

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

November 12, 2002
3:30 PM

CUMBERLAND COUNTY FREEHOLDERS CONFERENCE ROOM

Present: Suzanne Merighi Jean Jones
 Patricia Gale Joseph Polhamus
 Austin Gould Mel Brody

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

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, November 12, 2002, at 3:30 PM., in the Cumberland County Administration Building, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Suzanne Merighi, called for a motion to vote on the minutes from October 2002. Suzanne had one minor change to the minutes. Suzanne wanted clarification that she requested that the book be preserved and put on microfilm or be digitally reproduced. Joseph Polhamus motioned to accept the minutes and was seconded by Austin Gould and passed unanimously with that change.

Harlem Boys Choir Recap

Ms. Griner expressed her appreciation and thanks to Austin Gould and the rest of the Commission for the suggestion to bring the Harlem Boys Choir to the county. She thanked them for helping to bring an event to the county that brought out a diverse audience to the performance.

An evening with the Bacon Brothers

Ms. Griner reported that the Bacon Brothers concert has been confirmed for December 18, 2002 at 8:00 pm at Cumberland County College. The concert is a co-sponsored event with the Bridgeton Tourist Association. Tickets for the performance are \$35.00 and an allotment of 15 has been given to the Commission.

New Business

Ms. Merighi brought up a letter she received from Bob Novick regarding the "La Boheme" opera. Ms. Merighi stated that Cumberland College has expressed an interest in partnering with the Commission to do that on a yearly basis. She also received a second letter from Frank Demaio expressing an interest to partner with the Commission to help promote it and make it part of the Celebration of the Italian American Heritage Month.

Mr. Brody stated that the College had expressed to him that they believed that partnering with the Italian American Club would not be a good idea. It should not be promoted as an Italian event.

Ms. Griner received a call from Hugh McCauley asking for a letter of support to be sent to the NJ Historic Sites Council regarding the Val Mode building demolition. The Commission members took a few minutes to read through the material Ms. Griner handed out. The demolition is being done as part of a rehabilitation project for the oldest buildings and then reusing it as office space and senior housing. Mr. Brody motioned that the Commission offer a letter of support and seconded by Joseph Polhamus and passed unanimously.

Ms. Griner asked the Commission to vote on whether to have a meeting in December. Austin Gould motioned that it was not necessary to have a meeting unless something arose and seconded by Pat Gale and passed unanimously.

Meeting Schedule for 2003

The meetings are held on the 2nd Tuesdays of each month on the following dates:

January 14, 2003	July 8, 2003
February 11, 2003	August 12, 2003
March 11, 2003	September 9, 2003
April 8, 2003	October 14, 2003
May 13, 2003	November 18, 2003 subject to change
June 10, 2003	December 9, 2003

Old Business

Mr. Brody had a call from Penny Watson to ask Ms. Griner what is happening with the website. Ms. Griner will look into the matter and report back to the Commission. Mr. Brody also expressed promoting the website and the calendar more.

The next meeting of the Cultural and Heritage Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2002 at 3:30 pm, if necessary, in the County Library Meeting Conference Room. A motion to adjourn was made by Joe Polhamus and seconded by Austin Gould and passed unanimously.