

**Connecticut Commission Culture & Tourism  
Special Projects Committee Meeting  
Connecticut Humanities Council  
940 Whitney Avenue, Hamden  
Wednesday, April 22, 2009  
10:30 a.m.**

**Present:** Fritz Jellinghaus, Ann Sheffer, Arthur Diedrick, Helen Higgins, Michael Price  
(via conference call)

**Absent:** Carolyn Cicchetti

**Staff:** John Cusano, Rhonda Olisky (recording), Karen Senich

*Call to Order*

The meeting was called to order at 11:11 a.m.

**I.** *Approval of the February 20, 2009 Minutes*

**On a motion by Ann Sheffer, second by Fritz Jellinghaus, the Special Projects Committee approved the minutes from February 20, 2009.** (Y-4, N-0)

**II.** *Action Items*

*Connecticut Humanities Council*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$150,000 to the Connecticut Humanities Council for the Best Practices Resource Center and Field Service Collaboration.**  
(Y-5, N-0)

*Connecticut Public Television*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$200,000 to Connecticut Public Television for All Things Connecticut and a 30 minute Positively Connecticut segment on the Moderns with host Diane Smith.**  
(Y-4, N-0, Arthur Diedrick abstained)

*The Bushnell*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, second by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding at \$45,000 to the Bushnell for the Phase I of the Capitol District Vision Plan and the iQuilt: Hartford's Pathways of Innovation project.**  
(Y-5, N-0)

*Arts Council of Greater New Haven*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to the Arts Council of Greater New Haven for a planning grant for a Cooperative Cultural Database.**

(Y-5, N-0)

*Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival, Inc.*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to the Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival, Inc. for the 2009 Podunk Bluegrass Music Festival.**

(Y-5, N-0)

*Connecticut Beardsley Zoo*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding in the amount of \$50,000 to the Connecticut Beardsley Zoo for Country Fair at the Zoo.**

(Y-5, N-0)

*New London Main Street.*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee did not recommend funding to New London Main Street for the “Visit the District” marketing campaign.**

(Y-5, N-0)

*Sea Research Foundation, Inc.*

**On a motion by Fritz Jellinghaus, seconded by Ann Sheffer, the Special Projects Committee recommended funding in the amount of \$5,000 to the Sea Research Foundation for the Connecticut Conference on Tourism.**

(Y-5, N-0)

### **III. *Adjournment***

The meeting adjourned at 12:00 p.m. The next Special Projects meeting will be held Friday, October 23, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. Location: TBD