

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

December 20, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, December 20, 2018 at 3:00 PM., at Levoy Theatre Millville, New Jersey.

Present:

Penny Watson	Sharon Yoshida
Robert Dragotta	Ella Boykin
Maria Cerda-Moreno	Yogesh Thakur
Marianne Lods	Michael Cagno
Suzanne Merighi	

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Guest:

Roy Kaneshiki
John Garrison
Lauren Van Embden
Tyler Daddario

Welcome New Commissioners

Mr. Pisarski welcomed the new members, Mr. Dragotta, Mr. Cagno and Ms. Yoshida.

Memorialization of November Minutes

A motion was made to approve and memorialize the motions that were made at November's meeting by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boykin and passed unanimously. New members abstained.

Approval of Minutes – November 29, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes from November 29, 2018 by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ms. Watson and passed unanimously. New members abstained.

2019 Teen Arts - Update

Mr. Daddario said Cape May will be joining Cumberland for the Teen Arts Festival. It is expected to have up to 1,000 people in attendance this coming year. The festival will be held April 5th. More artists and activities will be added to accommodate having more students in attendance. Ms. Van Embden gave a breakdown of the budget, indicating artist and judges stipends have been increased. Mr. Daddario created an app so everyone knows what is going on throughout the day. Mr. Pisarski said last year's event turned out great and having the student police explorers involved to assist throughout the day is a great addition. Restaurants in the area offer discount meals to the students. Ms. Van Embden commented that having sponsorships many students get to attend for free.

Lottery of 2019 Re-grantee Assignments

Mr. Pisarski commented that 30 organizations received regrant funds for 2019. The Commission picks by a lottery system which organizations they will be a liaison to. The liaison responsibility is to reach out to the organization and attend events that they are having and report out during regular Commission meetings. At January's meeting Mr. Pisarski will give Commission members their liaison assignments with contact information. The lottery results are as follows:

Ms. Moreno – Bridgeton Public Library, Jewish Federation and Cumberland County Library

Ms. Merighi – Bayshore Center, Friends of India Society and Vineland Public Library

Ms. Lods – Cumberland County Black Hall of Fame, Off Broad Street Players and Seabrook Cultural Center

Mr. Dragotta – Cumberland Players, PRAC and Vineland African American CDC

Ms. Watson – City of Vineland, Millville Army Air Field Museum and Maurice River Historical Society

Mr. Cagno – Clay College, Millville Public Library and Mauricetown Historical Society

Mr. Thakur – Bridgeton Main Street, Gateway and CHABA

Ms. Boykin – Barn Studio, Puerto Rican Festival and Seabrook Buddhist Temple

Ms. Yoshida – Boys & Girls Club, Gallery 50 and Vineland Regional Dance Co.

2019 Officers' Slate and Nominations

Ms. Moreno read the list of officers suggested by the Nominations Committee.

Yogesh Thakur – Chair

Penny Watson – Vice Chair

Suzanne Merighi – Treasurer

Ella Boykin – Secretary

A motion was made to approve the 2019 slate of officer's by Ms. Lods. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dragotta and passed unanimously.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Boykin attended the performance of the Nutcracker, the show was wonderful and had great attendance.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next meeting.

Other Old/New Business

Correspondence

Mr. Pisarski explained to the new members that the Commission is an official review body for registered historic sites for potential impacts to historic districts. The Commission receives correspondence related to development projects that could have an impact on historic resources. The letter in Commission member's packets is for a proposed WAWA site in Bridgeton. Ms. Watson commented that she would send a copy of the preservation plan that was previously done by her firm to Alex Flick at RGA.

Mr. Pisarski thanked Mr. Garrison and Mr. Kaneshiki for their many years of service. Mr. Kaneshiki said he enjoyed working on the Commission and meeting many new people. Mr. Garrison said serving on the Commission was interesting and thanked the Freeholders for giving him the opportunity.

Adjourn

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