CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

August 16, 2011

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 at 3:30 PM., in the second floor conference room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present:	Penny Watson	Suzanne Merighi
	John Garrison	Roy Kaneshiki
	Ella Boykin	Marianne Lods

Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Guest: Larry Merighi

Approval of Minutes – July 19, 2011

A motion was made to approve the minutes from July 19, 2011 by John Garrison with the following correction: the meeting place should read second floor conference room. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Merighi and passed unanimously. Marianne Lods abstained.

<u> Architectural Programming – Larry Merighi</u>

Larry Merighi presented a power point presentation of the ACE (architecture, construction and engineering) program. ACE is a program that educates children on Engineering and Architecture. Mr. Merighi said ACE is a national program that started in New York. The Cumberland Team started their program in 2004 with five high schools participating. School advisors pick students for the program. Mr. Merighi said the ACE program gives out scholarships to students going to college in an architecture or engineering field. Matthew Pisarski said the Commission has \$500 set aside for "architectural programming". Mr. Pisarski suggested taking the students on a field trip to Philadelphia. Mr. Garrison asked Mr. Merighi if he had any ideas where was best to spend the money. Mr. Merighi thought a field trip would be great idea for the students. Ms. Lods commented that taking the students to Philadelphia would be great exposure from them. Mr. Pisarski suggested taking a trip to the University of Pennsylvania and visiting the Architectural Archives and the School of Design.

2012 Grant Awards discussion - Budget subcommittee

The Commission received \$12,000 from the New Jersey Historical Commission and \$109,590 from New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Mr. Pisarski said a budget subcommittee is needed.

Roy Kaneshiki asked if anyone would like to volunteer for the subcommittee. Penny Watson, Suzanne Merighi and Marianne Lods said they would serve on the budget subcommittee.

Building History Participation Project – update

The consultants have reached out to the four organizations and set up meetings. Mr. Pisarski will email the Commission meeting dates if anyone would like to attend.

<u>West Jersey Time Traveler – update</u>

Mr. Pisarski said all property owners were contacted with the exception of Bethel AME Church. Ella Boykin said she will get Mr. Pisarski the contact information. Ms. Lods asked for a list of the 15 sites. Mr. Pisarski said he will email everyone the sites.

2012 NJCH Grant Application – Discussion/ideas

The Historical Commission Project Grant and the New Jersey Council for the Humanities Grant will be available. Mr. Pisarski said the first one due is the Humanities Grant. Mr. Pisarski would like some ideas from the Commission. Ms. Lods asked for examples of projects. It was suggested to add to the West Jersey Time Travelers Project. Mr. Pisarski would like the Commission to email ideas to him.

East Point Artists' Day – September 17, 2011

Mr. Pisarski commented all supplies, music and tents, etc. have been ordered for the day. The Barn Studio will be getting the artist for the day.

Cohansey RiverFest Plein Air Competition – August 27, 2011

Mr. Pisarski said eight artists have registered for the competition. The RiverFest website says there is a charge for the competition. Flavia Alava said there was an error on the site and it will be removed.

<u>Grant Writing Workshop – Kathleen Cavanaugh?</u> The grant writing workshop will be held September 14th. Ms. Lods asked where it will be. Mr. Pisarski said it will be in Millville or Vineland at 6pm. Mr. Garrison said the Jewish Film Fest is the same night. Mr. Pisarski said he will check with Ms. Cavanaugh, the consultant for the workshop, to see if she can make it a different date.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Kaneshiki went to the Vineland Boys and Girls Club talent show. He said it was a great event.

Mr. Garrison gave dates and times for the Jewish Film Festival at Landis Theater.

Ms. Lods said construction is moving forward at the Levoy Theatre. Mr. Pisarski asked Ms. Lods to speak to Lauren Van Embden about using their regrant award.

Ms. Merighi spoke about the outdoor concerts in Vineland. Also, Landis Theater has a full schedule of events.

Mr. Pisarski is speaking to South Jersey Cultural Alliance about holding the Encore Awards at the Landis Theater.

Mr. Kaneshiki asked Mr. Pisarski to resend liaison responsibilities to Commission members.

Other Old/New Business

Correspondence

In the Commission members packets there is a letter from Daniel Saunders with DEP regarding The Vine Street School parking garage.

<u>Adjourn</u>

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boykin and passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.