

HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES

June 26, 2013

8:20 p.m.

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>	X	
<u>Judi Sussman</u>		X
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>	X	
<u>Harold DeYoung</u>		X
<u>Mike Ginch</u>	X	
<u>Joan Kristan</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Anthony Cappola</u>		X

AUDIENCE: Peter Dunsay

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Motion to accept the Minutes.

MARY DONOHUE: So moved.

SARA BARTELLONI: Second.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Read letter from Alan Negreann into the record regarding the May 28, 2013 Work Session. She stated she received a note from Judy O'Connell advising that Alan requested a legal opinion from Alan Niece, Esq., Planning Board Attorney. Stated there was some confusion as to what was in the Master Plan.

MARY DONOHUE: Questioned if they could get in touch with Trenton to look up their CLG document.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she had contacted Trenton, but has not received an answer.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised to contact Loretta Weinberg's office. Suggested she would make the call, if necessary.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that Bill Lindsley wrote the Master Plan and spoke with Sam Cereste who also stated that he had a part in writing the Master Plan. Stated she does not know why the Borough does not have the complete version. Stated she found in her notes that in 2006 Alan Negreann requested a review of the Master Plan as they were interested in getting a Smart Growth Grant. Stated she is not sure where to go from here.

MARY DONOHUE: Indicated that it is the Mayor and Council's problem, as the Historic Commission did their work. Stated that the Mayor should get in touch with Trenton and advise them the documents were lost and they need proof that there is a Historic Component to the Master Plan.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she is not sure the Mayor would have the time to contact Trenton.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated that the request would have more clout coming from the Mayor.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she will contact Trenton again and speak to Andrea. Advised all the information was submitted to the Borough and that Mayor Watkins approved it. Questioned if a letter should be mailed to Alan or the Town Council and question why they have not received a legal opinion regarding this, otherwise nothing may happen.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated she would contact Andrea first.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated this is different. A letter was sent on May 29th, it is now a month later, they should have a legal opinion by now. Indicated she spoke with Sam Cereste, who stated that if there is a misunderstanding or misinterpretation in the Historical element of the Master Plan that indicates all these sites are already designated, it is a simple fix. You just take that sentence out.

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PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that NJ Transit is a quasi-government agency, which means if the Town designates it, NJ Transit can ignore it.

MIKE GINCH: Stated that it has to fall in somebody's realm, either local, state or national.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they went through this same thing with the house. Whether it is national or state, they cannot knock it down. Advised they spent over 1 million dollars fixing the train station so it is not likely they will be knocking it down any time soon.

PETER DUNSAY: Stated he does not believe the train station will be touched for many years.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Again stated she still believes a letter should be written to the Town Counsel and ask them to get an opinion from the Planning Board Attorney. Moving on to the Open Space Grants, she questioned if there was anything the Commission wanted to purchase.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised that the Oradell Archivist, created a data base program to make it easier to archive Oradell's information. He spoke to her and advised her not to recreate the program. He did not offer the program for free, nor for a cost, just said to give him a call.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated everyone believed that was the better way to spend the money. Questioned if there was any equipment that would be needed to start the process.

MIKE GINCH: Stated they could make do with something he has. However, it would be nice to get something suited for that particular purpose, such as a wireless microphone.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated she is not that familiar with that.

MIKE GINCH: Stated only if the money is available to purchase the microphone.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if someone would contact the Oradell Archivist and find what he has and how much it would cost. If it cost \$500, there would be money left over to do the oral histories. Questioned about the difficulty of the survey, as it cannot be edited in the format it was sent.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated it cannot be edited. It is scanned and can be attached somewhere that people could search through it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if it can be put on the Commission's web site.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she can do that.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Sara if the Oradell Archivist would be able to help with the survey, as far as the program.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she does not think so. The database he created was specifically for archiving artifacts, not necessary recreating a document. However she stated it may be possible, as he is well versed in Microsoft Access, so he may be able to help recreating the survey.

MARY DONOHUE: Suggested inviting him to a meeting.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she will invite him to the September meeting.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated she has not done anything with the perfecting the questions for the oral histories. She should have the questions ready by July 8th and would send the questions to everyone so the histories could be started the following week.

MARY DONOHUE: Questioned the request for painting Borough Hall.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated there is money in the budget to paint the front of Borough Hall. It will cost \$6,500.00, but they need our input to continue. She questioned if they were going to be using the same colors as this is a historically designated site and they indicated they would. Suggested giving the okay to paint the building.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated she will write the letter to the Mayor and Council advising of the Commission's approval.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they are not doing anything that was not there before, they are refurbishing. Asked Sara if should would be able to put the survey on the web site.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated that she would put it on the web site.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated to advise her when she wants to update the photographs on the survey. Indicated the other thing that can be done, if the Oradell Archivist is too expensive, is to get a Grant Writer through the CLG. Questioned if Sara knew the name of the present Grant Writer for the Borough.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she does not know.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that she believes since the Oradell Archivist is selling the program to other people in Bergen County, it could not be too expensive. Questioned if Mary has an update on New Bridge Landing.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised there will be a vintage baseball game on July 6th. These 2 events are meant to be fundraisers, as they hope to have shovels in the ground for the new museum and library by the beginning of 2014. They need approximately \$350,000, and they are up to \$200,000. The other event is the wine festival, where local wine makers will show their wares, which will be held on August 24th. NJ Transit is allowing them the use of the parking lots. The Bergen County Historical Society celebrated 107 years of operation.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there is any information regarding the postcards.

MIKE GINCH: Stated the slides need to be sent out to be scanned, but he does not want to be responsible for the slides once they leave his hands.

PETER DUNSAY: Stated he would send out the slides.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated New Bridge Landing also asked Bergen Community College if they would like to have the library at the College.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she believes it should still be in the River Edge library for accessibility.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised it could not be in the library as it would have to be in a locked room.

SARA BARTELLONI: Does not believe Bergen County would want River Edge information.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated if the information was digitized it could be placed in the library and the documents to be digitized would be locked up so it would not be touched.

MIKE GINCH: He does not believe there is enough good imagery to do the calendar.

MARY DONOHUE: Questioned if it had to be postcards.

MIKE GINCH: Stated no, but that is the only source of information so far.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned why there were not enough photographs, as you would only need one picture for each month.

MIKE GINCH: Stated he did not believe there still were not enough pictures for a calendar.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated once the slides are done, there should be enough pictures. Questioned how many calendars they should make.

MIKE GINCH: Stated if a calendar is not done, they can come up with another vehicle, possibly something with more longevity than a calendar.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated everyone will keep in touch over the summer, as there is no formal meeting.

MEETING ADJOURNED