

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting
9:30 a.m., Thursday September 27, 2012
Bldg. # 1, Route 12 County Complex, Raritan Twp., NJ**

Present: Stephanie B. Stevens, Frank Curcio, Lora W. Jones, John Kuhl, Beverly N. Drake, Elizabeth M. Rice, James Davidson, Janet M Hunt

Absent: Christopher Pickell

Staff Present: Rick Steffey

O.P.M.A.

At **9:35 a.m.** Chairman Stevens declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

I. APPROVAL OF July 26, 2012 MINUTES

Moved by Jones to approve, 2nd Rice, Motion Carried.

No additions or corrections

II. GRANT REPORTS

NJSCA (New Jersey State Council on the Arts)

Commissioner Drake briefly mentioned the 2012 NJSCA projects and reported that the NJSCA long term plan was in progress, although not due until the end of 2012. Staff reminded the Commission that all 2013 projects that required County participation have to support or relate to the County Tri-Centennial.

NJHC (New Jersey Historical Commission)

Commissioner Drake indicated the draft Long Range Plan was available for review and would be submitted with the NJHC Final Report. Chair Stevens indicated that the Long Range Plan was complete and has already been submitted to the State. Chair Stevens further indicated that the Arts Plan due to the State will follow the same format. Commissioner Drake further spoke about some of the NJCH projects, and an additional update on the Expo. There was a general discussion on the County budget process. No formal action was taken.

III. COMMISSION PROJECTS

Arts

Kids Kulture: Commissioner Jones reported there will be no further reports until the fall.

Art Show: Commissioners Hunt, Jones & Drake confirmed that the planning for the art show was going well, with a number of details to completed without the benefit of an August Commission meeting. Staff will prepare a schedule for the gallery minders.

Art Goes to School:

The Commission Chair had no material update from Karene. She will not be continuing and the Commission will need to find a replacement.

History & Preservation

Site Signs: No material update

Sites of Historic Interest: Chair Stevens reported that she is continuing to work with a Tewksbury, Readington and Lebanon Township on their contributions. The project continues to move forward, slowly. Patty Liedner has been putting time to get all the data in a format for publishing.

Roads of Home:

Commissioner Curcio shared some historical tidbits from his research and his favorite bar in Trenton. He further indicated there were no other material updates, but the book should be ready in 2013.

Hunterdon's Civil War Vets: Commissioner Kuhl indicated that the book is complete and ready to be printed when the formatting logistics are complete and after the Fair when the print shop has more time.

300th Anniversary of the County: Commissioners Kuhl and Jones reported there are no material updates. There will be a poster from the Committee looking for volunteers for the 300th Committee. They did indicate that the September meeting will focus on fundraising.

Chairman's Report: None

V. OLD BUSINESS

Davidson: Lindbergh: No update

Pickell/Rice: Architecture for 300th: Chair Stevens indicated that Marcia has requested a photographer to document historical elements including architectural examples. There was a discussion about how to manage and cull through all the images. Commissioner Curcio will head up the effort for the Commission.

IV. NEW BUSINESS

Website Update: Discussed without formal action

Commission Bios: Commissioners, Davidson, Jones and Kuhl bios all need to be reviewed and revised.

Calendar of Events: Discussed without formal action taken

County Fair Sign Up: The Commission asked staff to modify the schedule to include specific times for each Commissioner.

There was also a discussion about the Commissions exhibit. The Commission will select the photos wanted and staff will have the photos laminated and trimmed so they can be attached to the board.

VI. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE: None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Davidson moved, Rice 2nd to adjourn. Motion carried Meeting adjourned at 11:03a.m.

Respectfully submitted

Rick Steffey