

Morris County Heritage Commission Minutes

Meeting of January 12, 2016

Present: Commissioners: John Dunado, Larry Fast, Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Joyce Kanigel, Joseph Macasek, Miriam Morris, Kathy Murphy, and Archivist/Acting Director Margaret Shultz.

Absent: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, and Freeholder Director Kathryn DeFillippo.

Call to order: Acting Director, Peg Shultz called the meeting to order at the County Cultural Center at 9:35 a.m. She read the Open Meeting Statement.

Reorganization: The proposed nominations for officers is:

Chair, Kathy Murphy

Vice Chair, Larry Fast

Treasurer, Joyce Kanigel

Secretary, Miriam Morris

The floor was opened for other nominations. There being none, Commissioner Farrell proposed a motion to accept the nominations as proposed. Commissioner Macasek seconded the motion. The vote was taken; there were no votes against and no abstentions and Commissioner Farrell moved that the secretary record a unanimous vote.

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

Subcommittee assignments were made and Acting Director Shultz will prepare the listing. Please note that Commissioner Dunado's cell phone number is 973 769 2897

Minutes: the minutes for December 8, 2015, were accepted as amended.

Freeholder Report: no report: see Chair and Archivist/Acting Director's report. Freeholder Director Kathy DeFillippo was planning to visit the Heritage Commission later in the day with Freeholder Christine Myers.

Financial Report: see the Expenditure Budget Activity to 12/31/2015 attached to the meeting package for January 12, 2016. The 2015 expenditures are still being closed out. A preliminary working budget of 7% of that of 2015 is in place during Freeholder budget negotiations.

Chair Report: see the Chair Report by Larry Fast for December 2015, attached to the meeting package for January 12, 2016. The progress over the last year has been extraordinary. Vice Chairman Fast expressed his gratitude to the Commissioners for their support in 2015 and much of the last decade.

Archivist/Acting Director's Report: dated January 8, 2016, attached to the meeting package for January 12, 2016.

Archives: MCHC has been receiving regular deliveries from Larry Ragonese, which hold much valuable information. The VHS collection will need to be watched and assessed for digitization. Volunteers will be needed to help with cleaning paper and books.

- Materials arriving from other offices may have to be returned for lack of space and funding for stewardship.
- Acting Director Shultz will be writing to Cathy Burd with a request for a history program coordinator.
- Regrant 2017: extra funding from NJHC not anticipated. Non-history organizations will have to be included. All the small history organizations which have benefitted from Project Grants and GOS funds from NJHC are no longer eligible and the competition will be prohibitive.
- Small projects are being identified for future iterns.

Committee reports:

Archives: Kathy Murphy and Joe Macasek, Co-Chairs. See Archivist/Acting Director's report above and attached.

Grants/Re-grants: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair: See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

Long-Range Plan: Epsey Farrell, Kathy Fisher, Co-Chairs

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The full plan is required by May 1, 2016, a draft of which will be ready for scrutiny prior to the February meeting when it will be discussed. Commissioner Farrel will be leaving on February 11 and returning April 22, 2016.

Marker Program: Kathy Fisher, Chair: see Archivist/Acting Director's report.

- Janet Foster met with Commissioner Fisher regarding the Mount Kemble House, and will be resubmitting an application for the marker.
- The situation over the Canal Street marker will be addressed after the meeting. Fabrication was halted because of an error in the wording.
- Commissioner Fisher is researching material for the Hog Mountain marker.
- She has also ascertained that the correct name for the reservoir near Boonton is Jersey City Reservoir. This had been discussed inconclusively in December 2014 (see e-mail from Chairman Fast dated December 13, 2014).
- Florham Park marker: Commissioner Farrell is ascertaining whether it needs repair as well as reinstallation.

Personnel: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair: See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

Public Programs/Exhibits: Bonnie-Lynn Nadzeika, Chair: See Archivist/Acting Director's report attached.

Joint program for the Canal Society Symposium in April: Acting Director Shultz reconfirmed that MCHC will not make a donation, but will provide food for breakfast and lunch from Longfellow's Deli.

Publications: see Chair Report attached.

E-book: Gone to Wear the Victor's Crown: awaiting completion.

Heritage Review Winter issue: delayed by the holidays and other events.

It was agreed that bi-lines would be handled as follows

- Staff and commissioners names alone will be used under the title.
- Contributing authors: name and professional qualifications under the header, with current position/occupation in a box at the bottom of the first column.

All the articles are in the editing phase and near ready. Commissioner Morris to resend Commissioner's Corner, Changes at the Commission and the Picatinny article. She will obtain high resolution pictures from Jason Huggan.

- Commissioner Farrell needs to correct, captions and back page.
- Introductions: Amanda Hefferan and John Dunado: need photos
- Quips and Quotes: ready for editing

New Business:

No new business was brought to the table for discussion.

Adjournment: the meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Miriam Morris, Secretary

The next Commission meeting will be held on **Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.**
at the Commissions Conference Room at the County Library.

Please inform Ms. Shultz if you are unable to attend.