

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting - 4:30pm, Wednesday June 22, 2022
Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822
This meeting held in person

Present: Chair Carol Cronheim (phone-in), Vice Chair Gayle Maher, Cmr. Don Sherblom, Cmr. Nikki Shepardson. Staff: Executive Director Carrie Fellows, Clerk Nancy Hanna, Guest: Economic Development & Tourism Director Marc Saluk, TapInto reporter Rikki Massand.

Excused: Assistant Program Analyst Lauren Lembo

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.

I. APPROVAL of April 27, 2022, MINUTES: Moved: Vice Chair Maher; Second: Cmr. Sherblom; All in favor.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT Rikki Massand, speaking as a member for Preservation NJ: the annual meeting will be on July 30 at the Chamber of Commerce and Unity bank for a walking tour of Main Street and Stangl Road. Ending reception is free of charge to all.

III. Chair's Report: Chair Cronheim reached out to potential commissioners for C&H. She also described the NJ State Council on the Arts Capital Arts Grant Program; \$3.6M in grants supporting capital projects for arts organizations were announced in May. Matching versions of legislation in the NJ Assembly and Senate call for \$70 million in capital funds that would go through the Economic Development Authority (EDA). The art community's goal is to get it passed by the end of the year.

IV. Eco. Dev. and Tourism Director Marc Saluk: Presented the new branding for Hunterdon's new tourism campaign "Explore Hunterdon: The Other Side of Jersey" and discussed progress on the 579 Trail website and marketing. Commissioners were invited to write a short blog for the new tourism website <https://www.explorehunterdonnj.com/>

V. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Carrie Fellows

Revolution NJ – Council members having been matched to the various working groups, finished reviewing final program proposals. Executive Director Fellows was assigned to Reenactments/Events and Civic Engagement groups.

Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 survey – contract to participate was executed. We just received notice that the Americans For the Arts webinar recording about the survey is now available electronically.

The County budget was accepted for 2022.

VI: REGRANT REPORT – Lauren Lembo (read by C. Fellows)

Local Arts Program (LAP) Re grants – Interim report was submitted on June 13.

County History Partnership Program (CHPP) Re grants – Interim report was submitted on June 17.

County Special Project Grants: The C&H Commissioners discussed panel reviewers' recommendations and moved to adopt Option #2 for funding. Moved: Vice Chair Maher; Second: Chair Cronheim; All in favor.

VII. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Marker Committee: The Bonnell Tavern Marker was received in the office.

Executive Director Fellows mentioned a purchase order was initiated to pay for the HuntHistory website redirect, pending approval for this action from the IT Department.

VIII. COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE / COMMENTS – N/A

IX: OLD BUSINESS

Document Storage: N/A

X. NEW BUSINESS -n/a

XI. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE –

Comr. Sherblom announced he had been elected President for the 1759 Vought House.

Executive Director Fellows received a thank you card from The Hunterdon Art Tour (THAT) for the Commission's support of the program.

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: Comr. Sherblom; Second: Comr. Shepardson; All in favor. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Nancy Hanna

Next meeting: July 27, 2022, 4:30pm – in person