

## Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes

### Meeting of January 16, 2015

**Present:** Chairman Larry Fast and Commissioners Esey Farrell, Kathy Fisher (9:50 a.m.), Joyce Kanigel, Joseph Macasek, Miriam Morris, Kathy Murphy, Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika until 10:30 a.m., and Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz

**Apologies:** Elliott Ruga, Freeholder Kathy DeFillippo

**Call to order:** Acting Director, Peg Shultz called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:38 a.m. She read the Open Meeting Statement.

**Reorganization:** Commissioner Farrell read the Nominating Committee's statement attached: The proposed slate of officers is:

Chair, Larry Fast

Vice Chair, Kathy Murphy

Treasurer, Joyce Kanigel

Secretary, Miriam Morris

The floor was opened for other nominations. There being none, Commissioner Farrell proposed a motion to accept the slate as proposed. Commissioner Fast seconded the motion. The vote was taken; there were no votes against and no abstentions and Commissioner Farrel moved that the secretary record a unanimous vote. Chairman Fast thanked the outgoing officers from 2014 and the Nominating Committee for its work in preparing the Slate.

Calendar of meetings: Commissioner Nadzeika made a motion to accept the calendar: Commissioner Murphy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

Subcommittee assignments were made and Acting Director Shultz will prepare the listing.

**Minutes:** the minutes for December 9, 2014 were accepted as amended.

**Freeholder Report:** Freeholder Director DeFillippo sent her apology. Chairman Fast talked extensively with her (see Chair report).

**Financial Report:** Activity to 12/31/2014 Expenditure Report, January 2015 MCHC Temporary budget, and 2015 O & E Budget Summary attached to the meeting package. The MCHC has received a preliminary allowance of \$6,000 while the budget is awaiting approval. The remaining amount for the Conditions Assessment will be funded from the 2014 budget.

**Chairman's Report:** attached to the meeting package for January 16 2015: Chairman Fast reiterated his appreciation to the commissioners for their support in 2014.

- Hank Lyon had introduced a resolution to prevent further Morris County grant funding of church building restoration. This would be addressed at the Freeholder meeting on Wednesday, January 28 ay 7:30 p.m. Commissioners and applicants were advised to attend and support continued grant funding for church buildings.

**Office Report:** attached to the meeting package for January 16, 2015.

#### ***Archives and Facilities***

- Acting Director Shultz expressed appreciation to Chairman Fast for his assistance in communications with Buildings and Grounds. The library space is not yet ready for the arrival of the archives and Commission office furniture and materials.

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- Acting Director Shultz requested help from the Commissioners to pack up David Mitros's Office, the archives and microfilm from January 20-23 and 27-29.
- The conditions report on the archives is expected in late February or March.

#### **Committee reports:**

**Archives: Kathy Fisher, Chair.** See Chairman's report for January 16, 2015

A preliminary request has come in from Vail Mansion. Commissioner Fisher will draft a reply.

**Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair**

See Archivist/Acting Director's report. No further report.

**Long-Range Plan: Esey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Co-Chairs**

There has been no further action on the plan. It was recommended that the committee start working alongside Acting Director Shultz as she sets up the new spaces.

**Marker program: Kathy Fisher, Chair**

- A preliminary request for a marker has come in for Vail Mansion. Commissioner Fisher will draft a reply.
- Commissioner Murphy explained that the Drakestown bridge needs a condensed history for its historic marker.

**Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair**

No further report while awaiting personnel decision from Assistant County Administrator, Cathy Burd.

**Public Programs/Exhibits: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair**

No further report.

**Publications: Elliott Ruga, Chair**

There will be a report for the February meeting.

*Gone to Wear the Victor's Crown*: the e-book files are complete, and Commissioner Ruga is processing the conversion.

**Old Business:**

No further business.

**New Business:**

**Adjournment:** the meeting was adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted,  
Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 10, 2015** at 9:30 a.m.  
Venue to be conformed.

Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend