

# BOARD OF ALDERMEN

ITEM NO. D(1)

## AGENDA ITEM ABSTRACT

MEETING DATE: June 2, 2009

**TITLE: Request from Wendy Spitzer For In Kind Use of the Century Center on September 25, 2009**

<b>DEPARTMENT:</b> Town Managers Office	<b>PUBLIC HEARING: NO</b>
<b>ATTACHMENTS:</b> A. Resolution B. The Liminal Festival Information	<b>FOR INFORMATION CONTACT:</b> Steve Stewart, 918-7315

### PURPOSE:

The Board of Aldermen is being asked to consider a request from Wendy Spitzer for in-kind use of the Century Center up to \$125 for the Liminal Festival. The requested time of use is September 25, 2009 from 3:00-6:00 p.m.

### INFORMATION:

Wendy Spitzer attended the May meeting of the Arts Committee in an effort to seek the committee's support and grant recommendation for her project. She requested support to apply for the Orange County Arts Commission Spring Grant and The Strowd Rose grant to offset expenditures of The Liminal Festival. The Arts Committee believes honoring the request would be a conflict of interest because of events like the Music Festival and other Carrboro events similar in nature that apply for the same grants. Instead of grant support, the Arts Committee voted to provide in-kind use of the Century Center for this event. Because this request does not meet the criteria of a free or waived fee event, it is being sent to the Board of Aldermen for consideration. This event could apply to the reservation guidelines #3 if the Board approves to co-sponsor this event up to \$125, the fees are waived. (see below) In the past, to our knowledge, all Board approved events of this nature were granted due in part to the non-profit status of the group or organization. This request is from a private citizen and would set a precedent if approved.

3. *Town Sponsored Events, Orange County local government boards and school boards' use and meetings of same are free. The Town manager or designee shall determine whether any event is a town sponsored event, considering all relevant factors related to the town's participation in or control over the event. However, the presence of one or more of the following factors shall generally lead to a determination that an event is town sponsored: a. The town expends town funds for the planning and/or staging of the event, or b. The town anticipates receiving revenue from the staging of the event, or c. The town makes a substantial in-kind contribution toward the planning and/or staging of the event, or d. The town exercises substantial managerial control over the planning and/or staging of the event.*

**FISCAL AND STAFF IMPACT**

\$23 for staffing and \$102 Century Center rental cost = total impact \$125 (Two hours of this event will be during normal facility operation. Therefore the cost of staffing only reflects one hour of availability for two employees.)

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the attached resolution.