

# ***HISTORIC COMMISSION***

## ***MINUTES***

***September 26, 2018***

8:08 p.m.

<b><u>ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>	X	
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>	X	
<u>Mike Ginch</u>	X	
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>John Cookson</u>	X	
<u>James Hoogstrate</u>		X
<u>Liaison Dario Chinigo</u>		X
<u>Deborah Powell</u>	X	

### **AUDIENCE**

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Spoke about River Edge Day and advise they will chair a table with the Cultural Center. Questioned what they should have at River Edge Day.

**ERIC MODEL:** Stated he spoke with people at the library and came up with "Remembering River Edge" and would like to do a day program and an evening program, to discuss the history of River Edge and see what people have in the way of stories or artifacts. Stated the Library would be more involved if it was a coalition. Indicated as it relates to River Edge Day to have a flyer available at the table. Read the flyer he drafted into the minutes.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated Eric suggested in the past about getting video reflections from residents and advised Jim Hoogstrate is a videographer, and questioned if the library would be a good place to take the videos and questioned how soon the library program would start.

**ERIC MODEL:** Advised he is looking to start in November and stated the video should be taken in another room from where the program will be held.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned John if he could promote the program.

**JOHN COOKSON:** Indicated he can use Instagram.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised Carolyn arranged for Joe Maguire to be honored at Yankee Stadium and she has the Facebook video and would like to put that on the Historic Facebook page.

**ERIC MODEL:** Advised he did the story on his blog, but it would be good to have the video.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated she will send Eric the video and he can post it on his blog. Advised she will open up on River Edge Day and it is from 1:00-4:00 and questioned if someone can do from 1:00-2:00 and 2:00-3:00. Advised the Mayor and Council never responded to them about a having a meeting to discuss the two designations and questioned whether they should write another letter.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Indicated to make a copy of the old letter and write a new letter.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated she will find the old letter and send it again and hope for the best. Stated there were a few old photographs in the Record and maybe John or Eric may want to write about McDonalds. Questioned Mike if they are ready to apply for a Grant.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated he believes you can apply for a Grant.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised she will look to see what is available and Mary and herself will work on the Grant. Questioned Sarah about placing photographs online that is not expensive to do.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated she does not recall the conversation and stated the Bergen Historical Society has their items cataloged.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Stated they have an inventory of their collection but it is a photographic inventory.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated the Historical Society had it in an App, and maybe that is what she had discussed about doing for the Commission.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Indicated there are libraries you can participate in, such as the State digital one.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated they added some materials to their collection.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Questioned what is available to people.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they do not have anything available yet online, but they have material at the library people can go see, but they need to make an appointment with Margaret.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Questioned how people know to make an appointment with Margaret.

**ERIC MODEL:** Stated they only have one hour a week for visiting hours.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised she was going to wait and speak with them about it first as the library does not consider the archiving as part of Margaret's library day.

**ERIC MODEL:** Suggested promoting the library tiles on River Edge Day in return for consideration of Margaret's work on the archiving.

**MIKE GINCH:** Suggested going to the Library Board first.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised she went to the Board and did convince them they did not need fire proof cabinets and questioned about getting an archive space at the Library, but they said they did not care about archives and suggested speaking with Daragh first about Margaret's hours.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated getting the materials online has to be the focus.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated George would not have a problem being at the library for 2 hours a week.

**MIKE GINCH:** Suggested to first promote the materials at the library and see if there is any interest, then you can get leverage to indicate people are asking for material.

**ERIC MODEL:** Stated the Commission has a resource and the Library should ask the Commission to be included, not the other way around.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Indicated she believed the library was looking for programming to get people to go the library.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated Jim Hoogstrate has been approved by the Mayor and Council as a member. Advised he is a teacher in Wayne and he is interested in getting involved in the oral history project. Advised people wrote a letter to the Borough questioning what can be done with the Clarendon Court signs and Mike volunteered to check into the paint and Sara would check into the lettering and the signs were done in the summer. Stated the lettering was excellent but would have liked a new piece of wood.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated she believes they did not get a new piece of wood because they would have to go through the process of getting the piece of wood approved.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if they should be asked to do the other kiosks, or if the Scouts would be willing to do that again.

**MIKE GINCH:** Advised it is possible, but it was a lot of work.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if she should write a letter to the Borough and say the kiosks need some restoration.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated he would say yes because when you drive past the two of them you can see the difference between the kiosks.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Indicated she will write Alan and maybe they will get the DPW workers to do it, rather than the prisoners.

