

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

October 28, 2014

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder conference room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

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| Present: | Penny Watson | Suzanne Merighi |
| | Marianne Lods | Roy Kaneshiki |
| | John Garrison | Merle Silver |
| | Maria Cerda-Moreno | Freeholder Sheppard |

Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – September 30, 2014

A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 30, 2014. Mr. Kaneshiki made a correction under Old/New Business indicating it should read Olin McConnell and Ms. Watson corrected the use of “there” to “their.” Under Battle of Dallas Landing Discussion Ms. Moreno corrected the word “Stare” to “State.” A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected by Mr. Kaneshiki. The motion was seconded by Ms. Silver and passed unanimously. Ms. Merighi and Ms. Lods abstained.

2015 Re-grant Applications Discussion

Mr. Pisarski stated 31 re-grant applications were submitted. Visions of Hope and Temple Vision Corp. did not apply. They want to regroup and get better organized and will reapply in 2016. Ms. Watson questioned what Visions of Hope program was in 2014, and Mr. Pisarski responded that they did a music program at Cumberland County College. Cumberland Regional High School will be partnering with Bridgeton Library. Two new applications for arts re-grants were received from the American Littoral Society and New Life Alliance. Mr. Pisarski is working with Mr. Rodriguez from New Life Alliance with his application. Mr. Pisarski commented that there is a language barrier and that Ms. Moreno will be helping with the translation. Millville Historical Society did not apply and they did not respond Mr. Pisarski’s emails. Ms. Lods said they are closed for renovations. Two new applications were received for history re-grants, Jewish Federation and Cumberland County College. The ADA subcommittee will be meeting November 17th and the grants review panel will meet November 19th. Ms. Lods asked if the amount in parentheses on the handout is last year’s request. Mr. Pisarski confirmed that her assumption was correct. Mr. Pisarski said the review process is going to be revamped. There will be five categories that Panelists will score with a +, - or a 0. Based on the applicants score they will be submitted to the Commission for funding recommendations. The grants review panel is no longer allowed to make funding recommendations based on comments from the State Council on the Arts. Freeholder Sheppard commented that the funding was based on a two tier system last year, Mr. Pisarski said that was used for the marketing funds received from Southern Shore Region Destination Marketing Organization (SSRDMO). Ms. Lods asked how much funding is going to be regranted, Mr. Pisarski said the budget subcommittee has not met yet to

make that recommendation. Mr. Pisarski said stipends will be given to the Panelist for serving on the grants review panel except for the Panelist from Ocean County, who declined the stipend.

2015 Budget Subcommittee – Appointments

Ms. Merighi asked for volunteers to serve on the budget subcommittee: Ms. Silver, Ms. Watson and Ms. Merighi agreed to volunteer.

2014 Budget – 3rd Quarter Review

Mr. Pisarski explained the 3rd quarter review. Accounts are being spent down. Expenses for the newsletter and the Dallas Landing Project have not been submitted yet. Mr. Pisarski said if there is money that needs to be spent he will send commission members an email. Stipends for the grants review panel will come from the commission's line item. Ms. Silver questioned if some of the money that is available should have been allocated to grantees. Mr. Pisarski said the budget subcommittee will see if more funding can be held out for grantees in 2015. Mr. Pisarski explained the trust account to Freeholder Sheppard. Mr. Garrison asked if a donation is made to the trust account if it is tax deductible, Mr. Pisarski was not sure but said he would ask Mr. Facemyer.

Social Media/Technology Mini – Grants Discussion

Postponed until November.

Disability Awareness Day Recap

Mr. Pisarski said the day went well, although attendance was down. Mr. Pisarski gave a presentation on what the commission offers. The commission had 30 tickets to a Tommy Dorsey Orchestra performance at Levoy Theatre to give away, 21 tickets were given away with the remaining tickets offered to the commission. Ms. Merighi asked if we feel we are serving the needs of the disabled community adequately. Mr. Pisarski commented that he feels we are. The commission is working on getting assistive listening devices to loan out to grantees.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Silver said Levoy Theatre restructured and promoted within. The Levoy has several new initiatives for 2015, two self-producing musicals and they are working with Millville Board of Education on an incentive-based rewards program. For the holiday season they will have many family friendly shows. Ms. Lods said the Levoy always presents the county and commission's logo on the screen before a show begins and that it rotates with the other funders.

Mr. Kaneshiki said Clay College has a student exhibition of oyster plates. Ms. Lods commented that the display was funded by the Millville Development Corp. through the Dodge Foundation. An art class from Vineland High School went to the Haskin Lab and dissected oysters as part of their education on oysters and oyster plates. Mr. Kaneshiki said CHABA Con had a nice turn out.

Ms. Lods asked about the Harvest Festival, and Mr. Pisarski said it was extended an extra day. Ms. Lods commented that Wheaton Arts broke attendance records for the Festival of Fine Craft.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until November.

Other Old/New Business

Ms. Silver asked when the outreach meeting will be held for the Dallas Landing project. Mr. Pisarski said the work plan that was submitted to the National Park Service needs approval prior to scheduling the public meeting. Hunter Research has not found much information in their documentary research. Hunter Research will be walking the site and doing metal detecting before deep winter. The outreach meeting will take place between the research design plan and the beginning of the actual site work. Ms. Merighi asked if Mr. Calpaldi's field will have to be plowed, Mr. Pisarski said his field will probably have to minimally be mowed. Freeholder Sheppard asked if a disclaimer will be available for people that bring artifacts to the outreach meeting, and Mr. Pisarski indicated concerns of that sort will be resolved.

Mr. Pisarski commented that Cumberland County has a much higher number of regrantees than Ocean County. Ms. Silver asked if Mr. Pisarski knew how much funding other counties receive from the state, and Mr. Pisarski responded that the information is on the state website.

Liaison assignments will be given out in January.

Correspondence

None reported.

Adjourn

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

The next regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Tuesday, November 25, 2014 in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.