

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE
COMMISSION MINUTES**

July 19, 2011

Second floor conference room in Bridgeton, NJ 08302

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, July 19, 2011 at 3:30 PM., in the second floor conference room of the County Administration Building in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present:	Penny Watson	Suzanne Merighi
	John Garrison	Roy Kaneshiki
	Ella Boykin	Rich Bermudez

Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

Approval of Minutes – June 21, 2011

A motion was made to approve the minutes from June 21, 2011 by Penny Watson. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Merighi and passed unanimously.

Resolution 2011-01 Re-allocating Port Norris Historical Society re-grant

Port Norris Historical Society cannot use their 2011 regrant funds. The Commission received notification from the Mauricetown Historical Society of a project to list the Edward Compton House on the State and National Register of Historic Places. A resolution to reallocate funds has to go before the freeholder board. A motion was made to approve the re-allocation of the \$750 re-grant from the Port Norris Historical Society to the Mauricetown Historical Society by John Garrison. The motion was seconded by Ms. Watson and passed unanimously.

2012 Re-grant Program Guidelines and Application Discussion and Approval

The Commission received a draft copy of the Regrant Guidelines and Application in their packet. There are changes to the budget forms and on page five under the history section. Mr. Pisarski said there was some confusion on the budget forms from previous years. All the forms are located on the Cultural & Heritage website. Mr. Pisarski said the deadline has been extended until October for submission of re-grant applications. Ms. Merighi asked when the grants review panel meets. Mr. Pisarski stated they meet in November or December. Mr. Pisarski informed the Commission that there are three open seats on the grants review panel. He said it is a three year term and members cannot be affiliated with any regrant organization. Suzanne Merighi asked if there was a lot of advanced work that needs to be done. Mr. Pisarski said the panel

members will receive the applications 3-4 weeks before the meeting is held. Ms. Watson suggested adding Joan Berkey to the panel.

A motion was made to approve the guidelines and application by Ms. Merighi. The motion was seconded by Ella Boykin and passed unanimously.

Building History Participation Project – participant selection

Seven organizations were eligible to participate in the project. The three groups that responded were: Mauricetown Historical Society, Seabrook Education & Cultural Center and Millville Army Air Field Museum. Mr. Pisarski contacted New Sweden Farmstead and asked them if they wanted to participate since there was an opening. New Sweden will be faxing or emailing their application to Mr. Pisarski. Howard Green (programming) will be the first consultant the organizations meet with. Mr. Green will then forward his information to Nancy Moses (planning). Vicki Kramer (board governance) will be the last consultant the organizations meet with. Mr. Pisarski will inform the Commission when the meetings will be held. When all the meetings are complete everyone will meet to discuss the recommendations and barriers that were found.

East Point Artists' Day Update – Committee Meeting 7/21/11

A meeting will be held July 21st to discuss East Point Artists Day.

The Commission members packet has the list of the Officers, Members and what committee they serve on.

Cohansey RiverFest Plein Air Competition Update

A registration form for the Plein Air Competition is in the Commission members packets. It is free for artists to participate. Mr. Garrison asked who will judge the competition. Mr. Pisarski said Gallery 50 supplies the judge.

Liaison Reports

Roy Kaneshiki attended the Obon Festival. Mr. Kaneshiki said the Consulate attended and participated in dancing. Ms. Watson and Rich Bermudez also attended the festival. Mr. Pisarski said Kaz Boyd from the South Jersey Cultural Alliance (SJCA) was also at the festival.

Mr. Kaneshiki said he won first place in the senior art show.

Other Old/New Business

Mr. Pisarski informed the Commission that the Freeholders will be considering the West Jersey Time Traveler award at the freeholder meeting tonight. Once the project has been passed by the freeholders Mr. Pisarski will contact Loaded Media and Keith Wasserman to move forward. Mr. Pisarski said the first step is to collect the data on the 15 buildings.

Mr. Pisarski will be meeting with Diane Macris from Gloucester and Cindy Lambert from SJCA regarding a joint workshop for regrantees.

Ms. Watson commented that the National Park Service may drop the Coastal Heritage Trail. Ms. Watson suggested helping out Salem County in some way if that was to happen. Ms. Merighi asked if the Delaware Bayshore Discovery Project would be impacted by the loss of funding to the Coastal Heritage Trail. Ms. Watson said they would be affected.

Mr. Pisarski said Jean Jones received the flowers from the Commission and is recovering quickly.

Correspondence

Adjourn

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

The next regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011 in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.