

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES****November 29, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, September 29, 2018 at 4:00 PM., at the Cumberland County Administration Building Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present: Penny Watson Roy Kaneshiki
Suzanne Merighi Maria Cerda-Moreno

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – October 25, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes from October 25, 2018 by Mr. Kaneshiki. The motion was seconded by Ms. Merighi and passed unanimously. Penny Watson abstained. Since quorum was not met formal adoption of the motion will be memorialized at the December meeting.

Approval of 2019 C & H Commission Meeting Dates

Meetings will take place on the fourth Thursday of the month with the exception of April, November and December meetings which will be held on the third Thursday. A motion was made to approve the 2019 meeting dates by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ms. Watson and passed unanimously. Since quorum was not met formal adoption of the motion will be memorialized at the December meeting.

Approval of 2019 Re-grant Award Funding Recommendations

Commission members received in their packets scores and recommendations from the regrant panel. Ms. Pisarski explained the scoring system to Ms. Watson. Ms. Pisarski went through each organization and explained their score and the amount of funding they will be receiving based on the formula. New Life Alliance submitted an unacceptable application so the panel suggested giving them special request funding. Mr. Pisarski spoke to Juan Rodriguez with New Life Alliance regarding a photography exhibit that the Commission would fund as a partnership. Mr. Rodriguez would be the artist and take the photos and the Commission will conduct the program. The history regrant request were much higher than last year, Mr. Pisarski said the money was redistributed to try and give increases to those organizations which scored the highest. Mr. Pisarski commented that the total awards for history regrants came out to \$21,350 the extra \$350 will come from the trust account. A motion was made to approve the award recommendations by Ms. Watson. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaneshiki and passed unanimously. Since quorum was not met formal adoption of the motion will be memorialized at the December meeting.

Appointment of Nominations Committee

Ms. Merighi said usually the officers that are already serving usually move up one spot but you have to ask them if they still want to serve. Ms. Moreno, Ms. Watson and Ms. Merighi agreed to

be on the nominations committee.

Liaison Reports

Mr. Kaneshiki attended the Veteran's Day celebration at Millville Army Air Field. He said it was well attended.

Mr. Pisarski went to the unveiling of the rehabbed mural at city hall in Millville. Commission members received a copy of the newspaper article in their packet.

Ms. Merighi attended one of the Near and Far events at Wheaton Arts. Commission members have a brochure in their packets listing all the different events for the exhibit.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next meeting.

Other Old/New Business

Mr. Pisarski said the several 2018 accounts need to be closed by November 30th. The remaining funds will go to Vineland Main Street for a mural at Landis Ave. and the Boulevard.

Mr. Pisarski commented that several new artists signed up for the Winter Plein Air.

Ms. Watson informed the Commission that the NJ State Preservation Tax Credit is moving forward in the legislature.

Correspondence

Commission members received in the packet a certificate of eligibility nomination for the Thomas Jones House in Vineland.

Adjourn

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