

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES****December 21, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, December 21, 2016 at 3:30 PM., at Cumberland County Administration Building Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present: Penny Watson
Roy Kaneshiki
Merle Silver

Suzanne Merighi
John Garrison

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Guest: Lisa Garrison

Approval of Minutes – November 21, 2016

A motion was made to approve the minutes from November 21, 2016 by Ms. Silver. The motion was seconded by Ms. Merighi and passed unanimously.

Presentation and Request for Support from Lisa Garrison

Ms. Garrison gave a power point presentation about a program that started in the summer of 2016 at the Bridgeton Library. The program was put together to honor farmworker families. A book was completed, ABC for Farmworkers in English and Spanish that included songs. Ms. Garrison suggested having the program at the three municipal libraries in 2017. The program would be a concert done in English and Spanish. Ms. Garrison reached out to CATA (farm workers support committee) to help spread the word in the Mexican community but they were not successful in helping build an audience for the program. Mr. Kaneshiki asked if the program is set up to teach English as a second language. Ms. Garrison said the book along with a cd was given to the Bridgeton Library. Ms. Garrison said if the funding was available she would like to give the book out at the program. Ms. Watson inquired about the cost of the book, \$17.99 list price but could get cheaper at a bulk rate. Ms. Silver asked Ms. Garrison what her request is. Ms. Garrison is asking for funds to put on the three programs at the libraries. Mr. Pisarski suggested keeping the program in Bridgeton since it has the strongest agricultural base. Mr. Pisarski also questioned who the partners would be. Mr. Pisarski suggested having the program in the fall and ask the farmers for donations of vegetables. Mr. Pisarski said if it's an idea that the Commission likes we will help with the event that will take place in the fall. Mr. Kaneshiki asked what the Commission would be helping with. The Commission would help fund the concert part of the program. The Commission agrees that it is a great idea that could possibly expand. Mr. Pisarski asked Ms. Garrison to get a better sense of the budget and partnerships.

Lottery of 2017 Re-Grantee Assignments

Ms. Merighi – Barn Studio, Cumberland County Library, Millville Army Air Field Museum and CHABA

Mr. Thakur – Boys & Girls Club, Deerfield Twp. Recreation, Off Broad Street Players and Millville Historical Society

Ms. Lods – Bridgeton Library, Friends of Bridgeton Library, Seabrook Buddhist Temple and Vineland African American CDC

Ms. Boykin – City of Vineland, Gateway CAP and Vineland Downtown Improvement District

Ms. Watson – Cumberland County Black Hall of Fame, Metropolitan Multicultural Center and Vineland Regional Dance Co.

Ms. Moreno – Bayshore Center, Cumberland Players, New Life Alliance and Mauricetown Historical Society

Mr. Kaneshiki – Bridgeton Main Street, Festival Puertorriqueno, PRAC of SNJ and Seabrook Educational & Cultural Center

Ms. Silver – Bridgeton Recreation, Gallery 50, Upper Deerfield Historical Society and Vineland Historical & Antiquarian Society

Mr. Garrison – Clay College, Jewish Federation and Vineland Library

2017 Officers' Slate and Nominations

Ms. Lods, Ms. Boykin and Ms. Moreno sat on the nominations committee, the following were their recommendations.

Ms. Silver – Chair

Ms. Moreno – Vice Chair

Mr. Thakur – Treasurer

Ms. Lods – Secretary

A motion was made to approve the recommendations by Mr. Garrison. The motion was seconded by Ms. Silver and passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Merighi said the Levoy had a very good crowd for their Trans-Siberian Orchestra show.

Mr. Pisarski attended the Third Friday for Clay College and it was a very nice exhibit. The exhibit is being cut short because of the relocation of Clay College.

Ms. Silver attended the ribbon cutting for the new mural in Millville.

Mr. Kaneshiki went to the Veterans Day celebration at the Millville Army Air Field Museum, he said it was well attended.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next month.

Other Old/New Business

Mr. Kaneshiki commented that South Jersey is making headlines for the upcoming airshow and population going up in Cumberland County.

Ms. Watson heard that Main Street in New Jersey will no longer be funded.

Ms. Silver asked if we knew who are new Freeholder liaison will be, we will find out in January.

Correspondence

Commission members have a copy of a newspaper article stating Bay Atlantic Symphony has a new Director Meg Sippey.

Adjourn

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