

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission  
MINUTES  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
4:30 pm, Wednesday April 25, 2018  
Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822

**Present:** Gayle Maher, Alan Rigoletto, Don Sherblom, Todd Lambrix, Haeree Park. Staff: Executive Director, Carrie Fellows; Clerk, Nancy Hanna.

**Excused:** Carol Cronheim.

**Absent:** Maeve Pambianchi, Susan Oldroyd-Miller

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

At 4:30 pm Chair Maher declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

**I. APPROVAL OF March 28, 2018 MINUTES:** Minutes were accepted as presented. Moved: Rigoletto; Second: Lambrix; motion carried.

**II. 2018 CHAIR'S REPORT – No Report**

**III. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

**Grants: Local Arts Program (LAP):** Application filed; under review. LAFY18 regrantee initial payment POs are going out to those who completed their revised budgets and contracts. Still waiting for three organizations to complete & return one or both elements.

**County History Partnership Program (CHPP)**

Initial payments completed for all three regrantees. Attended a meeting with NJHC staff and the "northern" counties today to discuss potential changes to the 2020-2023 grant round (application due April 2019)

**Special Projects Grant:** Received one (1) Mini-grant and five (5) regular applications for funding, totaling \$40,500; \$22,500 is likely to be available. Panel met to review applications on 4/11/2018.

**County Historic Preservation Trust Grant Applications**

Program manager Bill Millette has application briefs ready for review and has requested the Commission review panel meet and make recommendations, to be voted on by the full Commission, prior to the for Parks and Open Space Advisory Committee's (POSAC) July 16 meeting . The subcommittee meeting will be in May, with Cmr. Maher, Cronheim, and Sherblom reviewing, and Lambrix as alternate/observer.

**Programs & Initiatives**

- Andy Wasserman completed his series of 5 programs at local senior residence homes on 3/29; Fellows attended the final one. He does a wonderful job with the residents and gets them all involved.
- Jr. Historian Contest: 81 essays submitted. Teacher review panel suggests we shelf the program for a year or two while we meet with current classroom teachers for a feedback session, and reformat the program to meet NJ Curriculum Standards.
- The Hunterdon Art Tour (T.H.A.T.) requested that a Commissioner attend the Tour kickoff event at Hunterdon Art Museum on the evening of May 4. Three years ago, the Commission hosted their first meeting to gauge interest in the artist community.
- Creative Hunterdon requested that a Commissioner attend their community input session with other Creative Teams on May 15 at Flemington DIY, 6pm – the same time as the Essay Awards.
- Community Day, June 2 – need volunteers to work our booth and help raise awareness/market for World Music Day. Cmr. Lambrix will attend and lead a fiber arts activity.

Courthouse Rental/ scheduling- continues to be busy. Flooring installation in the gallery/ multi use rooms is scheduled for May 24 - June 8.

#### V. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Publications Committee: Chair Maher reported that she has been in contact with Lora Jones, who informed her that the Commissioners didn't have the latest version of the manuscript. Cmr. Sherblom described the 1759 Vought House publication project, Christiana Vought's travel journal.

H.A.M. Young Artist Showcase - Cmr. Sherblom and Cmr.Lambrix will attend on May 5

World Music Day: Cmr. Rigoletto contacted the Umoja studio, which focuses on traditional African dance. He is still in contact with Tony Trishka and has reached out to Groove Merchant for a workshop. He would like a Latin music act. The sponsorship list needs to be cleaned up and sent to the Board of Chosen Freeholders for review.

Electronic Manuscript Publication: Committee in contact with Pat Millen, HC Historical Society to schedule a meeting.

Strategic Planning: next meeting to be scheduled.

#### VI. FREEHOLDER UPDATES/ COMMENTS – N/A

#### VII. OLD BUSINESS – N/A

VIII. NEW BUSINESS – Cmr. Sherblom suggested the Commission consider changing the name of the agency to make it clearer to the public what we do. Tabled.

#### IX. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

Rigoletto announced he will be playing at the Shad Festival, and at the Stockton Market.

Next meeting: Wednesday May 30, 4:30pm.

#### X. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Maher asked for a motion to adjourn.

Moved: Park; Second: Lambrix; all in favor.

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hanna