

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

**April 9, 2002
3:30 PM**

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMPLEX COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Suzanne Merighi Patricia Gale
Jane Christy

Pam Griner, Sr. Planner
Kris Lemmonds, Secretary
Douglas Rainear, Freeholder
Michael Tofanelli

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, April 9, 2002, at 3:30 PM., in the Conference Room of the Cumberland County Library, Bridgeton, New Jersey. Only three members of the Commission were in attendance and therefore not enough to have a quorum on any issues brought up for a vote.

The February minutes were reviewed. However, a vote for approval of the minutes from February 2002 was not held.

Teen Arts Festival, April 19, 2002

The Teen Arts Reception will be held on April 19, 2002 at the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. There was a discussion about refreshments. There is a budget of \$700.00 for food for the evening.

Arts Patron Award Dinner

Fred Manders was proposed by Jane Christy as the Arts Patron Award Honoree. Ms. Griner will be conducting a phone approval from the Commission Members to accept Fred Manders as this year's recipient. Suzanne Merighi agreed to gather an invitation list from Mr. Mander's son.

Ms. Griner proposed The Cafe Centro, Martino's and The Paper Waiter as possible locations for the Arts Patron Award Dinner. The members in attendance agreed on The Cafe Centro as the location for the dinner. The dinner will be on Tuesday, June 11 at 6:00 pm.

New Jersey State Council on the Arts

Ms. Griner informed the Commission that the budget proposal has been made and there will be at least five percent cuts. The 25% for South Jersey is still going to be available. Ms. Griner also informed the Commission that the applications for the next three years' funding are due next week. Whatever funding is received for 2003 it will be the same amount of funding for 2004 and 2005. Those announcements will be made in July.

Old Business

Michael Tofanelli was present at the meeting today to set up a date and time for the Harlem Boys Choir Fall Concert Press Conference. Mr. Tofanelli suggested it be done on May 9, 2002.

Mr. Tofanelli was also present to discuss upgrading the quality of paper that is being used for the Commission's newsletter. Mr. Tofanelli proposed having the Commission do a full color newsletter rather than just a four color page. The additional cost would be approximately 750.00 per newsletter. If the Commission opted to not do a full color newsletter the cost would be approximately 375.00. The voting members in attendance voted to upgrade the paper.

Ms. Griner informed the members that the Cultural and Heritage website should be up and running now.

Ms. Griner informed the members that the County Book restoration project is still being pursued and it is just a matter of working out new dates to travel to Philadelphia.

New Business

Jane Christy informed the members that the Governor Stokes' Mausoleum was hit by lightning and the roof on it is split. The mausoleum has now shifted due to the crack in the roof. She asked Matt Pisarski for information on who might be able to repair the crack in the marble. She is asking the Commission for assistance in obtaining the money to repair the marble.

Suzanne Merighi suggested that perhaps before the next scheduled meeting that phone calls be made to the members of the Commission as a reminder. Due to the fact that the prior two scheduled meetings there were not enough members in attendance to have a quorum.

Michael Tofanelli suggested that perhaps it would be more convenient to have the press conference to announce the Harlem Boys Choir Concert at the next scheduled meeting of May 14, 2002. The members present agreed and the conference is scheduled for May 14 at 3:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Cultural and Heritage Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2002 at 3:30 pm in the County Freeholder Conference Room. Meeting adjourned at 4:15 pm.