

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting
10:30 a.m., Thursday, June 1, 2017
Historic County Court House, 71 Main Street Flemington, NJ

Present: Gayle Maher, Alan Rigoletto, Don Sherblom, Susan Oldroyd, Carol Cronheim. Staff: Executive Director, Carrie Fellows, Nancy Hanna.

Absent: Rob Sussna, Excused: Maeve Pambianchi.

O.P.M.A.

At 10:30 a.m. Chair Gayle Maher declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

I. APPROVAL OF April 27, 2017 REGULAR MONTHLY MINUTES

Minutes were accepted as corrected. Moved: Cmr. Cronheim; seconded: Cmr. Sherblom; motion carried.

II. CHAIR'S REPORT

Commissioner Davidson sent an email resigning his position for personal reasons; he has been asked to send a formal resignation with signature.

III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grants

NJ State Council on the Arts: Local Arts Program (LAP) – All revised budgets have been received save one which is in process.

Special Projects: reviewer comments and recommendations received.

NJ Historical Commission (NJHC) County History Partnership Program: the final CHPP regrant recommendation has been forwarded to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for consideration. NJHC staff are seeking someone to take over Warren County regrant administration for 2018, but have asked if we are interested if they are unable to find a Warren County organization willing to take it on.

Open Space/Historic Preservation Trust Fund: Cmr. Cronheim, Sherblom, and Sussna will meet on June 6 at 9:00 a.m. to review the six applications received. Program administrator Bill Millette will be at the meeting.

Crossroads of the American Revolution co-sponsored program "The Art of Period Dress"

More than 10% of participants responded to the survey sent following the program. Comments were overwhelmingly positive; staff have received emailed feedback admiring the quality of the speakers and suggestions about content for the next program/workshop.

COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

World Music Day – Cmr. Rigoletto reported plans are moving along. He is still waiting to hear from the proposed lead act's agent as well as other, supporting acts. He is now working on finding a sponsor/donor for artist refreshments, meals and snacks. He is also trying to contact food trucks, vendors, and prepare the social media and internet schedules. Flyers are ready for distribution at Community Day. Next meeting (date TBD) the second or third week of June.

Publications Committee: Lora Jones will host an editorial meeting on the Curcio manuscript at her home on June 16. Chris Curcio will be there all day to meet with Cmr. Sherblom and John Allen regarding the chapters they are working on. General discussion about the manuscript and the amount of work needed to bring it to publication. Cmr. Cronheim suggested we might seek a grant to fund a professional editor; after discussion she offered to reach out to some of her contacts for advice on where to go from here.

Young Artists Showcase: Cmr. Oldroyd attended the most recent reception and remarked that it was well-attended. She was very pleased with the turnout and the students' work. Chair Maher said it was a great success to do it this way to show the support from all the Commissioners and is looking forward to taking this tack with all the Commission's grantees.

Community Day: The Chamber of Commerce's June 3 event, for which the Commission handles registration of its nonprofit constituent arts/history organizations. Ten organizations have signed up so far. Cmr. Oldroyd attended the last meeting before the event in the Minutes_May Mtg, June 1 2017 Approval.docxAPP

Director's absence. Cmr. Oldroyd will manage an interactive public art project at the Commission's booth, which she, Cmr. Pambianchi and Cmr. Rigoletto will staff; Cmr. Rigoletto will play music starting at noon.

Junior Historian Essay Contest: the May 2 awards ceremony went very well and was a full house as usual. Several of the Freeholders stated that this is their favorite meeting of the year. Pictures of award winners are up on the county website, and we had good coverage in the local media.

V. FREEHOLDER UPDATES/ COMMENTS

n/a

VI. OLD BUSINESS

Marketing/Outreach Initiative - Cmr. Maher suggested that rather than nominate a subcommittee for this Initiative, the entire Commission should hear presentations on innovative marketing/outreach by Marc Saluk of Economic Development and various other individuals with knowledge/expertise. These presentations could occur during regularly scheduled Commission meetings. The Commissioners agreed that this would be an efficient and productive way to decide how best to reach out to the community. Marc Saluk can bring the Commission up to date on the projects he's spearheading, almost all of which are related/have crossover. He will be invited to the June or July meeting.

VII. NEW BUSINESS

Cmr. Maher acknowledged the passing of artist Dan Campanelli who, with his wife Marty, has been a staunch supporter of both the local history and arts community.

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- J Local events at Whittemore Wildlife Sanctuary:
 - o Cmr. Rigoletto will lead birding walks for adults and children
 - o Cmr. Oldroyd highlighted other art/nature activities taking place that blend art and nature
- J The Hunterdon Art Tour (THAT)
 - o Cmr. Cromheim and Sherblom visited artist's studios in Lambertville and Quakertown
- J Cmr. Rigoletto will be playing on June 25 "Hot Jazz at Prallsville Mill, Stockton, 6-8pm
- J Cmr. Rigoletto announced that Pamby's will host music performances on Thursdays, June 8 through August 31; he will be performing.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Maher asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved: Oldroyd; seconded: Rigoletto; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy Hanna