

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

January 19, 2010
3:30 pm

Freeholder meeting room in Bridgeton, NJ 08302

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder Meeting room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present: Marianne Lods
Roy Kaneshiki
Suzanne Merighi
Jean Jones
Ella Boykin
Flavia Alaya
Penny Watson
Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner
Kim McCann, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – December 15, 2009

A motion to approve the minutes from December 15, 2009 was made by Marianne Lods. The motion was seconded by Jean Jones and passed unanimously.

2009 Year in Review

See attached hard copy of Power Point presentation presented by Matt Pisarski.

State Council on the Arts funding freeze - UPDATE

Mr. Pisarski noted he received reliable word that the funding has been released and is just waiting for the check at this point. Ms. Lods mentioned she received Millville's check on December 30, 2010 and the Noyes Museum also has received their check. Mr. Pisarski stated they don't release the contract check until the final report of the previous year has been submitted. The report goes in at the end of January and then it should take another month to receive the check. Mr. Pisarski mentioned that everyone is comfortable with releasing the contracts and the initial seventy-five percent checks.

Re-grantee Liaison Assignments

Mr. Pisarski stated how successful the liaison assignments were last year and he asked that each member draw a liaison assignment. Some of the assignments have two re-grantees and some have three. Mr. Pisarski asked Mr. Kaneshiki as chairperson to please pick for both Patricia Gale and John Garrison in their absence.

Mr. Pisarski noted he would send an e-mail to everyone with their liaison assignments for 2010.

Other Old/New Business

Mr. Pisarski provided the Commission with a copy of a letter from the Historical Commission to Lou Magazzu indicating that the Commission's application to the Historical Commission was not successful. Mr. Pisarski said he was disappointed and made a call to Sara Cureton and she was very apologetic. She said out of the applicants, forty-one received zero funding. There were only twenty three who received funding. Mr. Pisarski noted the Commission can discuss a plan of action for 2011 funding through the Historical Commission and he is open to any suggestion the Commission may have. He said they could have Sara Cureton and Marc Mappen down for a day and give them a tour of the county. The Commission asked who serves on the Historical Commission. Mr. Pisarski replied he would do some research and report back at next month's meeting.

Flavia Alaya mentioned the draft letter for the City of Bridgeton that was discussed at the January Commission meeting regarding the playground for children with disabilities. Mr. Pisarski responded that he would have the draft letter at the February meeting.

Flavia Alaya provided the Commission with the Bridgeton Holiday House Tour Program as promised.

Flavia Alaya mentioned Bridgeton Main Street along with other partners is developing a new one-time event called "Thanks for the Memories at Dill's" to honor the Marino family's 55 years of business and service to the community. The event, which is to benefit Bridgeton Main Street and the Bridgeton PAL, will be held on Saturday February 6, 2010 at the Centerton Country Club. There will be dinner and a karaoke contest, a recent feature at Dill's Seafood Restaurant for five or six years. Ms. Alaya hoped to persuade the Commission to buy a table. The tickets are \$50 each and the event starts at 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Pisarski noted that Flavia Alaya and Ella Boykin had just attended the Martin Luther King event in Vineland. Ms. Boykin stated it was actually a two-day event

that started on Friday with a banquet and there were over seven-hundred people who attended the two days. The Commission was honored with a wonderful standing Lucite plaque (which the attendee commissioners presented to the Commission) showing Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in profile. Ms. Boykin noted how most of the participants and attendees were high-school and middle-school-aged children. In accepting the honor on behalf of the commission, Ms. Boykin had highlighted the terrible earthquake in Haiti and said she is accepting donations through AME/Bethel Church if anyone is interested.

Correspondence

Mr. Pisarski provided in everyone's packet the 2010 Cultural and Heritage Commission member list with address and term information.

Adjournment

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

The next regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.