

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

February 22, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, February 22, 2018 at 4:00 PM., at Cumberland County Administration Building Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – January 25, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes from January 25, 2018. Ms. Watson made a correction on page two, under special request the word ‘even’ should read ‘event’. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ms. Moreno and passed unanimously.

Winter Eagle Festival – Recap

Mr. Pisarski said there was a very good turnout for the festival. The sculpy clay and tile table were a hit.

Encore Award Nomination

The Encore Awards will be at the Tuckerton Seaport Museum. The tickets will be covered by the Commission’s operating budget. Mr. Pisarski asked the Commission for suggested names for the award, he will email everyone past recipients. Mr. Pisarski explained Encore Awards to Freeholder Sparacio.

Update on West Jersey Time Traveler Signage

The signs are back with corrected information. They will be installed within the next week. After they are installed the next phase will be to translate them into Spanish. The remaining four signs have to be installed and the scripts need to be completed. Mr. Pisarski will reach out to SNJ Today to see if they are interested in the project.

Clerk’s Office in Mall – Further Discussion

In previous conversations the Commission felt the quote was too high for the art work at the Clerk’s Office at the mall. Mr. Pisarski spoke to the County Clerk and they agreed that they do not want to spend a lot of money because the lease is year to year. It was suggested to relocate the brochures from the wall that is seen from the center of the mall and add vinyl art work.

March C & H Commission Meeting – Mauricetown Historical Society

Each year the Commission tries to travel offsite for a meeting. Mr. Pisarski attended a meeting

at the Compton House where they just completed a commercial kitchen. Mr. Pisarski is proposing the Commission have their next meeting at the Compton House and they will do the catering for a small fee. The meeting will be moved to 3pm.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Merighi commented that she has had no contact with New Life Alliance. Cumberland Players had to raise funds for a new heater, within 48 hours they raised \$8,300.

Ms. Watson said Bridgeton Main Street will be hosting a Cinco de Mayo event. Vineland Main Street has not picked a day for their chalk project. Ms. Watson has had no contact with Gateway CAP.

Mr. Kaneshiki attended 2nd Friday at the Bayshore Center.

Ms. Boykin attended a Black History program at the Bridgeton Library.

Mr. Garrison said on February 23rd Ms. Watson will be doing a presentation on a book she wrote, "Bank Notes and Books" at the Greenwich Presbyterian Church.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next month.

Other Old/New Business

Mr. Pisarski said we received \$5,000 from the Council for the Humanities. The money was supposed to be used for an Immigrant Population Exhibit. Mr. Pisarski said there was a challenge with participation from the committee. Mr. Pisarski reached out to the Council for the Humanities asking for the \$5,000 be given to Seabrook Education and Cultural Center. The money would be used to revamp the exhibits at the center.

The county administration building has a new conference room, Kim Wood and Ken Mecouch approached Mr. Pisarski about finding a mural artist to add some art to the room. They met with Maryann Cannon and she agreed to do the art work, the cost will be split between county administration and Cultural & Heritage. The Commission agreed that it is a great idea.

Ms. Watson has a concern about the project that we are collaborating with Preservation New Jersey. She would like Mr. Pisarski to have input so it is not taken over by Northern Jersey. It should be geared towards grassroots not corporate funding.

Correspondence

For informational purposes everyone had in their packet an article about art and immigration.

Adjourn

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