

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**November 16, 2010**

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

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, November 16, 2010 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder Meeting room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

<b>Present:</b>	Penny Watson	Suzanne Merighi
	Patricia Gale	Jean Jones
	Flavia Alaya	Roy Kaneshiki
	John Garrison	Marianne Lods

Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner  
Jennifer Morgan, Recording Secretary

**Guest:** Renee Brecht, Millville Senior High School after School String Club Advisor  
Henry Hartman, Supervisor, Fine and Performing Arts Dept., Millville Schools

**Approval of Minutes – October 19, 2010**

A motion to approve the minutes from September 21, 2010 was made by Flavia Alaya. The motion was seconded by John Garrison and passed unanimously.

**Special Request – Millville String Club**

Renee Brecht and Henry Hartman from the Millville String Club submitted a special request in the amount of \$1,000. This club is extracurricular with the ultimate vision of implementing a full string program citywide for K – 12 grades. The string club is in its third year on the high school level. The program does not have enough instruments for students. The program runs on volunteers. Bay Atlantic Symphony has offered to partner with the string club on several programs. Matthew Pisarski said the Commission will discuss the request and get back to Ms. Brecht with the results. Mr. Pisarski said the commission does have funding for the special request. Roy Kaneshiki asked if the string club has to answer to anyone. Mr. Pisarski said all money goes through Millville School. A motion to approve the funding was made by Marianne Lods. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kaneshiki and passed unanimously.

**Budget Committee Recommendations – Approval of Budget**

The commission was given the 2011 proposed budget. The budget lists 2010 budgeted, 2010 actual and 2011 proposed. A category was added called Architecture Programming with a budget of \$500. Mr. Kaneshiki said the budget committee did a good job. Patricia

Gale asked about totals for 2010 and 2011. The projected line item is \$21,000. Flavia Alaya asked for clarification on total history funds. A motion to approve the budget was made by Ms. Lods. The motion was seconded by Penny Watson and passed unanimously.

### **Online Artists Directory**

Mr. Pisarski showed the commission the artist directory online. He went through the website to show the commission how it works. Letters were sent out to everyone that was in the previous artist directory. Mr. Pisarski asked Gallery 50 and Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts for email addresses for their artists. Ms. Lods said she will give Mr. Pisarski her list. Carol Smith is currently working on the newsletter which will feature the artist directory. Also, a press release will be done. Suzanne Merighi asked how long it will take to fill in the directory. Ms. Lods commented that it is hard to get artists to respond. Patricia Gale asked how the copyright works. Mr. Pisarski said at the moment they do not have anything in place. Ms. Merighi asked if there was a way to record number of hits. Mr. Pisarski will try to give a printout of data every quarter. Ms. Lods said you can list the website free of charge on Google places.

Mr. Pisarski informed the Commission if they have any pictures of events that they attend for the Cultural & Heritage Commission please forward them to him. He will try to get them on the website.

### **Nominations Committee**

Ms. Watson, Ms. Lods and Ms. Gale will be on the nominations committee. Everything can be done through email.

### **Liaison Reports**

Ms. Gale attend Disability Awareness Day. She was impressed with attendance. Ms. Alaya asked if Mayor Kelly attended. Ms. Gale responded that he did not.

Mr. Kaneshiki went to Millville Army Air Field Museum for the Veterans Day ceremony. Mr. Pisarski asked if there was acknowledgment that the Cultural & Heritage Commission provided funding. Mr. Kaneshiki responded that it was included in the announcements.

Ms. Ayala thanked the commission on behalf of Bridgeton Main Street for special funding they received. December 4<sup>th</sup> is the Bridgeton Holiday House Tour.

Ms. Lods said the 10<sup>th</sup> annual "Soul of the Season" is December 11<sup>th</sup>.

"Bank Notes and Books for Bridgeton: A History of 150 East Commerce Street" was written by Penny Watson and is available for purchase.

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

Ms. Ayala asked for suggestions on getting Mayor Kelly's attention on the barrier free playground in Bridgeton.

### **Correspondence**

A letter was sent to Alana Knorr regarding the proposed communications tower. The Cultural & Heritage Commission suggested a site that is several hundred feet south from the original proposed site. The City of Bridgeton owns the property. Ms. Watson suggested several other locations. Ms. Ayala raised the issue with the state office but has not heard back from them. Mr. Garrison asked if city council is aware of the proposal.

Mr. Pisarski sent a thank you letter to Steven Runk at the NJ State Council on the Arts for the 2011 local arts program award.

Ms. Lods sent in a thank you note for the flowers.

West Orange Energy Commission is requesting proposals from artists to design and paint plastic rain barrels. The rain barrels will be placed at all municipal buildings to catch and recycle rain water. Mr. Pisarski said maybe a similar project can be done with the Cumberland County Improvement Authority.

### **Adjourn**

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Ms. Lods. 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, December 21, 2010, in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.