

Hunterdon County Cultural & Heritage Commission
MINUTES
Regular Monthly Meeting - 4:30pm, Wednesday March 23, 2022
Hunterdon County Historic Courthouse, 71 Main St., Flemington, NJ 08822
This meeting held via Zoom

Present: Chair Carol Cronheim, Vice Chair Gayle Maher, Cmr. Don Sherblom, Cmr. Nikki Shepardson. County Cmr. Zack Rich, Staff: Executive Director Carrie Fellows, Assistant Program Analyst Lauren Lembo, Clerk Nancy Hanna.

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 February 23, 2022, MINUTES: Moved: Cmr. Sherblom; Second: Cmr. Shepardson; All in favor.

II. PUBLIC COMMENT n/a

III. Chair's Report: Chair Cronheim reached out to potential new commissioners and is waiting to hear from one more; hoping to have a new Commissioner by June. She also commented on an impressive meeting between the Marker Committee and the GIS staff.

IV. EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT – Carrie Fellows

Revolution NJ – the Council will meet again in Early April. Dr Marc Lorenc updated County Arts Agencies (CAAs) last week at a County History Partnership Program (CHPP) workshop; and he is working with Council members to match them to the various working groups. Next Crossroads Quarterly meeting is Monday, Apr. 4, 11am-12:30pm.

Operations:

- Remote/rotational work schedules was extended through April 8.
- April meeting will be in person unless there are changes.
- The request to sign the Americans for the Arts, Arts & Economic Prosperity 6 (AEP6) contract will be on the April 5 Board of County Commissioners agenda. The cost to participate in the survey is covered by Local Arts Program (LAP) grant.
- Community Day will take place Saturday, June 11. We are working with the Chamber of Commerce as we have in the past.
- HuntHistory app - the GIS staff have done a great job and we hope to launch the app soon.

V: REGRANT REPORT – Lauren Lembo

Local Arts Program (LAP) Grant - The NJ State Council of the Arts has been working with a subcommittee of CAA staff to evaluate the program before the next grant cycle and help with planning.

LAP Regrants - All revised budgets received from grantees, and payments are on the way

Teen Arts Programs - Plans are underway for the 2022 Hunterdon County Teen Arts Festival, following the same format as last year with five (5) grantees contributing special events and programs. Working on a press release.

County History Partnership Program (CHPP) Grant - CHPP Declaration of Intent (DOI) is due on April 1. New Jersey Historical Commission (NJHC) held three workshops for 2023-2025 grant guideline and overview for future, several grantees received a survey as well as future applicants, respond is trickling in.

CHPP Regrants - All revised budgets have been received and payments are on the way.

County Special Project Grants: Five (5) applications were received; the reviewers met today, pending the BOCC recommendation and final approval after the budget is adopted.

VI. COMMISSION PROGRAMS & PROJECTS

Marker Committee: Cmr. Sherblom continues to work with GIS staff on the HuntHistory app. The GIS staff have been revising the site to be more ADA compliant and are putting together a spreadsheet of images for which they require "alt text" - simple descriptions of each image that may be read by automated text readers.

VII. COUNTY COMMISSIONER UPDATE/ COMMENTS – BOCC Rich commented that the County Commissioners are eager to get past COVID and back to routine, and wrap up the budget. He supports the AEP6 study: "What's not to like?"

VIII: OLD BUSINESS

Document Storage: N/A

IX. NEW BUSINESS – N/A

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS & CORRESPONDENCE –

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

She also announced that The Strand Theatre in Lambertville will reopen as a cultural center, and is hoping that Roxey Ballet will be able to use it for dance.

XI. OPEN TO THE PUBLIC – No comments

XII. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the C&H 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: April 27, 2022, 4:30pm – in person