

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

Present: Gayle Maher, Alan Rigoletto, Don Sherblom, Carol Cronheim, Maeve Pambianchi, Haeree Park, Todd Lambrix. **Staff:** Executive Director Carrie Fellows; Clerk Nancy Hanna.
Absent, 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 June 27, 2018 MINUTES: Approved as corrected. Moved: Sherblom; Second: Pambianchi; motion carried.

II. 2018 CHAIR'S REPORT – The meeting items were discussed out of agenda order to meet constraints of commissioners' schedules.

III. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

World Music Day: Cmr. Rigoletto is ready to announce performance lineup; he is just waiting for Hunterdon Central to respond to our request to use the auditorium in case of rain. He has email ready to go to media outlets. Donations received of \$100 each from Hunterdon Musical Instruments and Ditschman Ford; also a phone call from Unity Bank offering to provide their tethered hot air balloon at the event. Cmr. Pambianchi inquired about the connection between world music and Roxey Ballet; Cmr. Rigoletto responded that they will perform their program, *Celebration of Diversity*, which is what World Music Day is about. Cmr. Pambianchi suggested in future we also consider 10 Hairy Legs, or a dance troupe representing a specific cultural group.

Publications Committee: A meeting is set for August 10th with Lora Jones.

The committee discussed the Publications Policy (adopted 2015) which provides standards under which the Commission will consider manuscripts for publication; it requires authors to submit a proposal which we didn't have the luxury of with *Ribbons of History*. Commissioners have contributed a great deal of time, researching and editing the manuscript, and still have concerns. Chair Maher reported that another organization has offered to publish Ribbons of History. Cmr. Cronheim moved that if Ms. Jones (as editor) has a different venue for publishing, that we release [the family's] obligation to the Commission for publishing this work so they may pursue this option. Second: Cmr. Sherblom; all in favor. Cmr. Cronheim recommended the current Publications Policy be reviewed and revised; she volunteered to obtain a copy of the NJHC's policy to use as a template.

Marker Committee: Cmr. Sherblom will meet on August 1 with the Clinton Township Historic Preservation Commission.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Grants: Local Arts Program (LAP) Grant - Attended the NJSCA Annual meeting: July 24, Trenton with Cmr. Park and Cronheim. Received notification that the Commission was awarded \$66,464 annually for the 2019-2021 grant round. The Interim report is due July 30. A re-grant workshop is scheduled for July 30, 10am.

NJ Historical Commission (NJHC) County History Partnership Program (CHPP) – Interim report due August 1. Grant workshop on July 30, 6:30pm.

County Special Projects Grant - the Board of Chosen Freeholders recognized the awardees at their July 17 meeting.

County Historic Preservation Trust Grant Applications - Program manager Bill Millette reported he has received some of the additional information requested.

Programs & Initiatives: Salsa Night, July 21 – sincere thanks to Nancy Hanna, Alan Rigoletto, Maeve Pambianchi (and family), and Barbara Vogel for working the event, even in the rain!

Central Jersey Jazz Festival, Sept. 14 – Volunteers needed to help staff the booth and promote World Music Day. Leigh Marino, chair of Hunterdon County Creative Team, has been invited to share the table/booth to promote the Creative Assets Inventory. Cmr. Park and Cmr. Lambrix will help.

Creative Assets Inventory - County IT and Director Fellows are working with Creative Hunterdon to eventually host the Creative Assets Inventory on the Commission's website.

ALHFAM Mid-Atlantic Region – planning is underway for the 2018 regional meeting and Skills Workshop Oct. 26 and 27 at nearby Mercer sites. As the senior Co-Regional Representative, Director Fellows serves as Program Chair.

Other Administration: Staffing- received one application for the open position; HR would like to have at least 3 applications before we schedule interviews.

Strategic Planning: still on the agenda so we don't forget about it. A date will be set by email.

The Hunterdon Art Tour (THAT): Cmr. Lambrix couldn't go to the 2019 planning meeting; no report.

V. FREEHOLDER UPDATES/ COMMENTS – NA

VI. OLD BUSINESS –

Electronic Manuscript Publication: Cmr. Sherblom reported that based on his research, architects would likely be willing to share planning documents (ideally in electronic versions) with the Commission for preservation and to provide public access to them. Fellows stated that since the HC Historical Society had indicated previously they do not have capacity to store electronic documents, this is a service the Commission could potentially provide the public. Cmr. Sherblom stated that it would be a matter of writing emails to professionals, individuals, or historic agencies with these documents, asking them to contact the Commission and/or the HC Historical Society.

VII. NEW BUSINESS – NA

VIII. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE

- Cmr. Sherblom contacted James Gigantino, who will be in NJ in February. Feb. 9 is recommended for a lecture on his new book at the Courthouse.
- Cmr. Cronhiem shared an article from the National Arts Council regarding a call for women artists to participate in a national visual arts project commemorating the anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020.
- Cmr. Rigoletto announced he just received an email from the Mobile Mardi Gras food truck to be present at World Music Day. He will schedule a subcommittee meeting for August.

IX. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Maher asked for a motion to adjourn. Moved: Cmr. Cronheim, Second: Cmr. Lambrix

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hanna