

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

July 26, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, July 26, 2018 at 4:00 PM., at Cumberland County Administration Building Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present: Suzanne Merighi Roy Kaneshiki
John Garrison Maria Cerda-Moreno

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Guest: Steven Paul, Bridgeton Main Street

Approval of Minutes – June 28, 2018

Postponed until next meeting.

2nd Quarter Budget Review

Everyone received a copy of the budget in their packet, Mr. Pisarski commented that the only change is food cost for Wheaton Arts meeting and advertisement in the Encore Awards Book. Ms. Moreno asked about the increase in funding from the Council on the Arts, the Commission received a \$5,809 increase. Stable funding was received for the history re-grants. The full request was received for Lisa Garrisons' project for the Underground Railroad sites in Greenwich. A \$2,600 match will be taken from the Commissions line item for the project from the 2019 budget. Mr. Kaneshiki asked about the monies that the Commission pays for the Encore Awards. The Commission did not have to pay for their tickets in 2018 but in previous years the money would go to the trust account.

Mural Project in Bridgeton – Steven Paul

Mr. Paul reached out to Mr. Pisarski regarding a mural in Bridgeton. The mural would be printed on the side of a building by a machine. Mr. Paul said the City of Bridgeton suggested the mural be of the history of the zoo and park and Mr. Pisarski suggested it be STEM related. Commission members said they would like the youth to participate in the project and have a local artist participate. Mr. Paul said the art would be created by a high quality spray paint that would last 7-10 years. Mr. Paul informed the Commission that the project will cost between \$8,000-\$10,000. Bridgeton Main Street will be contributing \$2,500, he will be also asking for funding from the city, Thrive and private donors. Mr. Pisarski asked Mr. Paul if the county contributed \$5,000 would that be enough funding to get the project done. Mr. Pisarski said Vineland has also reached out for funding for a mural project, Mr. Pisarski will approach the county about securing funds for both projects. The Commission does not have funding for the project but they could fund artists to create the work. Bridgeton and Vineland will be the only towns in South Jersey with this kind of art being done. Mr. Pisarski asked Mr. Paul to email him the funding sources so he can see who would be involved. Ms. Moreno asked if the Commission would have an input on what art is used, Mr. Paul would like someone from the Commission to

sit on the committee to help with the decision making. Mr. Pisarski said a façade easement will be needed from the property owner. Mr. Pisarski will look at the budget and speak to the county administration regarding funding and get an answer to Mr. Paul in a couple of days.

Disaster Preparedness Workshop – Recap & Future Workshops

The Disaster Preparedness Workshop was held on July 12th, all the historical organizations were in attendance. Everyone was given a pocket response plan. Board members and volunteers for organizations should receive a copy of the pocket plan. The plan is a document with information and procedures for emergency situations. The South Jersey Cultural Alliance has received special funding to conduct additional preparedness workshops in South Jersey. The next workshop will be disaster planning for events such as active shooter. The State Council on the Arts also has funding for disaster planning. Mr. Pisarski said we will have a hands on workshop facilitated by Samantha Forsko, Preservation Specialist showing how to salvage documents etc., the cost will be \$800.

2019 Guidelines and Application Review & Approval

In the past two workshops were held; one for arts and other for history, but this year a combined workshop will be held in September. The grant will be due October 12th. There are no changes to the grant application other than date changes.

Cohansey RiverFest Plein Air Competition – Saturday, September 1, 2018

Plein Air is scheduled for September 1st and the CrabFest is scheduled for September 15th. At the August meeting will have to come up with a plan to tie into CrabFest, in 2017 the Commission funded Steam Works.

Artists' Day in Mauricetown – Saturday, September 8, 2018

Mauricetown Historical Society will have several authors at this year's event reading excerpts from their books. 12 artists have been invited to paint with eight committed.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Pisarski said Obon was cancelled because of weather they will be having a Moon Festival in the fall.

All of the 15 podcasts have been translated to Spanish. When Ms. Moreno's review is complete SNJ Today will then complete the Spanish podcast.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next meeting.

Other Old/New Business

We were awarded the grant for Lisa Garrison to do the Underground Railroad nominations.

Correspondence

Mr. Pisarski said the county public works department was repaving a road in Fairton and they discovered an original culvert over Rattle Snake Creek. Since federal funds were being used they had to get everything documented to replace it.

The Commission will be receiving \$121,974 in re-grant funds from New Jersey State Council on

the Arts.

Ms. Merighi commented about Cape May joining Cumberland County for Teen Arts. Mr. Pisarski said it is exciting news and it will be an additional 300 students. Salem may also be joining.

The meeting was adjourned.