

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

July 27, 2016

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Wednesday, July 27, 2016 at 3:30 PM., in the freeholder conference room Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Guest: Kimberly Gauntt, Cumberland County Recreation & Tourism

Approval of Minutes – June 22, 2016

A motion was made to approve the minutes from June 22, 2016 by Mr. Garrison. The motion was seconded by Ms. Watson and passed unanimously. Ms. Lods and Ms. Moreno abstained.

Commission Budget Quarterly Report

Ms. Pisarski pointed out the additions to the budget. The income generated from the Artists Forum and Encore Awards have been added to the trust account. Marketing services has not been used. An invoice from the Encore Awards has not been received and billing from Omni Developers regarding the website has not arrived. Mr. Kaneshiki asked about new banners with the Commissions new logo, Mr. Pisarski will reach out to Print Signs and Designs.

Cohansey Riverfest Plein Air Competition – Saturday, August 27, 2016

Commission members received the flyer for call for artists. Mr. Pisarski sent it out to previous artists. Commission members are asked to forward to artist.

Website Going Live

Four URL's have been purchased: cumberlandnjart.org, cumberlandnjart.com, ccculturalheritage.org and cumberlandhistorical.org. Three of the four URL's are ready to go the fourth one has to be released by Loaded Media. The websites will be going live very soon with edits along the way.

Epistle of Resilience Haitian Youth Therapy Art Exhibit

In the packets is the flyer for the traveling exhibit. The exhibit will be at all five libraries over the next several months. Posters have been hung at the libraries with smaller posters that will in other areas of the county.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Merighi attended the CHABA board meeting. CHABA did a bus tour in Bridgeton for the

Society of Architectural Historians that was well received. CHABA has a new brochure and a project coming up for the Nail House. Ms. Merighi attended the opening reception at Wheaton Arts for the Haitian Art.

Ms. Boykin asked if we will know how many people attend the Haitian Art exhibits. Mr. Pisarski said there is no way to count attendees. Nadine LaFond would like to have a video camera set up so people can say hello to the children in Haiti and she would like to have a video of children from Haiti to project onto the wall at the exhibit.

Ms. Moreno spoke to Steven Paul at Bridgeton Main Street they will be having several events, August 10th will be Viva Independencia and August 27th will be the Crabfest.

Mr. Kaneshiki attended the Obon Festival, Seabrook Buddhist Temple thanked the Commission for their support.

Ms. Boykin drove through the park where the Puerto Rican festival is being held. Many vendors were set up addressing the Spanish Community.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Ms. Gauntt said the tourism website will be going live soon, www.exploreumberlandnj.com and the new county brochure is out.

Other Old/New Business

Ms. Lods said the Art Installation project will take place July 30th, they have 11 participants. Rain date will be Sunday the 31st.

Correspondence

The Daily Journal had an article about Steven Schimmel, director of the Jewish Federation has stepped down.

Commission members had a program pamphlet regarding the Older Americans Art Exhibit. Mr. Pisarski was disappointed with the venue space at the Vineland Library. Several months ago Office on Aging contacted Mr. Pisarski and Ms. Gauntt asking them to run the art show. Ms. Lods said the new Arts College will have two gallery rooms that maybe available.

Commission members had a copy of South Jersey Cultural Alliance 2017 grant funding. Mr. Pisarski commented that Cumberland County did very well. It was suggested that Cumberland County College needs to up their request.

Adjourn

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