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FORM 4

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* FEHRENBACH FRED P (Last) (First) (Middle) 209 HAVEMEYER STREET | | | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>DIME COMMUNITY BANCSHARES</u> <u>INC</u> [DCOM] 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 06/08/2005 | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) X Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below) below) | | | | |
|--|---------------|----------------|--|---|--|-----------|--|--|
| | NY (State) | 11211 (Zip) | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) | 6. Indiv Line) X | idual or Joint/Group Filing (C Form filed by One Reporti Form filed by More than O Person | ng Person | | |

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| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | Transaction Code (Instr. | | 4. Securities Disposed Of 5) | | | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) | |
| | | | Code | v | Amount | (A) or (D) Price | | Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | |
| Common Stock | 06/08/2005 | 06/08/2005 | М | | 8,000 | A | \$4.3 | 79,380 | D | | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | | 338 | I | Spouse | |

Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transa Code (8) | | of Deri Secu Acq (A) o Disp of (E | osed)) tr. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerci Expiration Dat (Month/Day/Ye | e | 7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4) | | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4) | 10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|---|------------------------|---|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | | Code | v | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | | | | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$10.91 | | | | | | | 11/21/2002 | 11/21/2011 | Common Stock | 6,750 | | 6,750 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$13.16 | | | | | | | 02/01/2004 | 02/01/2013 | Common Stock | 7,500 | | 7,500 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$16.45 | | | | | | | 01/27/2006 | 01/31/2015 | Common Stock | 8,480 | | 8,480 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$19.9 | | | | | | | 01/27/2005 | 01/27/2014 | Common Stock | 9,000 | | 9,000 | D | |
| Stock Options (Right to buy) | \$4.3 | 06/08/2005 | 06/08/2005 | М | | | 8,000 | 12/26/2001 ⁽¹⁾ | 12/26/2006 | Common Stock | 8,000 | \$4.3 | 20,682 | D | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Options vested in five equal installments on December 26, 1997, 1998, 1999, 2000 and 2001.

Michael P. Devine

** Signature of Reporting Person

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4 (b)(v).

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