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Subject: Agenda Item - Statement of Support for CBC

CITIZENS' CONCERNS

Walter:

I would like to add an agenda item, possibly as a timed appointment, for our meeting on Monday, to approve the attached statement of support for the Commonwealth Ballet Company (CBC).

Ian Moncrieff (we serve together on the Danny's Place Steering Committee) sent me an email stating that the CBC is celebrating its 10th anniversary and wants to publish quotes from various local people in its performance programs and other marketing literature. He asked if either I, or the BoS would be willing to write a brief statement of congratulations and support. I felt that it would be very appropriate for the BoS to vote on a statement of congratulations and support for the CBC.

The CBC is a tremendous local resource and is known to most Actonians for its annual production of The Nutcracker (if board members have not yet had the opportunity to see the CBC performance of The Nutcracker, I encourage you do so. Audiences are amazed at the set designs and costumes (mostly prepared by volunteer parents) as well as the local talent participating in the performance. It is every bit as professionally produced and choreographed as the performance at the Wang Center, proudded by the Boston Ballet Company). In addition to its numerous regularly scheduled performances, the CBC is holding a "Celebration of Youth" on March 13th at the ABRHS Auditorium. This is a first-time event to benefit Danny's Place and will showcase area dance and musical talent.

The CBC is a non-profit group that survives entirely on fees raised from lessons, ticket sales from CBC Performances and donations from patrons and friends of the CBC.

My purpose in having this item placed on the agenda as a timed appointment is to give a little publicity to the efforts of the CBC. Ian has advised me that Chip Morris, Artistic and Executive Director of CBC and an Acton resident, is available to attend the BOS meeting to provide some highlights about CBC accomplishments and its importance to Acton.

Attached, for the Board's advanced review, is the statement that I will propose that we adopt in support of the CBC.

If you have any questions please let me know. Let me know if we can do this as a timed appointment - another thought would be to do this as part of citizens concerns - and if so, what time it will be scheduled. I will then follow up with Ian and Mr. Morris.

Thanks,
Trey

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Statement of Support for the Commonwealth Ballet Company

The Board of Selectmen takes pleasure in congratulating the Commonwealth Ballet Company of Acton as it celebrates its tenth anniversary. The tireless efforts of dancers, staff and volunteers, working with co-founders Chip Morris and Kathryn Anderson, have enabled CBC to become the premier dance company in MetroWest Boston. As it has grown, CBC has provided area youth with ever-expanding opportunities to study, experience and perform ballet in a variety of styles and settings. Most notably its annual production of *The Nutcracker*, staged both in Acton and surrounding communities, has become a local holiday season tradition, over the years involving hundreds of performers and volunteers, as well as audiences of many thousands. The Selectmen wish to thank CBC for its valuable contributions to community development, and extend their best wishes for its continued success.