

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES****March 28, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 3:00 PM., at Seabrook Buddhist Temple Seabrook, New Jersey.

Present: Ella Boykin Marianne Lods
Michael Cagno Sharon Yoshida
Robert Dragotta Suzanne Merighi

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Guest: Roy Kaneshiki
Susan Jacques, Seabrook Buddhist Temple
Cassandra Rodriguez, Cumberland County Planning Dept.

Welcome to Seabrook Buddhist Temple

Ms. Merighi thanked the Temple for hosting. Ms. Jacques welcomed the Commission and passed out flyers for several events. The Cherry Blossom Festival will be on April 28 and the Obon Festival will be on July 20.

Approval of Minutes – February 28, 2019

A motion was made to approve the minutes from February 28, 2019 by Ms. Lods. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dragotta and passed unanimously.

Encore Award Nomination

The budget committee put funding in the budget to pay for Commission members and guest tickets. The Encore Awards will take place on May 20 at Tuckerton Seaport. A motion was made to approve Roy Kaneshiki for the Encore Award by Ms. Lods. The motion was seconded by Ms. Boykin and passed unanimously.

WheatonArts Near and Far: Arts and Cultures of East Asia

Ms. Pisarski went through several events that will be happening during the summer and fall at WheatonArts and other areas. The Jenson Cheng exhibit will be taking place at several art galleries. East Asian Story Origami will be a traveling exhibit at libraries in Cumberland and Atlantic Counties. It is a kid's story telling program using origami and Mr. Pisarski is hoping library staff is willing to assist the kids with the program. Mr. Pisarski would like to have panels of images related to the story done by an artist. Mr. Pisarski suggested Jen Tracy or if the temple has an artist that would complete the panels. The Commission made several suggestions regarding artists to complete the panels. On April 6 there will be an Asian New Year Celebration at WheatonArts.

Mr. Cagno said the Noyes Museum worked with artists from South Korea in the fall doing handmade lanterns. The Preservation Committee from South Korea donated 100 paper lanterns,

Mr. Cagno would like to donate them to the Seabrook Buddhist Temple as a make and take at the Obon Festival. Ms. Jacques will talk to the Obon committee about having a table for the lanterns and get back to Mr. Pisarski.

Strategic Plan RFP Discussion

Mr. Pisarski commented that the Commission's five year plan ended in 2018. Mr. Pisarski provided samples of other strategic plans. Plans are going in the direction of less specifics and more values. Mr. Pisarski would like the new plan to be more graphic and value oriented. Ms. Lods commented that RRCA has a plan that is made up of goals and actions steps. Mr. Cagno said the plan should be visual with three or four goals. Mr. Dragotta asked who is the recipient of the plan, Mr. Pisarski commented that it is primarily for the State Council on the Arts. Ms. Lods suggested having a stakeholder meeting with the regrantees and ask them what they think of the goals that the Commission has in place. Mr. Pisarski will draft a RFP for review.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Cagno met with Ms. Sandro at Clay College and they will be having monthly meetings. Ms. Sandro informed Mr. Cagno that her concern is a short fall in funds for Clay College. Mr. Cagno will also be meeting with Courtenay Reece with Millville Library.

Mr. Dragotta met with PRAC and he said they are very enthusiastic and have great programming. Mr. Pisarski asked Mr. Dragotta if he spoke to Arthur Corley, Mr. Dragotta has spoken to him and they will continue their communications for Mr. Corley's play "Alterations".

Ms. Yoshida attended Maxine Chapman's Dance Studio spring event at the College. She said it was wonderful event. Ms. Yoshida will be meeting with the Boys & Girls Club soon.

Ms. Boykin spoke to Ms. Jacques and they will be speaking more frequently.

Ms. Merighi said Vineland Library will be holding their Fan Con in October.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next meeting.

Other Old/New Business

Ms. Lods said on April 5 is the Cumberland/Cape May Teen Arts Festival. On April 13 will be the Glasstown Arts Studio Tour at five locations.

In everyone's packet is the 2019 calendar of events and an events brochure from Bayshore Center.

Correspondence

Adjourn

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