Coordinator's Report

1. Fiscal year 2019/2020 Budget closed with \$1.04 balance.
2. New computer deployed to the Cultural Commission.
3. The logo is slowly making its way onto forms. Forms revision will be undertaken.
4. Literary Contest
  - a. All student checks sent. It took a while to get all of the W-2s.
  - b. Judge check in process.
  - c. Judge Adele Annesi is thinking of a suggestion for a replacement for the new season
5. Scholarships checks sent.
6. Make Music Day
  - a. Grant check disbursements from Finance to: Music Centre and John Fazio, Jr. done.
  - b. This funding was the grant the Commission received through the Make Music Foundation from the State of Connecticut for running the festival.

### Appeals from Community groups:

1. None

### Old business

1. Literary Contest

No discussion

2. Make Music Day committee

HCenter: The Danbury Music Centre provided a lot of support.

JCooke: Was there a report due for grant? GWencek: Yes, the report looked like the same information this Commission uses. That information was sent and no follow up was requested from Make Music Foundation.

3. Logo design

Commissioners asked the Coordinator to add the logo to the brochure. JCooke will see if it can be printed for low or no cost.

### New Business

None

### Action on Grant Requests:

None

### Other Business

1. HBechard: Commissioners should think about allocation of funds in light of last year some groups didn't get their full season. How will the Commission prorate funding?



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### **Motion to adjourn at 6:47**

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/84832379394> Meeting ID: 848 3237 9394 and no password. Or call 929 205 6099 and use Access code: 848 3237 9394 and no Password. The meeting will start at 6:30 as usual.