

# CUMBERLAND COUNTY CULTURAL AND HERITAGE COMMISSION MINUTES

September 10, 2002  
3:30 PM

## CUMBERLAND COUNTY ADMINISTRATION BLDG. FREEHOLDER MEETING ROOM

**Present:** Suzanne Merighi  
Penny Watson  
Patricia Gale  
Joseph Polhamus  
Jane Christy  
Jean Jones  
Marianne Lods  
Austin Gould

Pam Griner, Sr. Planner  
Kris Lemmonds, Secretary  
Steve Kehs, Planning Director  
Freeholder Douglas M. Rainear

The regular meeting of the Cumberland County Cultural & Heritage Commission was held on Tuesday, September 10, 2002, at 3:30 PM., in the Freeholder Board Room, Bridgeton, New Jersey.

Penny Watson, called for a motion to vote on the minutes from August 2002. Jane Christy motioned to accept the minutes, seconded by Austin Gould and passed unanimously.

### Vineland Cultural Funding

The Cultural and Heritage Commission received \$45,000.00 from the NJSCA to be used for Cultural projects in Vineland. A chart of projects from the last two years was reviewed. In addition the reduction in regrant funds was discussed. The Commission decided to award a portion of the Cultural funds to regrant applicants. The awards are as follows:

Vineland Public Schools - Artists in Residency - \$15,000.00  
Jewish Federation of Cumberland County - Holocaust Remembrance Day - \$4,000.00  
North Italy Club - Italian Heritage Night - \$4,000.00  
Casa Prac - \$5,000.00  
El Festival - Puertoriquenno - \$5,000.00  
Cumberland Players - \$4,500.00  
Hispanos Pro Educacion - \$4,000.00  
Vineland Regional Dance Co. - \$3,500.00

A motion was made by Austin Gould and seconded by Patricia Gale. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Cumberland County Cultural and Heritage Commission**  
**Proposed Operating Budget for FY 2003**

The Cultural and Heritage Commission received \$48,581.00 for local arts programming. This amount was less than previous years due to budget cuts in Trenton. There was a discussion of how to cut program costs without eliminating projects. The Teen Arts budget was cut, however a coordinator will not be hired and paid this year. This fee has been \$5,000.00 the past two years. The entire budget will be used for teachers and supplies for the festival. The marketing budget was reduced slightly due to the calendar being published in the newsletter. The budget is as follows:

<b><u>Activity</u></b>	<b><u>2003 Budget Amount</u></b>
Teen Arts Festival	\$ 8,000.00
Concert - Fall	15,000.00
Older Americans Month	1,800.00
Grant Writing Workshop	600.00
East Point Artists Day	3,000.00
Humanities Month	1,000.00
Marketing	10,200.00
Award Dinner	0.00 - An activity funded by participants
Raptor Festival - Art Contest	50.00
Postage	5000.00
Memberships	300.00

A motion to accept the 2003 budget was made by Jane Christy and seconded by Jean Jones. The motion was carried unanimously.

**Old Business**

Ms. Griner reminded the members that the recreation of the Underground Railroad will take place on Sunday, September 29, 2002. The Secretary of State and the Governor will start in Delaware and travel by boat across the Delaware Bay and land in Hancocks Harbor at about 2:30 pm. They will then walk the five miles to the Bethel A.M.E. church in Springtown in Greenwich Township. There will be a ceremony at the church to comemorate the Underground Railroad and its importance at 4:30 pm.

Marianne Lods had two changes to the Calendar for September. On September 21, 2002 - The Arts Antiques Show has been postponed. The "Nightmare on High Street" is listed as being on Oct. 31, 2002 the actual date should be Saturday night Oct. 26, 2002. Marianne also had a new item on Oct. 11, 12 & 13, 2002 will be Millville's First Film Festival.

**New Business**

No new business.

The next meeting of the Cultural and Heritage Commission is scheduled for Tuesday, September 10, 2002 at 3:30 pm in the Library Meeting Room. A motion to adjourn was made by Suzanne Merighi and seconded by Jean Jones and passed unanimously.