

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 10 , 1998

3:30 P.M.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Present:

Jean Jones	Joseph Polhamus
Austin Gould	Penny Watson
Patricia Gale	Suzanne Merighi
Mel Brody	Sunkie Oye

Freeholder Chuck Griffiths

Kim Wood, Director
Nancy Cannone, Secretary

The meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was called to order on Tuesday, November 10, 1998, at 3:30 p.m., in the Freeholder Meeting Room, County Administration Building, by Chairperson Penny Watson.

Because of an oversight in mailing out the Minutes of the October 13, 1998, they will be approved at the December meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

CEMETERY TOUR: Freeholder Chuck Griffiths reported on the "Buried in New Jersey" cemetery tour stating that "it was a wonderful, wonderful event with Bob Francois acting as the tour guide and Mimi Peterson as his assistant." He further stated that 50 people went on the tour bus (although two buses could easily could have been filled) The tour started at the Broad Street Cemetery in Bridgeton and visited 16 historic burial grounds in all, with the group stopping for lunch at the Paper Waiter in Millville. The best stops he felt were the ones where the "host" of the cemetery would meet the group and relate interesting bits of information about that particular cemetery. Mr. Griffiths stated that it was a mixed group of older, younger, teachers, etc., and everyone enjoyed the tour and would like to see it done again.

CHILDREN'S BOOK: Director Wood reported that she spoke with Richard Geiger, the County's legal counsel in reference to the Children's Book. Mrs. Wood read to the Commission a letter she had just received from Ms. Bruno. She also spoke with Barbara Bruno this morning and began her conversation stating that it was a lot of information to digest, everyone including several teachers have reviewed it, there seems to be several factual errors, but the biggest problem is the flow and the content, After a lengthy discussion it was decided that Chairman Watson volunteered to try to

contact some people involved in history in other parts of the State to see if there is someone who writes for children and would be willing to take over the project.

Mel Brody asked if someone is found who would take over the project, how would they be paid? Would that be an additional cost? Would the money be paid out of Barbara Bruno's fee? Director Wood stated that was a question the County legal counsel would have to answer.

CULTURAL PROGRAM: Director Wood met with Jean Doremus of the Vineland School System who is very excited about the cultural programming for Vineland schools. She will help guide us. One of the biggest projects will be a "Share the World" artists residency program. Mrs. Doremus feels that six grade would be the best age for this program. The problem is that there are over 600 sixth graders in several different buildings in the Vineland School system. As we will be limited in the number of classes we can do, we probably will be doing two each year - along with the evening performances - continuing next year with two more classes from a different school. This will make it the long term project that the State Arts Council wants to see.

NEW JERSEY HISTORIC COMMISSION: This Organization visited the County on November 4th, met in the Administration Building and held a grant writing workshop. The attendance was small but it was a very good workshop. The workshop also gave Mrs. Wood an opportunity to talk to Dick Waldren about a lot of the things this Commission is doing, and some of the types of projects we might like to get funded. Down the road we may be able to get some funding for the book, and perhaps a coloring book on a County level, like the one Jean Doremus has for Vineland.

NEW BUSINESS:

THREE YEAR BLOCK GRANT APPLICATION: Director Wood asked members to look over their copies of New Jersey State Council on the Arts "Draft Guidelines for County Arts Organizations for Grant Applications for FY 2000. This would be the new Block Grant Application and Guidelines. The State Association of Cultural and Historic Agency's will meet on November 17th in Somerset County with the State Arts Council to review the Guidelines, take complaints, comments, etc.. If you have any comments, please get them to Kim so she can take them to the meeting.

ACTING SECRETARY: The Director suggested that Acting Secretary Nancy Cannone be officially named as Commission Secretary. A motion to this effect was made by Jean Jones, seconded by Mel Brody and passed unanimously.

TRULLINGER HOUSE: Chairperson Watson brought to the attention of the Commission that the late 1600's Trullinger House which is under the eagles nest in Stow Creek, probably the oldest house in Cumberland County, may be sold to Green Acres. If this does happen it is really important that some protection be put on this house. The New Jersey Historic Trust talked to Tim Brill and say they may have some

money available for a National Register nomination for around \$3,000.00. The Chairperson suggested that this would be a good thing for the Commission to spearhead.

Nothing can be done until this house becomes property of the State, and then the designation can be pursued. Chairperson Watson will make calls to the Historic Trust to see what money might be available for this project.

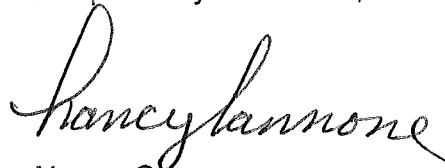
Director Wood pointed out that if the Commission gets involved and pursues a grant and it is made to the Cultural & Heritage Commission there will have to be a Freeholder's Resolution to approve the application.

ART SHOW AT EAST POINT: The Director will begin work on the outside art show at East Point Light House in the Spring of 1999.

SEABROOK EDUCATIONAL AND CULTURAL CENTER: Mrs. Wood commented that the Seabrook Educational and Cultural Center has been selected for a Historic Commission Award for their work in their museum. None of the members can make the ceremony on December 5th in Ewing so Freeholder Griffiths, Freeholder Peterson and Director Wood will accept the award for the Organization.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nancy Cannone,
Secretary