

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

August 23, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 4:00 PM., at Cumberland County Administration Building Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present: Penny Watson Suzanne Merighi
 Marianne Lods Roy Kaneshiki
 John Garrison Ella Boykin
 Maria Cerda-Moreno

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Matthew Horowitz for Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2018 & July 26, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes from June 28 & July 26, 2018 by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaneshiki and passed unanimously. Ms. Watson abstained.

Mural Project – Update

Steven Paul attended the June meeting requesting funds for a mural painting using a spray printer that is a robotic method to put dot matrix murals on buildings. Mr. Paul was looking for a cost share and it was also stated Vineland was looking to do a similar project and wanted cost share funds. Funding will come from the Commission, County Administration and the Improvement Authority. Vineland and Bridgeton will get \$5,000 each. Mr. Pisarski spoke to Russell Swanson and Vineland does not have a location to put the mural and therefore will not be pursuing the project at this time. Ms. Moreno said Anne Feinstein will be the graphic artist for the Bridgton mural and the mural will either be something related to the Ferracute Building or Oberlin Smith. The mural will be in the pocket park of downtown Bridgeton on the corner of E. Commerce and Laurel Streets.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop – Thursday, August 30, 2018

Everyone received information about the workshop in their packet. The workshop is being funded by South Jersey Cultural Alliance (SJCA). A workshop will be held in every county.

Cohansey RiverFest Plein Air Competition – Saturday, September 1, 2018

Commission members received in their packet a registration form for Plein Air. The old Sora Gun Club property in Lower Hopewell has offered their property to the artists as a different perspective to the Cohansey. Mr. Pisarski said 15-20 artists have registered. The paintings will be on display in September in the windows of Gallery 50.

Artists' Day in Mauricetown – Saturday, September 8, 2018

Mauricetown Historical Society has added authors to the lineup. The authors will be in different rooms of the Edward Compton House reading portions from their books and signing copies. Mr. Garrison asked if there is an overlap of artists from Artists Day and Plein Air, Mr. Pisarski said

artists that participated in Plein Air get an invitation for Artists Day. 12 artists have been secured for Artists Day.

Grant Writing Workshop – Wednesday, September 19, 2018

Arts and history workshop will be held together.

Historic Preservation Issues Roundtable – Thursday, September 27, 2018

There were funds remaining in 2017 that was allocated to Preservation New Jersey so it was recommended to have a historic issues round table. Mr. Pisarski commented that the Commission meeting is the same day and he is suggesting having the meeting at Landis Theater earlier in the day. Courtney Mercer with Preservation New Jersey will be facilitating the roundtable. Mr. Pisarski sits on the board of Preservation New Jersey and he has recommended Ms. Moreno to serve on that board as well.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Merighi said Cumberland Players will be doing Bugsy Malone, Jr. in September. Ms. Merighi needs new contact information for Juan Rodriguez.

Ms. Lods commented that the Millville Army Air Field Museum is hosting the Collings Foundation at the end of August. The documentary “Shattered” will be held at the Levoy on September 19th.

Mr. Pisarski said a history trail brochure is being worked on that would hit Cumberland, Salem and Cape May Counties.

Ms. Boykin and Lisa Garrison will be meeting with Heather Bense, Ms. Bense heads the EOF at Cumberland County College. Starting in September they will be doing tours in Greenwich.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next meeting.

Correspondence

Commission members received in their packet panel comments from New Jersey State Council on the Arts for the Commission’s grant application. The panel commented that the planning documents were outdated. Mr. Pisarski said whoever serves on the budget subcommittee for the 2019 budget should allocate funds in 2019 for an updated planning effort.

Adjourn

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