

**Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission**  
**MINUTES**  
**Regular Monthly Meeting - 4:30 pm, Wednesday Sep. 25, 2019**  
**Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822**

**Present:** Gayle Maher, Don Sherblom, Carol Cronheim, Maeve Pambianchi, Haeree Park, Nikki Shepardson; Member of the public: Nancy Hunt, Chair of the High Bridge Historical Committee; Staff: Executive Director Carrie Fellows, Program Development Specialist Christopher Spangler, Clerk Nancy Hanna.

**Absent/ Excused:** Todd Lambrix

**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 July 31, 2019 MINUTES:**

Motion to approve July 31, 2019 minutes; Moved: Cmr. Park, Second: Cmr. Shepardson, motion carried.

**II. Public Comment:**

Nancy Hunt, Chair of the High Bridge Historical Committee said she supports the Commission's review of its historic markers. She asked the Commission if all markers in High Bridge will be reviewed and if her committee could contribute to that effort. Cmr. Sherblom responded that only County owned markers will be reviewed by the Commission. He stated that the Commission is focusing on markers that pertain to the Revolutionary era in preparation for the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. The Commission plans a spring meeting to engage municipalities in further discussion. Director Fellows advised that the Commission welcomes local input.

**III. CHAIR'S REPORT:** Nothing new to report.

**IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

NJ State Council on the Arts (NJSCA): LAP FY20 Applications are available online, due 10/28, Final Reports for FY19 regrants are due Jan. 6, 2020.

NJ Historical Commission (NJHC): CHPP FY20 Applications are available online, due 10/28; the 2019 Final Reports for FY19 regrants are due Jan. 6, 2020.

County Special Projects Grants: Applications will be due in February 2020 (date TBA)

NJ Historic Trust Grant (NJHT) Application: Director Fellows attended the Trust's annual meeting at the Historic Courthouse; the County of Hunterdon's application is recommended for full funding, \$747,000, for Phase 1 of the project. The County provides a 1:1 match.

Historic Preservation Trust Grant / Parks & Open Space Advisory Committee (POSAC): Award recommendations were made to POSAC at their 9/16 meeting. Members voted on those applications recommended for funding.

Partner Agencies & Community Arts/ History Projects:

- HC Film Commission meeting on 9/17; the "Sizzle Reel" will publicize Hunterdon County as an attractive filming destination for production companies.
- HC Creative Team will be supported by Flemington Creative Team. Former Chair Leigh Marino will continue to shepherd the website project until it is transferred to HC Cultural & Heritage for hosting.
- NJ250 will host a meeting for history enthusiasts on 10/2, from 3-5:00 pm at the historic courthouse. Registration via Eventbrite. Quarterly meeting to follow 6:00 pm to 8:00pm.

Other Administration

The October Commission meeting will be held at Roxey Ballet in Lambertville

**V. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS**

Marker Committee: Cmr. Sherblom and Program Development Specialist Spangler met with Voorhees High School

teacher Justin Montgomery who leads the Computer Science Academy; 2 students will be working on the website project. Carrie Moore, County Webmaster, will be involved. The Marker Committee will meet to approve language for the first round of markers, and will offer advice to municipalities on their own marker programs. Commissioners recommended that a survey be created and sent to municipalities for input prior to the public meeting in the Spring. Cmr. Cronheim volunteered to review/assist with formatting the questions.

History Essay Contest: On Aug 30, staff sent letters to all 3 & 4 grade teachers, principals and superintendents via email and U.S. Mail informing them of the new Essay Contest. High Bridge School has already responded that they intend to participate. Follow-up emails will be sent soon. Cmr. Shepardson inquired if we reach out to any homeschoolers; staff responded they were included in the mailing.

Community Outreach: Program Specialist Spangler attended the Central Jersey Jazz Festival on Sept. 14 although the Commission did not set up a booth this year. The following day he set up the booth at the Spirit of the Jerseys NJ History Fair at Monmouth Battlefield; he interacted with about 114 people.

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

## **VII. PUBLIC COMMENT – N/A**

## **VIII. OLD BUSINESS –**

Document Storage: No updates.

### Guest speakers:

- Susan Wallner will speak on Feb. 8, 2020 and show the documentary “You’ll Have the Sky” on Ann Morrow Lindbergh (snow date of Feb. 15, 2020).
- Ann Gordon is scheduled to speak on March 14, 2020 at 1 pm (snow date March 21, 2020)
- Cmr. Cronheim: suggested a potential speaker for fall 2020 on the movement for voting rights for minority women. Cmr. Shepardson suggested another speaker, Jim Higgins, who studies the Spanish Flu, for a later date

## **IX. NEW BUSINESS – N/A**

## **X. ANNOUNCEMENTS / CORRESPONDENCE N/A**

Cmr. Park announced the Matheny Art Access annual gala on 11/2, “Full Circle 2019”.

## **XI. ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Commission, Chair Maher requested a motion to adjourn; Moved: Cmr. Cronheim, Second: Cmr. Pambianchi, all in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Nancy Hanna

**Next meeting October 30, 2019, 4:30pm at Roxey Ballet (Optional studio tour at 4pm)**

243 North Union St. #140, Lambertville, NJ 08530 (see map on next page) <https://www.roxeyballet.org>

