

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES
Re-Organization Meeting - 4:30pm, Wednesday January 26, 2022
Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822
This meeting held by Zoom

Present: Cmr. Gayle Maher, Cmr. Carol Cronheim, Cmr. Don Sherblom, Cmr. Nikki Shepardson. Staff: Executive Director Carrie Fellows, Assistant Program Analyst Lauren Lembo, Clerk Nancy Hanna.
Guest: Hunterdon County Commissioner Zachary T. Rich

O.P.M.A. At 4:30pm, Executive Director Fellows declared the meeting open and properly advertised in accordance with the provisions of the Open Public Meetings Act. Director Fellows introduced Hunterdon County Commissioner Rich to the Cultural & Heritage (C&H) Commissioners and staff.

I. Reorganization/ Election: The Nominating Committee (Nikki Shepardson, Carol Cronheim) proposed the slate of officers to be: Chair, Carol Cronheim, and Vice Chair, Gayle Maher. Cmr. Shepardson moved to accept the slate as proposed; Second: Cmr. Sherblom; All in favor.

II. APPROVAL of December 1, 2021, MINUTES: Moved: Cmr. Sherblom; Second: Cmr. Shepardson; All in favor.

III. PUBLIC COMMENT N/A

IV. Chair's Report: Approval for proposed 2022 Meeting Dates. Moved: Chair Cronheim; Second: Cmr. Shepardson; All in favor.

2022 Meeting Schedule:

Feb. 23	Jul. 27
Mar. 23	Aug. no meeting
Apr. 27	Sep. 28
May 25	Oct. 26
Jun. 22	Dec. no meeting
Nov. 30	

The February 23 and March 23 meetings shall be held remotely via teleconference.
All other regular monthly meetings will be held in-person at the Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse.

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Carrie Fellows

Revolution NJ: The Committee held its webinar “Big Ideas: Concepts for the 250th on Monday night via Zoom. Panel included Dr. Lucia McMahon, Dr. LaGarret King, and moderator Todd Braisted. The next info session will be Monday, January 31 at noon with Marc Lorenc; “A Bundle of Silences: Reimagining Interpretive Approaches to the Past.”

Operations: Staff continue to follow all COVID-19 protocols and adapt as directed by the County and the Department of Health. Staff hold meetings remotely whenever possible to reduce chance of transmission.

VI: REGRANT REPORT – Lauren Lembo

Local Arts Program (LAP) Grant: The 2022 award letters were emailed and hard copy mailed to 10 (ten) re-grantees. Awards were approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on January 18.

County History Partnership Program (CHPP) Grant: The 2022 award letters were emailed and hard copy mailed to 4 (four) re-grantees. Awards were approved by the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC) on January 18.

County Special Project Grants: The 2022 grant workshop was held on January 18 with 8 attendees. Applications are due Monday, February 21. The review panelists are being recruited.

VII. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Marker Committee: Cmr. Sherblom in contact with Hunterdon County IT/GIS regarding HuntHistory.org. Director Fellows mentioned they are waiting for photos from Cmr. Sherblom.

History Essay Contest: Still on hold.

VIII. COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE/ COMMENTS – N/A

IX: OLD BUSINESS: Cmr. Shepardson inquired about C&H Commissioners to be appointed. Chair Cronhiem will reach out to candidates and set a meeting.

Document Storage: No news

X. NEW BUSINESS – N/A

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE

- The 5 (five) new markers have arrived and the County Road Department contacted to request installation.
- Director Fellows received an email from Janice Armstrong from the Hunterdon County Historical Society about the use of the Courthouse for an exhibition, which is on hold due to the restoration and the security upgrades planned.

XII. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No comments

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Hanna

Next meeting: February 23, 2022, 4:30pm – Virtual