

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission  
MINUTES**

**Regular Monthly Meeting  
9:30 a.m., Thursday June 27th, 2013  
Bldg. # 1, Route 12 County Complex, Raritan Twp., NJ**

**Present:** Stephanie B. Stevens, Lora W. Jones, John Kuhl, Chris Pickell, Frank Curcio, Janet Marsh Hunt,

**Absent:** Jim Davidson, Elizabeth M. Rice

**Staff Present:** Ken Bogen, Rick Steffey, Susan Holcombe-Pena

**I. O.P.M.A.**

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

**II. APPROVAL OF May 30th, 2013 MINUTES**

**Moved by Kuhl to approve, Seconded by Jones, Motion Carried.**

No additions or corrections

**IV. GRANT REPORTS**

**NJSCA (New Jersey State Council on the Arts)**

Staff Rick Steffey reported that Paula from the state sent him an email about how much funding will be supplied to the LAP program.

**NJHC (New Jersey Historical Commission)**

Staff Susan Holcombe-Pena reported that 4 final grant applications have been received. Flemington Historic Preservation Commission, Delaware Township Historical Society, High Bridge Cultural & Heritage, and SPLASH. The Historic Society of High Bridge is only partially done. There apparently is a change in the contact person, we will be in contact with them to see if we can finalize in helping them finish their report.

**Open Space Acquisition Assistance; & Historic Preservation Grant Program**

No updates at this time.

**IV. COMMISSION PROJECTS**

**Arts**

**Kids Kulture:**

Commissioner Jones reported that Kids Kulture is on vacation now. There are 3 possible shows for the fall that there is money for. Commissioner Jones also reported that Immaculate Conception and The Christian Academy are interested in being involved with the Kids Kulture Program next fall.

**Art Exhibition at Prallsville Sawmill Gallery:**

Commissioner Hunt brought in the invitation for the September art exhibition for review. Hunt also brought in a picture of a banner used by another commission and what it would look like if we were to get one. Commission Pickell thought a 10-foot long banner would be sufficient. Chair Stevens advised Hunt to get a

price quote on a 10-foot banner for this event. Art for the exhibition will be delivered on Tuesday, September 3. It opens to the public on Friday, September 6<sup>th</sup> and continues through Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>.

#### Bus to Culture:

Staff Susan Holcombe-Pena submitted an email from Mary Ann Thompson to Chair Stephanie Stevens in regards to an upcoming trip to the Metropolitan Museum of Art on July 18<sup>th</sup>.

#### Art Goes to School:

Chair Stevens reported that AGTS is completed for the year. 1600 students were reached this year using this program. Stevens reported that she has more prospective volunteers for next year.

### **History & Preservation**

#### Site Signs

Commissioner Kuhl presented a rough draft list of site signs. Kuhl reported that the list needs to be reviewed and agreed upon before new signs are done.

#### Sites of Historic Interest:

Chair Stevens reported that Flemington Borough cannot do all 300 hundred houses. Stevens advised them to go to the tax assessor for help. The property records should contain relatively current photos of the homes.

#### Roads of Home:

Commissioner Curcio talked about the highway act of 1916 volume #2 about the road laws. Which can be located under the US Postal Service for rural postal law titled "Act to provide the United States in the Construction of Rural Postal Roads". Commission Curcio stated that he can now provide the proof of what he is saying within his book "Roads of Home".

#### Hunterdon's Civil War Vets:

Commissioner Kuhl had stated that the books are definitely selling. Chair Stevens has ordered up another 100 for printing. Chair Stevens submitted the book to the "Civil War Round Table Contest". If the book is chosen the winner receives \$1,000.00 prize.

#### 2013 Art & History Expo:

Chair Stevens read a note from Mark Titus Director of the Hunterdon County Library Commission thanking us for the donation of the Civil War Vets book, and saying that the library has purchased additional books for their use. Also a thank you for the collaborative on the Arts & History EXPO held with the library on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

#### 300<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of HC

Chair Stevens stated that Marcia Karrow has 70 lectures already scheduled for the tercentennial. Chair Stevens asked Curcio to start doing brochures with little "blips" of information on each of the 26 towns for a handout brochure. Commissioner Jones has been working on pictures and text for "The First 300 Years of Hunterdon County" book also. Chair Stevens asked about a time frame for the pictures, Commissioner Jones stated to Chair Stevens "don't worry", the book will be printed **by** the third week of January. Commissioner Pickell and Commissioner Rice will address with Marcia Karrow the use of social media during the tercentennial. Chair Stevens passed around copies of what mural #2 that Paul Jennis has painted for the commission to review. The key map of sites from the 1800s has been included for review of accuracy. The commission will be reviewing the key for accuracy and making any needed corrections.

## V. NEW BUSINESS

### NJ 350 Publication Initiative Grant for 2014:

Chair Stevens stated that this grant is for the Research and written publication on New Jersey History. Commissioner Jones suggested that possibly the "Roads of Home" book that Commissioner Curcio is working on might qualify for that publication grant.

### Vacant Commission Position:

Chair Stevens reported that she spoke with Freeholder Walton and he advised that the intended applicant, Anne Hewitt would need to fill out an application and then her name would be put on the agenda for the freeholders to approve. Chair Stevens said that staff Josie Glynn had sent out an application to Anne to fill out.

### Parks History Book:

John Glynn Director of the Engineering department has purchased 25 copies of this book printed by Doug Kiefosky out of his department's budget. Mr. Kiefosky wrote a history of each one of the county parks; John thought that also the parks department should have a copy also along with the library, and possibly an e-book distribution could be available also.

## VI. OLD BUSINESS

### Pickell/Rice: Architecture for 300<sup>th</sup>

No updates at this time.

### Farmer Interviews

Staff member Susan Holcombe-Pena supplied the commission with 10 farmers that have signed up for the interviews. Chair Stevens stated that it looks like we can start on this project next week.

### HCPB/C&H Recognition 2014 / Graphics

Staff Rick Steffey stated that the Recognition dinner is on September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2014. Rick said that he would not send out a press release as early as June. Possible September the release will go out. Commissioner Jones reached out to the Boy Scout that is in the process of making furniture for July the fourth, she advised him that it needs to be done in 11 days so that he can be nominated for an eagle scout.

## VII ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE:

- Chair Stevens asked staff about the case for the books to display. As of yet a suitable case has not been found. Commissioner Jones asked if we had looked in the ESC building, as of yet we had not.
- Staff Rick Steffey brought to the commission's attention the application for the Riegel Ridge Terrace Restoration project and asked for the HCC&H Commission blessing on project, all were in favor.
- Commissioner Kuhl wanted to put on next month's agenda the upcoming Flemington Fair in August to discuss charts and boards that will need to be updated.

## VIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, **Commissioner Kuhl moved to adjourn. Motion carried** Meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted  
*Susan Holcombe-Pena*

