

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

FEBRUARY 19, 2002
3:30 PM

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COMPLEX COUNTY LIBRARY CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Penny Watson, Chairman
Mel Brody
Marianne Lods
Jean Jones

Patricia Gale
Austin Gould
Jane Christy

Pam Griner, Sr. Planner
Kris Lemmonds, Temporary Secretary
Kimberly Woods, Marketing/Economic Development

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, February 19, 2002, at 3:30 PM., in the Conference Room of the Cumberland County Library, Bridgeton, New Jersey. Penny Watson called the meeting to order and read the opening statement in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Penny Watson called for approval of the July 10, 2001 minutes. Members wanted to listen to the tape of the meeting regarding the discussion of the Cumberland County Book before approving those minutes. Penny Watson then called for approval of the January 8, 2002 minutes. Penny had one correction to those minutes. She wanted the \$1,000.00 one time fee for the Calendar of Events to be clarified. The \$1,000.00 one time fee is for the set up of the Calendar of Events so it can be updated by the client administrator. A motion to approve the minutes with that clarification was made by Mel Brody, seconded by Austin Gould and passed unanimously.

Pam Griner introduced Deputy Freeholder Jeffrey Trout and Freeholder Douglas Rainear to the Commission Members.

2002 Teen Arts Festival - March 27

Pam Griner announced that the 2002 Teen Arts Festival would be held on Wednesday, March 27, 2002 at Cumberland County College and will begin at approximately 8:30 AM. Also, this year an additional event will also be held at the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts. The art taken down after the Teen Arts Festival will be on display for a month starting at the beginning of April. On Friday, April 19th there will be an Evening Teen Arts reception.

Long Range Plan - adoption

Jean Jones motioned to accept the Long Range Plan. Mel Brody seconded the motion and passed unanimously.

Cultural and Heritage Commission website

Pam Griner advised the members that the website should be available by the end of February. As soon as she is able to enter the information she has received from the Artists and Cultural Organizations into an Excel format, Sean Tomlin can then translate that informatin into the website.

Update on the Harlem Boys Choir Concert

Michael Tofanelli was present to give the members an update. The Harlem Boys Choir has been secured for Saturday, October 19, 2002. At this point the concert seems to be within their budgetary range as other past performances but it may still be negotiated lower. The ticket prices haven't been set as of yet but a suggested price of \$30.00 wouldn't be unreasonable. Mel Brody suggested that the Commission not give away tickets to this event including to the Commission. The Commission discussed various ways to secure scholarship funding to provide tickets to students. Perhaps through sponsors who would like to lend their name to this event. Kim Wood informed the Commission that Gerard Velasquez, of the Empowerment Zone would try to help through the banks.

Marianne Lods asked if the Boys Choir would come into town early to perhaps do a conversation. Michael Tofanelli stated that the Boys Choir had not been very receptive to that request but he would keep trying.

Michael Tofanelli also brought a mock up of the newsletter for the Spring issue for the members to preview. Michael asked the members if they had any other items they would like to see in this newsletter. Jane Christy suggested the Millville Bicentennial being held on March 23rd be included. Marianne Lods mentioned the weekend of May 4 and May 5 is the Wings & Wheels featuring the Air Force Thunderbirds could also be included. Penny Watson suggested mentioning the website in that issue.

South Jersey Cultural Alliance - Paul Aitken Encore Awards

Pam Griner reminded the members that the awards would be on the same day as their next scheduled meeting. Jane Galetto would be this year's recipient. Marianne Lods stated she would be attending. Mel Brody would also be there.

Old Business

Mel Brody asked for an update on the Cumberland County Book. Pam Griner gave a brief overview of the history of the Cumberland County Book that was being written by Barbara Bruno. Penny Watson stated that she may be able to take up the job of writing the Cumberland County Book.

New Business

Jane Christy suggested Fred Manders as Cultural and Heritage Honoree this year. This will be discussed at the March meeting.

Penny Watson asked the Commission to write a letter of support for the T21 Grant. Marianne Lods motioned the Commission write the letter. Jane Christy seconded and passed unanimously.

Pam Griner and Penny Watson will be going to Philadelphia to inquire about the cost to preserve the Cumberland County Records. They should be able to bring that information to Commission at the next scheduled meeting.

Penny Watson mentioned that the County Register of Historical Buildings does not contain all the buildings that are on the State and National Registers. She believed that they should all coincide. Pam Griner informed the members that Matt Pisarski is now working on obtaining the information needed to have the County Register coincide with the State and National Registers.

The next meeting of the Cultural and Heritage Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, March 12, 2002 at 3:30 PM at the County Administration Building.

Meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM. Motion to adjourn was made by Patricia Gale, seconded by Austin Gould and passed unanimously.