

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

OCTOBER 9, 2001
3:30 P.M.

CUMBERLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

Present: Jane Christie Jean Jones
 Suzanne Merighi Marianne Lods
 Joe Polhamus Penny Watson

Freeholder Harold Johnson
Pam Griner, Sr. Planner
Jennifer Morgan, Temporary Secretary

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, October 9, 2001, at 3:30 p.m., in the Freeholder Meeting Room, in the County Administration Building, Bridgeton, New Jersey. Penny Watson called the meeting to order and read the opening statement in accordance with the provisions of Open Public Meeting Act.

The Ms. Watson called for approval of the September 11, 2001 Minutes. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Suzanne Merighi, seconded by Joe Polhamus, and passed unanimously.

LONG RANGE PLAN

The approval of the long range plan has been postponed due to the fact that the budget has to be completed first. The budget is due in Trenton Monday, October 15, 2001. Ms. Griner suggested two ideas to complete the long range plan. The first option was to submit letters to Jennie Ayers. The second option is to get together as a group. If you chose to get together as a group the two dates to chose from are Saturday, Nov. 3rd., 10am - 12pm or Nov. 14th., 7pm - 9pm. Everyone agreed to tentatively set the meeting for Nov. 14.

NEWSLETTER

Ms. Griner asked if anyone had any suggestions for the December 1st. newsletter. Several suggestions were made: Christmas parades, Christmas exhibition at Wheaton Village, Millville Arts District is doing "Soul of the Season", George Winston concert, Liz Lerman Dancers and how different religions celebrate the December holidays.

GEORGE WINSTON CONCERT

The concert will be held Tuesday, Dec. 11th at 8pm at the Cumberland County College. The Commission will be given 10 tickets. If you feel you need extra tickets please let Pam Griner know and she will see what can be arranged. The tickets are selling for \$25.00 a piece.

2001 BUDGET

There are four balances left in the account with an additional \$3,000 from the Cultural Funding Budget which usually goes to the Artist Residence and the Night of Stars. The Lenni Lanape Indians submitted a request for \$3,000 for there Then and Now Symposium. A motion made by Marianne Lods and second by Suzanne Merighi and passed unanimously for funding the Lenni Lanape Indians. County on Canvas asked for \$1,000. Suzanne Merighi made a motion to fund the event seconded by Joe Polhamus passed unanimously. The George Winston Concert asked for \$5,000 to support the event. A motion to support the event was made by Suzanne Merighi and seconded by Marianne Lods and passed unanimously. Army Air Field Museum requested \$550.00 for a jazz band to play at there reunion. A motion to approve the request was made by Jane Christy and seconded by Jean Jones and passed unanimously. Marianne Lods obstained. Irish Artist Workshop asked for \$2,000 to help fund their project. A motion was made by Mr. Polhamus and seconded by Ms. Merighi and passed unanimously to help fund to project. Ms. Lods obstained.

2002 BUDGET

The Commission received \$45,000 from the state for Cultural Funding. The money received from this grant has to be used in the city of Vineland. Marianne Lods questioned why it has to be used in the city of Vineland. Kim Wood said that Vineland is considered a UCC District (Urban Coordinating Community) along with Camden and Atlantic City. The state wanted Vineland to capitalize on the cultural aspects of the city. Jane Christy commented that she would like to see artists for the entire county come together for a showing. Kim Wood suggested talking to Greg Hambleton at Cumberland County College. Mr. Hambleton offers a program for artist through his own funding. At the present time North Italy Club and The Jewish Federation has not submitted a letter for any funding. The remaining funds will go as follows:

Vineland Public Schools	\$15,000.00
Night of Stars	\$17,000.00
Liz Lerman	\$5,000.00
North Italy Club	\$4,000.00
Jewish Federation	\$4,000.00

A motion to approve funding was made by Marianne Lods and seconded by Jane Christy, and passed unanimously.

RE-GRANT APPLICATIONS

The Grant Review Board met last Monday. A handout was given to Commission members to show what organization's requested funds for the year 2002. Ms. Griner asked if members would like to go through each organization or go by what the review board agreed on. Members agreed to go by what to review board suggested. Pam Griner let the everyone know that there were two new grant review board members Judy Perez & Rev. Derek Gatling. She said they were wonderful and very well prepared. Ms. Griner said that this year two more members will be retiring and they will need to be replaced. A motion was made to approve the Re-Grant Applications by Jean Jones and seconded by Marianne Lods and passed anonymously.

BLOCK GRANTS

A handout was given for the proposed general operating budget for 2002. Teen Arts Festival \$11,000, for the Festival the price is going up because not only are we doing the festival we are holding a reception. A motion to approve funding for the Festival reception was made by Suzanne Merighi and seconded by Jean Jones. Fall Concert \$15,000, Older Americans Month \$1,800, the ticket prices went up for the Bay Atlantic Symphony. Grant writing workshop \$600, the only technical assistance workshop given for nonprofits, East Point Artists Day \$3,000. Humanities Month \$1,000, Marketing \$13,000, the newsletter price is higher because we have to supply the paper. Postage \$6,000, Memberships \$300. Total proposed spending is \$53,400. Actual amount to spend is \$56,320, with a \$5,000 contingency. Pam Griner is unsure about Friends of Teen Arts if they are still going to contribute a \$1,000. A motion was made to approve the blocks by Marianne Lods and seconded by Joe Polhamus.

PROPOSALS

The Puerto Rican Action Committee is looking for help funding there Latin American Month Celebration. They are asking for \$5,000. For the amount of money they are asking for Kim Wood asked what is Cumberland County getting out of it? Pam Griner informed everyone that for one day the artists would be at Cumberland County College. For the exhibit there will be a carver, a weaver and a musician. Ms. Wood suggested to ask for more information before agreeing to the \$5,000. Jane Christy would like to see a better comment to the county.

Jean Jones wanted to know if Larry Carlton gave a musical workshop for students before the concert. Pam Griner stated she would check into it.

Ms. Griner said that the workshops are part of the long range plan, they can be fit in as the year goes on.

Cumberland County on Canvas has not submitted any paper work for 2002. But, it is possible they will next year.

The Vintage Baseball Exhibition Penny Watson stated that all they asked for was lunch.

For the Artist Directory Pam Griner said the Historical Commission recommended for the Commission to apply for funds to do a Cultural and Historical Long Range Plan. And for the following year apply for funds to do the Artist Directory.

Joe Polhamus asked if anything was done for the vocal arts on a student level. Ms. Griner said the Teen Arts has a musical component.

Suzanne Merighi suggested doing a workshop for students applying for college. The workshop would consist of helping students making a portfolio.

The next meeting of Culture & Heritage Commission is scheduled for November 13th.

There being no further business on motion by Suzanne Merighi, seconded by Penny Watson, the meeting was adjourned at 4:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Morgan
Temporary Secretary