

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

August 27, 2020

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 4:00 PM., via teleconference.

Present: Penny Watson Yogesh Thakur
 Marianne Lods Michael Cagno
 Sharon Yoshida Robert Dragotta
 Suzanne Merighi Olive Doss

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Guest: Kim Gauntt, Cumberland County Recreation & Tourism
 Omarey Williams, Shared Services Coordinator

Approval of Minutes – July 23, 2020

A motion was made to approve the July minutes by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yoshida and passed unanimously.

Update on Strategic Plan – Omarey Williams

Mr. Williams spoke with Mr. Shrum and he is still conducting interviews with the regrantees. The regrantees are finding other creative ways to conduct business during COVID.

Memorialization of COVID-19 Stabilization Re-grants

Commission members have in their packets the resolution awarding the stabilization grants. A motion was made to memorialize the stabilization grants by Ms. Lods. The motion was seconded by Ms. Yoshida and passed unanimously.

2020 Grants Review Panel & Grant Writing Workshop Discussion

In Commission member's packets is a list of the grants review panel members. The due date for the grants is October 16. The grants review panel will meet in November.

Mr. Pisarski said a team's virtual workshop will be held in the near future.

National Garden of American Heroes Inquiry

A letter was received asking for names that are considered "National Heroes" so statues can be erected and added to the National Garden of American Heroes. Ms. Watson offered several suggestions. Mr. Pisarski will work with Ms. Watson on a letter with recommendations that will be sent to the Secretary of the Interior.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Merighi commented that All That Dance Studio will begin virtual and in studio classes.

Cumberland Players decided to postpone all performances until 2021.

Mr. Cagno said Millville Army Air Field Museum opened up on July 27. Clay College will be holding sessions online.

Tourism Advisory Council/Recreation Commission Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Ms. Gauntt said they are working on a social distancing campaign. They will be doing digital billboards. Recreation is putting together a data base listing all the different sports leagues in the county.

Other Old/New Business

Mr. Pisarski said next month the Commission can start meeting in person with a limited capacity. Teams and call in will be available for those that do not want to attend in person. Mask will be required and your temperature will be taken.

Mr. Cagno asked if Mr. Pisarski has heard anything regarding the arts & history budget. Mr. Pisarski said he believes the art figures will remain the same from the February budget which would mean an increase for next year. Ms. Lods said there will be an Art Pride zoom meeting with speakers from the State Council on the Arts.

Correspondence

A letter was received from Millville Public Library asking to reassign there regrants funds to a new project. The project would be a no contact self-guided reading activity called Storywalk. Pages from books would be laminated and mounted and displayed along the Riverwalk behind Millville Library. Mr. Pisarski gave the ok to the library for the new project.

Adjourn

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