

HISTORIC COMMISSION
September 22, 2026

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>James Hoogstrate</u>	X	
<u>Andrew Golden</u>	X	
<u>Deborah Powell</u>		X
<u>Archivist Caitlyn Meehan</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Priti Dhariwal</u>		X

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Next Meeting dates are October 27th and November 17th. Advised Andy went to the DPW and they said the historic sign is done, but not sure why it is not at the Borough.

ANDREW GOLDEN: Stated he was told the sign is ready, but they don't have a stanchion to put it in the ground.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric what is happening on Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Stated the usual, but it is not as big as Instagram.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim what is happening on Instagram and YouTube.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised YouTube channel had 5,000 total views in 10 years, but Instagram had 41,250 views over 90 days. Advised he was posting stuff over the summer and there is a following who like the stuff from the archives.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Introduced Caitlyn, the new archivist. Questioned Jim about the banner.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised they ordered a banner for River Edge Day and a tablecloth so they will not have a blank table.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how many QR Codes there are at this point.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised Michael Ginch, Jr. recorded the voiceovers that were needed, but he needs to do some editing.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he is going to be doing any more programs at the library.

ERIC MODEL: Advised the NJ Exhibit is coming on October 8th and 2 of the 3 projects are carried over from the 250th; one is taking pictures of the

storefronts; the second one is the next chapter of River Edge History. The third part is continuing the intergenerational stories, which are called the Community Memory Project. Advised the 250th Committee is sharing the Historic Commission's table at River Edge Day.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated they will need a separate table as the banner will take up the Historic Commissions table and there would be no place to put the 250th banner. Advised he can bring 2 tables.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Andy if he can speak with Ron Starace to see if he is willing to do an oral history.

ANDREW GOLDEN: Stated he will contact him.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the budget was approved for \$7450.00, but she does not remember how much that was for the 250th. Stated they need more appointments for the Commission. Advised the 250th Committee has reserved 2 weeks in October, the 9th through the 23rd for the travelling exhibit and it will be at the River Edge Library, and the assembly and breakdown will be done by the Committee. Questioned when the reception will be.

ERIC MODEL: Stated it will be assembled on October 7th and the reception is October 8th at 4:30 and the exhibit will be from the 9th to the 21st.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if someone from the Committee will be at the Library during the Exhibit.

ERIC MODEL: Stated nobody will be there.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she thinks a Committee member should be there in case somebody has a question about the panels.

ERIC MODEL: Advised there is a brochure there and they can reach out to the people in Trenton, as the panels will not be manned, plus the people on the 250 Committee have jobs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if he has an update on New Bridge Landing.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated they did a nice promo for it that Mike Ginch, Jr. voiced. Advised they just got a major donor to help with the museum.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they are having the Baronfest and are looking ahead to the 250 Anniversary of Washington's retreat reenactment on

the 21st, that will start in Fort Lee and come to River Edge on the 22nd. Stated the 250 Committee will have town criers at local businesses to spread the word about it. Stated there was a graphic designer that worked at Gates that did the first stage of the banner, but he has since left and questioned if anyone on the Commission knew of a graphic designer.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated he works with graphic design teachers and he can ask them. Questioned what is happening with the Cultural Center.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they are looking for another venue, and she will be meeting with the Superintendent to see if they can have space at the Middle School.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the Commission voted unanimously to start the Meeting at 7:30 instead of 7:45 as that is better for the members

Next meeting October 27th

