

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

October 25, 2018

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Thursday, October 25, 2018 at 4:00 PM., at the Cumberland County Administration Building in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present:	Suzanne Merighi	Marianne Lods
	Roy Kaneshiki	John Garrison
	Maria Cerda-Moreno	Yogesh Thakur
	Freeholder Sparacio	

Matthew Pisarski, Assistant Planning Director
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – September 27, 2018

A motion was made to approve the minutes from September 27, 2018. Ms. Moreno made a correction on page one under 663 Ye Greate Street the word ‘banked’ should read ‘bank’. Also on page two under Understanding Communities Project the word “ethic” should read “ethnic”. A motion was made to approve the minutes as corrected by Mr. Kaneshiki. The motion was seconded by Mr. Garrison and passed unanimously. Ms. Lods and Ms. Merighi abstained.

Historic Preservation Issues Roundtable – Recap

The roundtable was a joint meeting between the Commission and Preservation New Jersey (PNJ). Courtney Mercer has received positive feedback, PNJ would like to hold meetings annually in South Jersey.

2018 Disability Awareness Day – Recap and Levoy Tickets

Disability Awareness Day was held October 20th at the College. Mr. Pisarski contacted Levoy Theater for 50 discount tickets to give away. 30 people signed up at Disability Awareness Day and the remaining tickets will go to the Boys & Girls Club.

2019 Re-grant Applications

Commission members have in their packet a list of regrant applications that were received. On the last page is a summary of applications received from the past several years. Bridgeton Library and the Friends of Bridgeton Library combined. Roy Spoltore did not apply for Upper Deerfield Appreciation Day and the Harvest Festival. New Life Alliance turned in an incomplete application. Mr. Pisarski explained the application process to Mr. Thakur regarding submitting an application for the Friends of India Society. The Grants Review Panel and the Disability Advisory Committee will meet to review the applications. The Freeholders will receive the recommendations for their December meeting.

2018 Budget – 3rd Quarter Review

In the packets is a copy of the third quarter budget. Mr. Pisarski commented that we are on budget for the year. There is an \$8,000 income added to trust account, it is from a shared

services project with Hopewell.

2019 Proposed Commission Budget

Mr. Pisarski went through the 2019 budget. The county line item has a tight budget with promo of the arts and marketing services having a surplus. Ms. Lods questioned the time line of the Vineland mural, Mr. Pisarski said it has to be completed by the end of 2019. A motion was made to approve the 2019 budget as presented by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ms. Lods and passed unanimously. Freeholder Sparacio asked if the Commission was looking for an increase in budget how much would the request be, Mr. Pisarski commented having an additional \$5,000 would be helpful.

Candidates for Commission – Michael Cagno & Robert Dragotta

Mr. Pisarski commented that Mr. Kaneshiki and Mr. Garrison requested not to be reappointed to the Commission. That leaves three seats open, Ms. Silvers seat was never filled. There are two resumes in the packets Robert Dragotta and Michael Cagno. Mr. Pisarski is waiting to hear from Seabrook Education to fill the third seat. A motion was made to approve Mr. Dragotta and Mr. Cagno to the Commission by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaneshiki and passed unanimously.

Understanding Communities Focus Group – Thursday, November 15th

The focus group was a pilot program that was held in Cumberland and Passaic Counties. The goal is to try and figure out how to create history programming that will attract a diverse audience. Mr. Pisarski is trying to find focus group participants from the Hispanic community. The participants need to be from the silent part of the Hispanic community.

Liaison Reports

Ms. Lods said Millville Army Air Field will be having a Veterans Day celebration on November 3rd. Millville will be hosting a ghost tour in the downtown area.

Tourism Advisory Council Comments – Kimberly Gauntt

Postponed until next month.

Other Old/New Business

A Winter Plein Air competition will be held December 29th.

Adjourn

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