

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**July 15, 2008
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, July 15, 2008 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder meeting room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present: Jean Jones Roy Kaneshiki
Penny Watson Patricia Gale
Suzanne Merighi
John Garrison

Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner
Kim McCann, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – May 20, 2008

A motion to approve the minutes from May 20, 2008 with corrections was made by Roy Kaneshiki. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Merighi and passed unanimously. Patricia Gale abstained.

Resolution 2008-01: Supporting the Concept of a Scenic Byway

Mr. Pisarski noted the Resolution in everyone's packet is the same as the one presented via e-mail. Mr. Pisarski mentioned he has received yes votes from everyone including Flavia Alaya making the motion via e-mail.

A motion was made by Flavia Alaya (via e-mail) supporting the concept of a Scenic Byway. The motion was seconded by Jean Jones and passed unanimously.

2008 Budget – 2nd Quarter Review

Mr. Pisarski provided a hand out of the second quarter budget report. Mr. Pisarski noted the hand out has all of the fees associated with the Teen Arts Festival, which came in \$1,000.00 over budget. There is \$6,700.00 in the line item account that can be used for anything as it is an open ended account. Mr. Pisarski mentioned the expenses that still have to be encumbered are the remainder of the Newsletter contract, \$2,000.00 allotted to Disability Awareness Day and \$1,500.00 for East Point Artist Day which provides stipends for the

artists and whatever the fee is for the Grant Writing Workshop which is normally \$400.00.

The Commission discussed East Point Artist Day and the concerns they have regarding the event. Jean Jones expressed the concern of the event getting smaller each year and the group she belongs to has decided to not participate this year. Mr. Pisarski mentioned the discussion that was made last year about changing the date of the event, but Ms. Robinson said she wanted to keep the same date and would consider making a change for 2009.

The Commission asked Mr. Pisarski if he can ask Gale Robinson to attend a meeting to discuss their concerns. Mr. Pisarski said he would see if Ms. Robinson could attend the meeting in September.

Shared Services Update – Joint Commission Meeting - August

Mr. Pisarski mentioned he had just received confirmation today on the joint Commission meeting with Salem County. The meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. instead of 3:30 p.m. and will be held at Appel Farm. Mr. Pisarski stated he will send out a formal notice to everyone regarding the meeting. Nancy Moses will be in attendance and the majority of the meeting will be committed to the shared services discussion. Mr. Pisarski noted Ms. Moses has met with Marc Mappen and Steve Runk and the Department of Community Affairs to discuss shared services and has spoken with Jane Christy and a Freeholder from Salem County. Mr. Pisarski mentioned that when Ms. Moses spoke to the Department of Community Affairs, our Commission's grant award was the first time an arts organization has ever received a shared services grant and the first time a shared services grant has been issued for an inter-county proposal.

Laurel Lake Community Day – July 19, 2008

Mr. Pisarski mentioned the upcoming Laurel Lake Community Day being held on July 19, 2008. Mr. Pisarski noted he had sent an e-mail to everyone to see who would be attending. Mr. Stormes is looking for judges for the art contest and would like to have the Commission members to the judging. Mr. Pisarski stated the time of the judging would most likely take place between 12:00 and 1:00 p.m.

Obon Festival – July 26, 2008

Mr. Pisarski mentioned the upcoming Obon Festival being held on July 26, 2008. Mr. Pisarski noted he will be stopping by the Temple the Friday before to cordon off an area for the Commission members. Mr. Pisarski asked the Commission to let him know if they would be attending. The Festival starts at 5:00 p.m.

East Point Artists' Day – August 2, 2008

Mr. Pisarski noted East Point Artists' Day will be held on August 2, 2008 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at East Point Lighthouse.

Other Old/New Business

Mr. Pisarski noted the Building Arts Participation Program's Culminating Session has been scheduled for Thursday August 7, 2008 at Cumberland County College from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.

Ms. Watson mentioned she saw Vic Gilson who thanked her for the letter from the Commission.

Ms. Merighi mentioned that next week is the announcement of the New Jersey State Council on the Arts Award. Mr. Pisarski stated if anyone is interested in going to please let him know.

Mr. Pisarski noted there is a letter in everyone's packet from Carolyne Krull and he has not yet responded to the letter. The letter was sent on a Monday and that Tuesday Ms. Krull was released from her position. Mr. Pisarski stated Ms. Krull will serve through August 7, 2008. Mr. Pisarski suggests waiting until after August 7, 2008 to respond to the letter.

Correspondence

Mr. Pisarski provided hand outs for everyone to review at their leisure.

Adjournment

There being no further business a motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Jean Jones. The motion was seconded by Patt Gale and unanimously carried.

The next regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2008 at Ranch Hope in Salem County, New Jersey.