

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL & HERITAGE COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**September 12, 2000**

**3:30 P.M.**

**CUMBERLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

**Present:**

Austin Gould	Suzanne Merighi
Marianne Lods	Jean Jones
Pat Gale	Joe Polhamus

Freeholder Bob Smith  
Kim Wood, Director  
Pam Griner, Sr. Planner  
Nancy Cannone, Secretary

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, September 12, 2000, at 3:30 p.m., in the Freeholders Meeting Room, in the County Administration Building, Bridgeton, New Jersey. Vice Chairperson Suzanne Merighi called the meeting to order and read the opening statement in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meeting Act.

Mrs. Merighi called for approval of the August 8, 2000 Minutes. A motion to approve the Minutes was made by Joseph Polhamus, seconded by Austin Gould, and passed unanimously.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**GRANT REVIEW PANEL DETERMINATION:** Pam Griner reported that the Grant Review Panel met on September 11th to review and recommend the applications for arts funding. She stated that a total of 22 groups applied for a total of \$384,005.00 in requests. However the Commission only received \$94,000.00 from the NJ State Council on the Arts, so the Committee had many difficult decisions to make. Ms. Griner passed out sheets showing the 16 groups that received funding - the amounts they asked for and the amounts allotted to each. She noted that the amounts funded this year are less than the funded amounts last year, and reminded Commission members that last year's funding amounts were based on an 18 month schedule, and this year they are being funded on the 12 month calendar year schedule.

Mrs. Wood reported that it was one of the most difficult panel meetings she had ever participated in. The panel worked very hard, and the two new panelists Frank Duffy and Terry Pickett did their homework and were very helpful in making the evening move along.

Commission members asked what the difficult parts were and Mrs. Wood replied that finding the correct percentages to reduce each groups amount was very difficult. It was decided to look at the amount each group received last year and reduced it by 1/3.

Mrs. Wood noted that the Panel was quite critical of the applications this year. Some organizations were cut from funding this year. The organizations and the reason they were not funded was listed on a blue sheet passed out to CCC&HC members. Letters will be sent to these applicants. There is an appeal process that applicants can go through if they have been denied, however, they may not introduce any new information.

HISTORICAL RE-GRANT PROGRAM: Director Wood also applied for Historical Agency Re-Grant funds reported Ms. Griner. \$10,545.00 was requested and \$10,000.00 was funded. All of the four programs were very eligible and the Board reduced each by the same percentage. Listed below is a breakdown of the funding:

<u>Applicant</u>	<u>Amount Requested</u>	<u>Amount Recommended</u>
Jewish Historical Society of S. Jersey	\$4,000.00	\$3,850.00
Maurice River Historical Society	\$2,475.00	\$2,300.00
Maurice River Village Preservation Assoc.	\$3,760.00	\$3,550.00
Millville Historical Society	\$ 310.00	\$ 300.00

A motion was made by Austin Gould, seconded by Jean Jones, and passed unanimously to approve the recommendations of the Grant Review Panel.

BANNERS - DISCLAIMER: Mrs. Wood reported that she and Pam Griner have discussed the Commission's desire to have any organization who receives funding from the CCC&HC hang the Commissions banner during the event. They both agreed that this was going to be very difficult to control. The Director suggested two alternatives:

- A. As a part of the Grant application - and the Contract - the organization will have to use \$100.00 of the funding to have a 3x10 banner made (following guidelines set forth by the Commission) to be used at any event funded by CCC&HC.
- B. Form a Banner Committee of the Commission.

Mrs. Wood reminded members that the Disclaimer - which is required by CC&HC's contract with the State of New Jersey - must be put in all written or published materials used by the sponsored organizations.

Pat Gale made a motion, seconded by Marianne Lods, and passed unanimously to require all Grantees to purchase and display the CCC&HC banner at all of their events.

RIVER SWING: The Commission members were reminded that "River Swing" is set for Friday September 22nd from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. There will be a sixteen piece band, a Latin band, Mexican food, Seafood, Chicken and ribs, plus a Art Show presented by the Glasstown Art Center. Members were urged to attend.

RICKY VAN SHELTON CONCERT: Mrs. Wood noted that tickets have been put aside for the Commission but members must let her know how many tickets they want as soon as possible because these tickets will be released to sell to the public. She noted that there are under 100 tickets left.

The major sponsor of the concert is The <sup>VERIZON</sup> Verizon Foundation, also PSEG, Cumberland County Empowerment Zone and Cumberland Insurance Group. The Director has asked these groups for their banners for display at this event.

CHILDREN'S BOOK: Austin Gould asked about the status of the Children's book. Mrs. Wood stated that nothing has been done to date, but that she would sit down with Richard Geiger and try to work this out.

MILLENNIUM CELEBRATION: The Director reported that preparation for the Millennium Celebration is going great, there is so much going on that it is mind boggling. Shiloh Baptist Church Choir will open the event with elected officials following with words of welcome.

- \* The Vo-Tech center is making big arches for the Worlds of the Past, Present and Future.
- \* There will be five vendors in each World in addition to little vendor carts selling hotdogs and cotton candy around the walkways.
- \* The Red Cross will have a large tent with Vineland Emergency Management providing first-aid.
- \* The Vineland Police Department is doing traffic safety.
- \* The County Communications Command Center will be set up on site with walkie-talkies designated for certain people in each of the Worlds.
- \* Ambulance services will also be on site.

Some of the events already scheduled to participate are:

Antique car show with cars representing each century  
Indian Circle doing past, present and future dances  
Civil war re-enactment  
Large petting zoo  
Children's Cabaret of Broadway tunes  
Local artists  
Face painting  
Caricature drawings  
Flower Show  
The Bay Atlantic Symphony

Learning Centers  
Crafters  
Nanticoke-Lenni-Lenape Dancers  
Estonian Dancers  
Minyo Dancers  
Military recruiters  
Glasstown Arts District Display

**NEW BUSINESS:**

JAPANESE TEA CEREMONY: Mrs. Wood commented that as a part of the Millennium Celebration a formal Japanese Tea Ceremony is being held on Wednesday evening, September 13th, 7:00 p.m. at the Upper Deerfield Senior Center. Tickets are \$2.00 and are available through the Seabrook Cultural & Education Center.

COURT HOUSE CUPOLA: Pat Gale asked about the status of the Cupola Grant. Director Wood replied that the announcement will be made on Thursday of this week.

NORTH ITALY CLUB GRANT: Freeholder Smith commented on the Grant for the North Italy Club's Italian Cultural Festival. Mr. Smith attended the Festival and said that it was "Incredible." There were many different Italian cultural events including food, bands, wines, etc.. The CCC&HC banner was very prominently displayed.

Freeholder Smith stated that the Club had asked him when they should apply for funding for next year. Mrs. Wood replied that they should send a letter soon as there may possibly be something that could come out of the General Fund. There is the Cultural Funding Grant of \$45,000 and the General Operating Grant and funds may be available from either of these.

NEWSLETTER: Pam Griner reported that she had spoken to Penny Watson who had some concerns about the Newsletter, specifically the Cemetery Tour. The Broad Street Church was misnamed as Methodist and it is actually Presbyterian. Also, Sally Watson was quoted in the article but she had never been contacted. Mrs. Wood said she had called Michael Tofanelli this morning and discussed the problem.

There being no further business on motion by Austin Gould, seconded by Pat Gale, the meeting was adjourned at 4:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Cannone  
Secretary