

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting - 4:30pm, Wednesday April 27, 2022
Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822
This meeting held in person

Present: Chair Carol Cronheim, Vice Chair Gayle Maher, Cmr. Don Sherblom, Cmr. Nikki Shepardson. Staff: Executive Director Carrie Fellows, Assistant Program Analyst Lauren Lembo, Clerk Nancy Hanna, Guest: GIS Division Head Patricia Leidner.

O.P.M.A. At 4:30pm, Chair Cronheim declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act.

I. APPROVAL of March 23, 2022, MINUTES: Moved: Vice Chair Maher; Second: Cmr. Sherblom; All in favor.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT N/A

III. Chair's Report: Chair Cronheim spoke to two potential candidates and continues to seek new Commissioners.

IV. GIS Division Head Patricia Leidner: Presented the new web app for HuntHistory.org, which has been launched and will undergo continuing edits and updates.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Carrie Fellows

Revolution NJ – the Advisory Council will meet again April 25. Council members were asked to provide preliminary comments on the program proposals each of the working groups has put together. The Reenactments/events group has several interesting proposals. County History Partnership Program (CHPP) – seeking \$55,000 in application for 2023-2025. In 2022, \$40,000 was received (\$35,000 for regrants and \$5,000 for administration). The application includes a narrative, which is presently in draft form. The application is due by Monday, May 2.

Operations:

- Remote/rotational work schedules continue through May 6.
- The county budget was introduced at the last BOCC meeting. A summer intern is being requested, costs to be covered from the LAP grant.
- The AEP6 contract to participate in the Americans for the Arts Economic Prosperity Survey was executed and a webinar is available.
- Community Day is Saturday, June 11; coordinating with the Chamber of Commerce to recruit nonprofit arts/cultural organizations to participate. Registration is due May 16. Community Day will provide an opportunity to highlight HuntHistory.org, grants programs, and the historic courthouse rehabilitation.

VI: REGRANT REPORT – Lauren Lembo

LAP Regrants – Most initial payments were sent to grantees. Teen Arts programs take place from May 1 to June 15.

CHPP Regrants – Initial grantee payments have been sent.

County Special Project Grants: waiting for the BOCC budget approval to confirm 2022 funding; Ms. Lembo attended the Hunterdon Arts Museum's event collaboration with Roxey Ballet and Artist Malcolm Mobutu Smith in April 23.

VII. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Marker Committee: Cmr. Sherblom would like to send an email and form notifying local historians about the launch of HuntHistory.org to garner interest in researching and writing sign narratives, as well as suggest other historic markers for possible inclusion on the website.

VIII. COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE / COMMENTS – N/A

IX: OLD BUSINESS

Document Storage: N/A

X. NEW BUSINESS – The Hunterdon Art Tour (THAT) program is this weekend.

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE –

Chair Cronheim announced that the NJ Cultural Trust has a new Executive Director.

Executive Director Fellows mentioned that Director of Economic Development, Marc Saluk will present at the June meeting on tourism branding.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No comments

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Cultural & Heritage Commission, Chair Cronheim requested a motion to adjourn. Moved: Vice Chair Maher; Second: Cmr. Shepardson; All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Hanna

Next meeting: May 25, 2022, 4:30pm – in person