

Two Cape May groups honored for preserving history

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Cape May Star and Wave

CAPE MAY — The city's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) and the Center for Community Arts (CCA) each received state awards to celebrate the individuals and organizations that make significant contributions to the preservation of history.

At a March 19 City Council meeting, City

Manager Paul Dietrich said Cape May was recognized March 5 with the New Jersey Historical Commission's Award of Recognition for the city's Historic Preservation Commission (HPC).

Lt. Gov. Tahesha L. Way congratulated the HPC for its commitment to preserve architectural heritage and addressing common challenges faced by historic communities nationwide.

"The city of Cape May's proactive approach coupled with diverse stakeholder engagement and expert guidance serves as an exemplary model for other historic communities to emulate," she said.

Dietrich said the HPC updating its design standards and having a proactive outreach is being recognized throughout the state.

HPC Chairman Warren Coupland said it was

the third award this year for the commission after receiving an award from the state for preservation and an award for the HPC standards book given to the city.

Mayor Zack Mullock noted an HPC meeting the previous night lasted more than four hours, an example of volunteerism in Cape May.

"The fact that you have citizens that are willing to put that much time and effort into it is exactly why we're getting this award," he said.

Coupland said such awards would not occur without the support of City Council and ordinances and grant requests that were approved and the citizens of Cape May. He presented the award to the mayor.

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\$4,000 in gross sales.

The school is seeking to synchronize its school calendar with those of the Lower Township Elementary School District and Lower Cape May Regional School District to keep

community Arts (CCA) was recognized by the state for the book, "Black Voices of Cape May- A Feeling of Community."

The book is the culmination of more than 25 years of work during which the committee recorded 60 oral histories that preserve the memory of Cape May's once-vibrant African-American community.

The book presents excerpts from 27 interviews, accompanied by a profusion of historic photographs, maps locating Black businesses and institutions, and family trees.

It groups this material by such logical themes as churches, social and fraternal organizations, education, businesses, military service, and others.

Dietrich said a bus load

of CCA volunteers attended the award ceremony in Trenton.

"The room was probably more than half-packed of residents and people representing Cape May, so it was really great to see their turnout for these two great awards," he said.

CCA Executive Director David Mackenzie said it was the fourth award received by the CCA in the past few years, all for the work of the organization's History Committee.

He said some members of the committee have served more than 25 years.

He said their award was in his office and would be shown prominently in CCA's new offices in the Franklin Street School when it reopens as the city's new library.

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