

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE  
COMMISSION MINUTES**

**January 13, 2004  
FREEHOLDER MEETING ROOM  
BRIDGETON**

**Present:**                   Joë Polhamus                   Suzanne Merighi  
                                  Jean Jones                     Mel Brody

Freeholder Director Douglas Rainear  
Pam Weintraub, Sr. Planner  
Steve Kehs, Planning Director  
Kris Lemmonds, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, January 13, 2004 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

**Approval of Minutes**

A motion was made by Mel Brody to approve the minutes from December 2003 with two minor changes made. Motion was seconded by Jean Jones and passed unanimously.

**2004 Meeting Dates – updated**

Ms. Weintraub informed the Commission that the 2004 meeting dates have been revised. At the prior meeting the dates had been changed due to Austin Gould being appointed as President to the Cumberland County College Board of Trustees. His term will last until November 2004. Mr. Gould has requested to withdraw from the Commission and have someone appointed in his position and fill out his term. He would like to reserve the option of coming back and serving on the Commission.

Ms. Weintraub will be approaching Freeholder Director Douglas Rainear and the Freeholder Board concerning replacing Austin Gould. Ms. Weintraub has informed the Commission that Pat Gale will be unable to attend the Commission meetings due to her teaching schedule.

**Raptor Festival – table at festival discussion**

Ms. Weintraub asked the commission if they would like to participate as an exhibitor at the Raptor Festival. The table would have a children's craft to make. Jean Jones made a motion for the Cultural and Heritage Commission to have a table at the February 7, 2004 Winter Raptor Festival. Motion was seconded by Mel Brody and passed unanimously. Ms. Weintraub asked for volunteers. Suzanne Merighi volunteered to work at the children's craft table.

**Old Business**

Ms. Weintraub informed the Commission that a grant was received from the NJ Historical Commission to regrant to local historical groups. The 2004 award was \$15,000.00 and will be used for General Operating Support expenses for regrant organizations.

Ms. Weintraub asked if the Commission would like to apply for 2005 funding from the NJ Historical Commission. Joe Polhamus made a motion that the Cultural and Heritage Commission apply for 2005 funding. Motion was seconded by Jean Jones and passed unanimously.

Jean Jones inquired about the 4<sup>th</sup> grade history book. Ms. Weintraub informed the members that Penny Watson was reviewing the document and would be getting back to the Commission.

Ms. Weintraub updated the commission on the status of the county record books. The next step is to have the books photographed before they can leave the county office. Mel Brody asked if the County Books being preserved had to be digitally photographed twice. Ms. Weintraub explained that when the other company does the photographs they will actually be preserved and back to more of their original state and be easier to read. Ms. Weintraub will look into possibly only requiring the photographs to be done once. Ms. Kehs informed the members that the photographs would be done in house. If the photographs are of good quality perhaps they would only need to be done once.

#### **New Business**

Ms. Weintraub informed the Commission that the work on the Cultural Plan outline will begin in February.

The Aiken Awards Dinner has been changed from March to May 12, 2004. Suzanne Merighi inquired if a second award would then be necessary. The general consensus among the members is that one award would be fine.

A motion was made by Jean Jones to cancel the June award dinner meeting and just have a regular meeting. Motion was seconded by Mel Brody and passed unanimously.

Suzanne Merighi inquired about the tourism map highlighting Cultural sites. Mr. Kehs informed the members that the GIS department was working on possibly developing an interactive map.

Due to not having a quorum present Jean Jones made a motion to vote on the minutes, children's table and historic grant application with members in attendance pending a proxy phone vote. Motion was seconded by Mel Brody and passed unanimously.

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 10, 2004 in The Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts in Millville, NJ. A motion to adjourn was made by Jean Jones. Motion was seconded by Mel Brody and passed unanimously.