

# ***HISTORIC COMMISSION***

## ***MINUTES***

***November 28, 2018***

8:05 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:** Advised Mary and herself will go to the Council meeting in December and tell them they are going to re-designate the two homes in the spring and point out there are several historically relevant sites in the Master Plan, but they do not reach the level of historical designation.

**MIKE GINCH:** Questioned if there will be another Historic Meeting prior to them going to the Council meeting.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated there will not be.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated they should probably meet in some capacity before they present to the Council.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Indicated they will meet again informally as they need to discuss the Grant, as it is due January 22, 2019. Stated they need to reach out to the community to see if they have any historic photographs or items and questioned Eric if he would like to put that on Facebook.

**ERIC MODEL:** Stated the Rec Commission is willing to do the Facebook page and that he needs to follow up with her.

**MIKE GINCH:** Suggested making a short promotion video presenting this concept to people showing them what you want to accomplish and explain what type of materials

you are looking for so you do not have to make that pitch when you want to explain it to someone, and it can be placed on YouTube.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated they would have to sit down and discuss what they want to say about it.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Questioned if you are looking to make a basic promo video on River Edge, to help the residents realize they may have material they can donate to the Commission.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated rather than going to SCORE and tell them what the Commission is looking for, we just show them a video to inform them they can lend the Commission their historic photographs to scan or donate to make part of the River Edge data base.

**ERIC MODEL:** Indicated he would like it to be both, historic materials and an oral story, which is more personal.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Stated an oral history is someone telling stories of years ago, but he would do an informal video and have residents tell you stories.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned Eric if he wants to do another program at the library.

**ERIC MODEL:** Stated possibly in the spring, unless it is speaking to the students, but he needs a couple of weeks to decide.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Advised St. Peter's has a very active Senior Citizen group if you would like to be a guest and stated she will check it out for him.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they checked into a Grant to get the archives on line and it is a lot of work, which Mary and herself are willing to work on, but she needs some idea as to who they would hire to perform the work and would they create their own website.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated he believed they had specific requirements.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Indicated they used the Rutgers website the last time they requested a Grant which was easier.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised they had to go through the Rutgers website as the digital highway is partnered with Rutgers.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Indicated she does not believe they have to do the highway again, because if they create their own website and it is online it will probably be good enough.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated you have to produce a final product and there is not enough time to do all that work.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if you don't want to go for a Grant because you don't believe the Commission is ready.

**MIKE GINCH:** Advised you can go for a Grant to keep the archiving going.

**MARY DAVIS:** Stated the archiving is ongoing.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they could put the archiving into their regular budget.

**MIKE GINCH:** Questioned if you can fund it with a Grant.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised the Grants start at \$10,000 to \$25,000 and the Commission must be ready with work for the minimal amount.

**MIKE GINCH:** Suggested to take the first steps to getting the archives on line and see if it gets rejected, but they will want something more concrete.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated that they will as the Grants are very detailed.

**MIKE GINCH:** Suggested coming up with a time line this year and get it ready for next year.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Agreed. Advised the Superintendent of Roosevelt School wants to have the Roosevelt Anniversary in November and the Commission will help with that. Suggesting doing Oral Histories of past graduates. Questioned Mary if she has an update on New Bridge Landing.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Advised New Bridge is waiting for the planning board to come through and everything is moving along and they hope to have shovels in the ground in April.

**ERIC MODEL:** Questioned what it would take to have a River Edge walk once a year to go by historical places.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they did that several years ago with a past Borough Historian who narrated the tour and it was well attended.

**ERIC MODEL:** Indicated they discussed having markers, but short of doing that it would be nice to have a historical walk.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated some markers could be in the budget this year.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Believed having markers at the beginning and at the end of the streets explaining the history behind the street name is a good idea.

**SARA BARTELLONI:** Advised John was working on that, but it was a lot of work to do the research.

**ERIC MODEL:** Suggested putting the signs in the budget and see what type of response you receive.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated she will put it in the budget, but questioned if anyone knows what the price would be for the signs.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Suggested having the people on that particular block contribute to the cost of the sign.

**ERIC MODEL:** Suggested getting sponsors for the signs.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if she is going to request money for the signs in the budget.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated to take time to think about that before you request money.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised the budget needs to be submitted in December.

**ERIC MODEL:** Suggested pricing the signs first.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Indicated to put down \$500 for the signs as it will be a start.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Next meeting January 23nd.

**MEETING ADJOURNED**