

HISTORIC COMMISSION
October 27, 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 date is November 17, 2026. Questioned Priti about the historic sign that DPW had restored but has not been put back up.

ERIC MODEL: Advised DPW is going to purchase the post to put up the sign.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim what he just did with YouTube.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Advised they were finally able to get all 32 8mm films transferred, most are Little Leagues, tennis, horseshoes and the library and he started posting some of that. Stated he is working

with Daragh as he wants to showcase it at the library. Advised Instagram received 19,000 views in the last 90 days.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric what was happening with Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he has been doing a lot with Jim and he will recycle what Jim has put on Instagram, along with a link so people can go to Instagram.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she is not sure if Caitlyn has posted anything on Instagram and she has not filled out her W-9 to get paid for archiving. Advised she will set up a meeting at the library with Caitlyn to see what she has done. Questioned Jim what is happening with the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Advised that project has been put on hold.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how many more streets need to be done.

ERIC MODEL: Advised there are another 4 that are done, they just need to be edited.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he will be doing any more local histories at the library.

ERIC MODEL: Stated they were preoccupied with getting the Exhibit back to Trenton.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there were any people at the table on River Edge Day that were interested.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated the weather was not great, but they had a few people.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised there is still money in the budget for the QR Codes.

ERIC MODEL: Stated the question is he is not sure if the budget carries over.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Priti when their budget ends.

PRITI DHARIWAL: Stated she is not sure, possibly until December but she will have to ask.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they need one other person on the Commission and asked Priti to mention that at the next Council meeting. Questioned Eric if there were any expenses from the Traveling Exhibit

that she needs to be aware of as it was part of the Historic Commission budget.

ERIC MODEL: Stated it was only a part of the Historic Commission for accounting purposes as the Commission had no say over the exhibit. Advised no money was expended and it is finished.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if Eric spoke with Daragh about the 250th to see if anyone was watching it at the library and if there was any feedback.

ERIC MODEL: Stated the response was good.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated he spoke with Daragh and he said they had 600-800 mostly students come. It was a huge success.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how the breakdown of the Exhibit.

ERIC MODEL: Advised Jim helped to take the Exhibit down and Rob brought it to Trenton. River Edge was the last stop as the schools wanted it in October after school started and it will be picked up again in the spring. Stated River Edge was happy with the numbers they are floating the idea of having future history exhibits and asked if the Commission would be interested in hosting them.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated maybe they can find out if the Borough has some type of panels they can use to put up historic exhibits at the library. Questioned anyone if they have an update on the Baronfest, since Deborah is not at the meeting.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated he was there and served the beer, as the breweries nor the historical society can serve the beer, only volunteers. Advised they did very well.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated since everything is over, they need to get back to historically designating the houses that need to be designated and asked if everyone is good with starting that in January.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they have enough to do. Stated he would like to finish one of the projects they had already discussed, such as the next chapter of River Edge stories over the last 50 years, since the last history book of River Edge was in 1976.

MEETING ENDED

NEXT MEETING: November 17, 2026