

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

June 13, 2006
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, June 13, 2006 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder meeting room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Present: Penny Watson
Patricia Gale
Jean Jones
Suzanne Merighi
Roy Kaneshiki
Freeholder Director Douglas Rainer
Freeholder Jane Christy
Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner
De'Ann James, Recording Sec.

Approval of Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from May 9, 2006 was made by Penny Watson. The motion was seconded by Roy Kaneshiki.

ADA Plan – Resolution 2006-04

Mr. Pisarski informed the commission that the ADA Plan received a 2A, which means “needs improvement”, from the initial submission to the NJ Council on the Arts. There have been additions made to the ADA Plan to hopefully improve the status of the ADA Plan.

The Resolution to adopt the ADA Plan indicates that the commission makes every good faith effort to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. The Commission must comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act to receive funds from the State Council on the Arts.

A motion to approve resolution #2006-04 was made by Roy Kaneshiki. The motion was seconded by Suzanne Merighi and passed unanimously.

Report on Encore Awards

The Encore Awards were held Wednesday, May 10 at Bally's in Atlantic City. John Fuyuume was the recipient of the 2006 Encore Award, and he and his wife enjoyed themselves. Matt Pisarski noted that he received a copy of the newsletter for the Seabrook Cultural Center with an article on John Fuyuume. Jean Jones added that the article on John Fuyuume in the Commission's Newsletter was very nicely done.

Newsletter

Matt Pisarski informed the Commission that he received an email from Dr. Michael Zuckerman who commented on how nice the Newsletter looked this time. Carol Smith of Prestige Publications did all the articles and some of the photographs herself. Freeholder Jane Christy asked for her name to be added to the Newsletter. Matt Pisarski noted that we also have to add the More to Offer Logo to the Newsletter.

Report on Teen Arts Festival & Reception

The Teen Arts Festival was held Friday, May 12 in Millville from 8:00 am – 2:00 pm. There were 15 schools and about 300 to 350 students attending this year's festival. The festival went extremely well, it ran on almost on automatic with everyone being pre-registered and pre-scheduled. The festival was greatly expanded and the teacher's liked everything being centrally located. The festival came in over budget by about \$1,000.00. The brochure was paid for by the Millville Arts District. Additional workshops were added and more space in the tents will be needed next year. A workshop that kids would like to see in addition, to those offered is Ceramics.

The Teen Arts Reception was held on a 3rd Friday, May 19, 2006 from 6:00 pm – 9:00 pm, at the Riverfront Renaissance Center for the Arts. The Reception went extremely well. Wheat Road Deli provided the food for the reception.

Cultural Plan Implementation Team Updates

Team 1 – Cultural Institutions, Programs & Events

Jean Jones reported that ^S~~Suzanne~~ Gogan has twice scheduled additional meetings. There has only been 1 meeting and only 2 people attended.

Team 2 – Infrastructure and Visitor Amenities

No Report

Team 3 – Marketing & Outreach

No Report

Team 4 – Partnership

No Report

Team 5 – Resources & Fundraising

The Funding group is meeting again for the 3rd time.

Team 6 – Board Growth & Participation

No Report

Other Items

HOME Investment Letter

Triad Associates sent a letter to the Commission requesting comments on the HOME Investment Partnership Program. The Vineland-Millville-Bridgeton-Fairfield HOME Consortium will soon be submitting their proposed activities for use of FY2006 HOME Investment Partnership funds to the Department of Housing and Urban Development. The letter does not state where or what kind of activities they will be doing. Matt Pisarski responded with a letter on behalf of the Cultural & Heritage Commission stating that the Commission has reviewed this project and based on current assessment activities as provided by Rebecca J. Moreland of Triad Associates, the commission is not able at this time to accurately determine the impacts these projects will have on historic properties in the participating municipalities.

A motion to approve the response letter to Ms. Dorothy Guzzo, Deputy State Historic Preservation Officer, was made by Penny Watson. The motion was seconded by Patricia Gale and passed unanimously.

Quaker meeting letter of support

Last year the Commission provided a recommendation letter for the Site Management Grant Application submitted on behalf of the Greenwich Quaker Meeting applied for. This year the Quaker Meeting is applying for a Capital Preservation Grant. The Commission was asked to write another letter of support for the new application.

A motion to send the Quaker Meeting letter of support was made by Suzanne Merighi. The motion was seconded by Patricia Gale and passed unanimously.

Adjournment

There being no further business Patricia Gale made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Penny Watson and passed unanimously.

The next meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 2006 in the Freeholder Meeting Room in Bridgeton, New Jersey.