

CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

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**October 12, 2004
3:30 PM**

FREEHOLDER MEETING ROOM BRIDGETON

Present: Patricia Gale Suzanne Merighi
Jean Jones Penny Watson
Beverly Hughes Judy Price
Joe Polhamus

Freeholder Dir. 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, October 12, 2004 at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder Meeting Room, Bridgeton, New Jersey

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Penny Watson to approve the minutes September 14, 2004. The motion was seconded by Patricia Gale and passed unanimously.

County Arts Program

In the meeting packets that were mailed by Ms. Weintraub, there was a list of the organizations recommended for funding for the 2005 grant program. All groups that applied for funding received something. The arts groups received \$120,000.00 in funding from the county. Only two history groups submitted applications, they were awarded \$15,000.00. See attached.

Patricia Gale made a motion to accept the Grant Review Board recommendations. The motion was seconded by Penny Watson and passed unanimously.

Upcoming Dates

Cultural Festival

The festival is Saturday, October 16, 2004 at 7:00 pm at Cumberland County College. So far 275 tickets have been requested. After the performances, there will be a reception with desserts and hors d'oeuvres representing the cultures in the county. Ms. Weintraub thanked Suzanne Merighi and Kim Wood for all of their help to make the event a success.

Cultural Festival - Art Commissioned

A Request for Proposals was sent out in August but there have been no responses. There was a discussion among the commission members regarding why there was no response. The amount being paid is \$4,000.00. Pat Gale thought that perhaps the artists didn't want to have specific artistic limits placed upon their work. Beverly Hughes agreed with Ms. Gale. Ms. Hughes also stated that the instruction to the artist should be clear and with a specific time limit. The artist should be given room to be creative while having their art show the cultural diversity of the County.

Ms. Weintraub suggested tabling this issue until the next scheduled meeting in November.

April 2005 - Governor's Conference on the Arts

The Governor's Conference that had been scheduled for December 2004 has been rescheduled for April 2005. Information will be sent directly to commission members' homes.

Unfinished Business

At the meeting in September Suzanne Merighi asked for feedback from the Commission regarding limiting the maximum amount of discretionary funds that are given to any group or organization. Amounts of \$500.00 to \$1,000.00 had been proposed. An amount of \$1,000.00 was the consensus among the commission members. See attached guidelines.

A motion to adopt the limit of \$1,000.00 as the maximum amount of discretionary funds that could be given to any group or organization was made by Patricia Gale, seconded Penny Watson and passed unanimously.

Ms. Merighi thanked the members of her committee for working on the guidelines.

County on Canvas

The Cumberland County Recreation Commission will be holding the County on Canvas Art Contest in October. The artwork will be displayed at Gallery 50 during the month of November.

New Business

The nominating committee made up of Penny Watson, Jean Jones and Beverly Hughes presented the proposed list 2005 Slate of Officers.

2005 Proposed Slate of Officers

Co-Chairpersons - Patricia Gale

Jean Jones

Vice-Chairperson - Suzanne Merighi

Treasurer - Penny Watson

Secretary - Marianne Lods

A formal vote will done at the November 9, 2004 meeting.

Ms. Weintraub reported that David Warner of the Levoy Theatre was requesting a letter of support. Ms. Weintraub read the proposed letter to the Cultural Trust.

A motion to accept the letter of support was made by Beverly Hughes, seconded by Penny Watson and passed unanimously.

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 9, 2004 at the Riverfront Renaissance Arts Center in Millville, NJ. A motion to adjourn was made by Penny Watson, seconded by Judy Price and passed unanimously.