**MIKE GINCH:** Suggested waiting until the spring and maybe he will be able to get the Scouts interested.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised Phyllis and herself met with Dr. Ben Tov and several other people and was disappointed to see that she wanted to push off the celebration to the following fall, but she said the school district was having monitoring in the spring and Dr. Ben Tov plans on putting a committee together and hopes the Cultural Center would align an exhibit and the Historic Commission would work with the Committee. Stated their cornerstone has the date of 1919 with a quote on the side of the building, but in April of 1919 the Borough finally voted to work on that school and the following spring the doors opened for the first time in 1920. Stated it would be a nice gesture of the Historic Commission to have the school plant a tree on the actual date that aligns with the vote as a kick-off, as that is what changed the direction of the one room school. Indicated they will do a 100 year celebration, but they do not have anything in place at this time.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they should send an email to have a meeting in October.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised she spoke with a member of the PTO, who indicated they were alerted they would be in charge of planning the celebration.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated there was supposed to be a whole entire committee to help with the planning, but they need to have a follow up in October so the Commission knows what they are doing. Questioned if anyone would help with putting an exhibit together at Roosevelt school.

**ERIC MODEL:** Stated since the Commission is enthusiastic about helping Roosevelt in any way, you can go back to them and say the Commission is really excited about the process and will work with them on this celebration.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised she spoke with the Co-Presidents and told them the Historic Commission is available as any sort of reference tool they need and to include the Commission.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated the Commission, plus the Cultural Center can use the archives they already have on Roosevelt School and put together an exhibit.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised Dr. Ben Tov spoke about the 75<sup>th</sup> celebration in Tenafly where they had a gala and former employees, former students and believes she thinks the Committee she puts together will do that for Roosevelt.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated she has photographs and the Cultural Center has archives. Advised George Carter is in the process of purchasing a filing cabinet from Staples and

the Borough paid for the Clarendon signs and the DPW will pay for the paint for the kiosks.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised she is not sure if she will continue to be a Member of the Commission.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated she has the information for the YouTube, Gmail, but does not have the information for Facebook.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated they spoke about this last time and advised she currently set up a page on her personal Facebook account, but never set up a Historic Commission Facebook page. Suggested looking at the various community groups, such as the Farmers Market group, as they are non-profit, and see how they set it up their page as a non-profit Facebook page.

**MIKE GINCH:** Questioned if you had an independent computer, can you set up a Facebook account as a generic person.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Questioned who would be putting in the information.

**ERIC MODEL:** Indicated if the Commission had their own computer, it would be a neutral computer.

**MIKE GINCH:** Advised he could give the Commission a laptop.

There was a discussion about setting up Facebook page for the Historic Commission.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised she is not sure how to set up a non-profit Facebook page.

**ERIC MODEL:** Questioned if it makes sense to set it up under the Gmail account and he could populate the Facebook page.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Stated she is not committing herself to setting up the Facebook page, but she will research it and advise the Commission.

**ERIC MODEL:** Questioned if you have a Gmail account and you can set up the Facebook page on another computer.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Suggested setting up the Facebook on your phone as it works very well, as that is what she has done for New Bridge.

**ERIC MODEL:** Stated he will populate the Facebook page, but he wants the home base to be someplace neutral.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised Facebook is not like word, but she does not know the actual process of setting up a non-profit Facebook account.

**JOHN COOKSON:** Suggested looking it up on the internet.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised she did look it up, but it was not helpful with starting up a non-profit Facebook page.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned Mary about a New Bridge update.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Stated the Nationalization Ceremony on September 21<sup>st</sup> was interesting because there were 23 candidates from 18 different countries.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Advised she posted a bunch of photographs about it on Facebook.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Advised the Barren Festival will be Saturday from 1:00 - 5:00.

**DEBORAH POWELL:** Stated she put together an exhibit to display on that day. Advised they have a Hamilton event coming up and will be serving wine and chocolate. Stated they have historical musicians who will be participating in the event and they will be having an event in October with a retreat weekend. Advised the Steuben House received a portrait of Mary William Blair, which was in bad condition, and the people who donated the portrait gave a donation as well, which was used to restore the portrait. Stated with the new museum building coming, they will see more people coming forward with their parents' collections. Advised Tom Barrett is their attorney, who is making progress towards getting the new museum built.

**MEETING ADJOURNED:** Next Meeting October 24, 2018