

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**May 17, 2011**

**Freeholder meeting room in Bridgeton, NJ 08302**

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, May 17, 2011 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder Meeting room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

**Present:** Penny Watson            Suzanne Merighi  
              Patt Gale                 Jean Jones  
              Marianne Lods            Roy Kaneshiki  
              John Garrison           Ella Boykin  
              Flavia Alaya             Freeholder Fiocchi

Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner  
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

**Approval of Minutes – March 15, 2011**

A motion was made to approve the minutes from April 19, 2011 by Flavia Alaya. The motion was seconded by Penny Watson and passed unanimously.

**History Subcommittee Report – Flavia Alaya**

Ms. Alaya informed the Commission that several meetings were held to establish specific guidelines for history regrantees. Commission members received a copy of the guidelines in their packet. Matthew Pisarski said the amended guidelines are shaded. Ms. Alaya suggested that the Commission read through the changes and if they have any questions she would address them. Mr. Pisarski said the guidelines were amended so history organizations had some ideas on what they could apply for. Mr. Pisarski said the intent is to have a motion by the Commission to approve the language. The motion can be made now or the Commission can review the changes and make a motion at next month's meeting. Mr. Pisarski said once the Commission approves the language he will draft revised guidelines and applications for the new round. Ms. Alaya would like to add "public benefit" to the application. Patt Gale said there is similar wording in section three of the guidelines. Mr. Pisarski thanked Ms. Alaya and the History Committee. Mr. Pisarski said hopefully with these changes the General Operating Support (GOS) funding from the state will be increased. The Commission decided to table the motion until the June meeting.

**Cell Tower in Port Norris – Balloon Test**

The Commission received in their packets an impact analysis concerning the cell tower proposed for Port Norris. Mr. Pisarski had gotten word from property owners in Port Norris with concerns regarding the location of the tower. The Commission never received the section 106 review. A crane or balloon test will be done to identify the potential impact the tower will have. The test will consist of a balloon being raised 150' at the site of the tower. Then pictures will be taken from several locations where the Commission feels there are historic structures. The Port Norris Methodist Church and the Bivalve Shipping Sheds are the only two potentially significant

structures that are in the area of the cell tower. Mr. Pisarski does not think there will be any impact on either site. Mr. Pisarski stated he will let the Commission know when the balloon test will be done.

### **Building History Participation Project Update**

The Commission received \$18,000 in grant money to do the project. The project has been on hold because the county has not approved the budget. Mr. Pisarski plans on meeting with the consultants June 16. There are three consultants each with a different specialization.

- Vicki Kramer – Board Governance
- Howard Green – Programming
- Nancy Moses – Planning

### **Senior's Month Concert Recap – May 7, 2011**

The Commission received a list of seniors who took advantage of free tickets to the Bay Atlantic Symphony concert. Roy Kaneshiki commented that the concert was very well attended. John Garrison said Bay Atlantic Symphony appreciates having seniors in the audience. Mr. Garrison asked how much money the Commission gave to Bay Atlantic Symphony. Mr. Pisarski said the Commission provides \$1,000.

### **MAAFM Mural Unveiling Recap – May 12, 2011**

Mr. Pisarski informed the Commission the unveiling was well attended. The mural is on the side of the Big Sky Aviation building.

### **Colors of Hope Reception Recap – May 16, 2011**

Mr. Pisarski commented that the reception went well and the art work on the walls looks phenomenal. Suzanne Merighi said the idea was to give people utilizing the facility a lift in spirits. Ms. Merighi said it was nice hearing all the good things people had to say about “Colors of Hope” at the reception. Mr. Pisarski said an evaluation form is being discussed so they can monitor the impact the art will have on people visiting the cancer center. Ella Boykin asked if the press was invited. Mr. Pisarski informed the Commission that it was a private event.

### **Encore Awards – Thursday, May 19, 2011, 5:30 – 9:30 PM – Bally's A.C.**

Mr. Pisarski said the Commission has 17 people attending the awards dinner. Austin Gould will be receiving the Encore Award.

### **Liaison Reports**

Mr. Garrison attended Cinco de Mayo in Bridgeton. He said it was a fun event and well attended. The Jewish Federation has moved their film festival to August.

Ms. Boykin said one of her students thanked her for the Commission sponsoring the Wizard of Oz at the Landis Theater.

Ms. Gale said Bay Day will be June 11.

Marianne Lods informed the Commission that the Air Show will be held May 28 & 29.

Mr. Pisarski asked the Commission to check the calendar of events page on the Cultural & Heritage website and let him know of events that are not on there so they can be added.

Ms. Alaya asked Mr. Pisarski about the Artist Directory. She wanted to know if it was possible to see how the art work would look before you submitted to the website. Mr. Pisarski said after the art work is submitted the artist can see it on the website and if needed edits can be done.

Marianne Lods said a parade, festival and fireworks will take place on July 4 on the river in Millville. The parade starts at 10am with events going on all day.

Ms. Alaya informed the Commission that the City of Bridgeton will host an event called a “Taste of Bridgeton” on May 21 at 6pm.

### **Other Old/New Business**

Ms. Watson said the Governor announced N.J. Historic Trust grants for the following organizations: Millville Bank, Bridgeton City Hall and Bridgeton Library.

### **Correspondence**

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Alaya. The motion was seconded by Ms. Gale and passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Tuesday, June 21, 2011 in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.