

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 15, 2009  
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, September 15, 2009 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder Meeting room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

**Present:** Roy Kaneshiki  
Penny Watson  
Suzanne Merighi  
John Garrison  
Patricia Gale  
Flavia Alaya  
Ella Boykin  
Jean Jones

Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner  
Kim McCann, Recording Secretary

## **Approval of Minutes – August 18, 2009**

A motion to approve the minutes from August 18, 2009 was made by Suzanne Merighi. The motion was seconded by Patricia Gale and passed unanimously. Jean Jones abstained.

## **Resolution 2009-01: Approving ADA Plan 2010-2013**

Mr. Pisarski provided a draft document for the 2010-2013 ADA Plan. He noted he forwarded the plan to the ADA coordinator at the State Council on the Arts and he replied with a few minor comments suggesting additional goals.

A motion to approve the 2010-2013 ADA Plan was made by John Garrison. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Merighi and passed unanimously.

## **Special Request: Vineland Boys & Girls Club**

Chris Volker, Director for the Boys & Girls Club of Vineland, presented a request for special funding for a multi-cultural music festival "The Jam in the Park at Giampietro Park in Vineland." The event is scheduled to take place on October 25<sup>th</sup> and October 26<sup>th</sup> and will highlight jazz and pop musicians as well as food vendors, crafters and more. Mr. Volker said they are looking to get some good local acts and also have a venue for some of the young people to perform. Mr.

Volker presented the Commission with a copy of the budget for the project which totals \$1,953.00. Mr. Volker noted the festival is a free event. There is a rain date for the following weekend. Ms. Merighi asked Mr. Volker how many local students would be participating. He replied twenty to thirty students.

The Commission thanked Mr. Volker for his presentation and Mr. Pisarski stated he would contact him. The Commission discussed the special request. Patricia Gale made a motion to approve their special request to the amount of \$750.00. Flavia Alaya seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### **East Point Open House & Artists' Day – September 26, 2009**

Mr. Pisarski provided brochures for East Point Artists' Day to the Commission. He noted if anyone needs additional brochures to let him know as he has them readily available. Mr. Pisarski said press releases were sent out yesterday. Mr. Kaneshiki commented the brochures were a little difficult to read with the white writing on the light background. Mr. Pisarski noted he likes the lay out of the brochure and for next year may darken the blue background so the writing is more legible. Mr. Pisarski stated the sub-committee has done a great job this year putting the event together.

### **Website Revisions**

Mr. Pisarski noted he sent everyone an e-mail with the additions that have been made to the Commission's website. Under the plans and reports button he will add the ADA Plan and the Long Range Plan. He said there is still a lot of work that has to be done, for instance the pages that have the addresses and information for the organizations that needs updating.

### **Building Arts Participation Monitoring: October 28, 2009**

Mr. Pisarski noted last year the Commission had the Building Arts Participation program where five cultural non-profits worked with three consultants and part of that process was a twenty-four month monitoring program to determine if the work that was done in BAP led to changes in the governance of the organizations. Mr. Pisarski said it has been twelve months and in the work plan to the State Council it was indicated that the Commission would have some sort of assessment at the twelve month point. The Surveys have been sent out and he has received responses and the proposal is to have the three consultants come back for an afternoon session where there will be break out sessions with each of the five organizations to discuss with them the responses to the survey forms and determine if there are still areas that are in need of work.

Mr. Pisarski said in everyone's packet there are proposals from the three consultants; Margean Gladysz of MAG Net II, Allison Trimarco of Consulting for Non-Profits and Nancy Moses. These proposals are for participating in a three

hour session, having a conference call before hand of an hour and prep work for the three hour session. Mr. Pisarski noted he asked the consultants for quotes but did not specify how many hours they needed to commit to the session.

A motion was made by the Commission to accept the proposals of \$900.00 per consultant. The motion was passed unanimously.

### **Disability Awareness Day: October 17, 2009**

Mr. Pisarski noted this year's event will be held on Saturday October 17, 2009 at Cumberland County College. Mr. Pisarski said the Commission contributes \$2,000.00 for this event, and the Commission has a booth set up. The booth and the discussion revolve around the services that the re-grantee's provide to people with disabilities. He said an additional component this year is an instructor at the Barn Studio who is legally blind and has a program on her computer that magnifies painting surfaces so she can paint. The suggestion was for her to come to the Commission's booth and set up her computer so people attending the event can see an active disabled person producing art.

### **Liaison Reports**

Flavia Alaya visited the Gallery 50 opening and attended a Board meeting on Monday September 14, 2009.

John Garrison wanted to compliment Jean Jones on the outstanding notes she took on the recent Open Space Tour they shared. The following day he read the story Jean wrote for the newspaper and she did a wonderful job. He said he learned a lot just watching Jean work.

Ella Boykin attended the Commission's Grant Writing Workshop.

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

Patricia Gale said she was recently watching ESPN and there was a very nice ad for Salem County and thought maybe Cumberland County could tap into that also. Mr. Pisarski said tourism dollars fluctuate year in and year out and the County's More To Offer campaign was very active two or three years ago with commercials, radio ads and billboards. He noted this campaign has subsided but is sure it will pick back up at some point.

### **Correspondence**

Mr. Pisarski provided a letter from a consultant with N.J. Department of Transportation on the redesign of Rt. 49 at its intersection with Buckshutem Road, working to identify historic resources which could be impacted by the redesign. Mr. Pisarski has provided the consultant with data on Ferracute.

Mr. Pisarski provided a copy of an e-mail from Mary Rizzo from the NJ Council for the Humanities. He noted NJCH is looking for sites to host an exhibit. Mr. Pisarski said if there is an interest in pursuing this to let him know and if so he would reach out to them to see what other items would need to be considered.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 4:40 p.m.

The next regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.