

**HISTORIC COMMISSION  
MINUTES**

**October 24, 2018**

8:05 p.m.

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<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

**CORRECTION TO LAST MINUTES:** Correct the spelling of Barren Festival to "Baron" Festival.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Introduced James Hoogstrate after swearing him as a Member of the Commission and questioned what he would be interested in doing on the Commission.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Introduced himself to the Commission.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised the Commission is working on oral histories and that may be something he could work on.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Stated that he has the equipment and he will see if his mother would be interested in giving an oral history.

**PHYLLIS ANGLEO:** Stated the other project they are working on is the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Roosevelt School, which is something they can ask his mother as she was a student there.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated it would be good for James to come up with the questions for his mother.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Indicated he should be able to convince his mother to make an oral history.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned Dario if he received the letter she resent to the Mayor and Council.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Stated he received the letter and spoke to the Mayor and Tom Sarlo about it and it is the same answer as the last time, it all has to be resubmitted because the Master Plan was adopted in 2017 and anything done beforehand needs to be resubmitted.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised the reason they wanted to meet with the Mayor and Council was to advise them what they were thinking about doing in the future as far as designations.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Stated if you want to meet with the Mayor and Council to just go to a meeting as he advised the Mayor and Council he would invite the Commission to go to a meeting so the Council can answer any questions the Commission has.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they wanted to meet with the Mayor and Council to discuss what they want to designate in the future, so they would not be surprised what they want to designate when the time comes.

**MIKE GINCH:** Questioned what you want to tell the Mayor and Council when you go to a meeting.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they want to prepare them they want to resubmit the two houses and in the future they may have one or two more, but not dozens of items to designate, if that was the concern of the Council.

**ERIC MODEL:** Indicated they were trying to have a line of communication between the Commission and the Mayor and Council, in order to have some back and forth between the Council and the Commission, as in the past there was some issue in terms of the designation of some properties.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Stated there are two different issues, one involves one specific property and the other is down the line issues, which don't necessary interact with one another, but the Council is very supportive of what the Commission does.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned when the next meeting was.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Indicated it is November 5, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

**MIKE GINCH:** Advised you need to be prepared for any questions that are going to be asked and you should be cautious about what you present to them, as there are still some questions the Commission has not reconciled, such as why haven't some other houses been designated that are historically significant.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Questioned if there is a memo you can put together regarding certain properties you are considering designating. Indicated he does not understand what you want from the Council with respect to what you are bringing up.

**ERIC MODEL:** Advised they are looking for an awareness that there are some properties that may not rise to a designation level, but they are still important to River Edge.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Indicated the best way to do that is to show up at a Council Meeting and present this information on the record.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised besides the oral histories, they want to make people aware of what the Commission is doing and questioned Jim if the best way to do that is through Facebook or YouTube.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Stated he could not locate the YouTube but to promote it on the town website and put posters up at the library and the schools, so people know that it exists.

**MIKE GINCH:** Indicated they may not want to promote it that much, as it may not have much content at this time.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Stated John could answer what social media works best.

**JOHN COOKSON:** Advised he runs the Instagram account and it is all about the audience you are shooting for.

**JAMES HOOGSTRATE:** Advised you can also put it on Channel 77.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Stated they do have a Channel and suggested putting something on Twitter.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised they are going into the next phase of the archives and would like to promote the items they have so far.

**DARIO CHINIGO:** Advised River Edge is working on a new website and when that happens they will include a Historical Component.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned John if could go to the archives and find something they can promote on Instagram to get people excited.

**JOHN COOKSON:** Stated he could do that.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned Eric if he was going to take over the Facebook page.

**ERIC MODEL:** Advised he has done a book, radio and a syndicated column of Journeys in Hidden America and people suggested to him to do local stories and over time he started doing local towns and created stories on-line, which are Journeys into River Edge, Journeys into Oradell, Paramus and Hackensack, which are little stories and has posted some pictures, which might be a nice bridge to put on the Commission's Facebook page.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Suggested approaching all the Church's in town and ask them to ask their congregants if they have old photographs of the town.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised the Temple has a newsletter and they can ask to put that in their newsletter.

**ERIC MODEL:** Advised on November 14<sup>th</sup> between noon and 2:00 p.m. he is having a program called Remember River Edge, but he would like to be able to go to SCORE or other clubs to reach out to them and let them know if they have old pictures they have a place where they can send them.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Indicated the next stage is to have the material placed on-line so people can access it. Advised Mary and herself will start to work on a grant and spoke with the State about getting a grant for archives, but not sure if we have expertise needed to write up the grant for putting the archive on-line. Questioned what type of expertise is needed and if there is a particular company to use.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated he did the database in Access, which is not easy to convert to a web based system, so you need someone that can convert that into a format that is more web inclined. Indicated you need to know what you want first.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned which web site it will be placed on.

**MIKE GINCH:** Advised you can link to the town website, but it would be nice to have a google means.

**MARY DONOHUE:** Stated it would be beneficial to emphasize you have a high school student working with the Commission.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if the Commission needs to create their own website to put it on line.

**MIKE GINCH:** Stated you can find a name and create a stand-alone site, if it is okay with the town rules, which you can link to the town website and other websites.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Questioned if there is company or a specific person to create their own website.

**JOHN COOKSON:** Indicated he could ask at school if there are any students that could create a web-site.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated the Commission and the Cultural Center will be working on the 100th Anniversary of Roosevelt School. The start of the yearlong celebration will be November 2019. She advised Sara the next meeting in November will be after Thanksgiving. Sara brought the project to the attention of the Commission.

**SARA THERESA BARTELLONI:** Indicated she will try to get to the next meeting.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Advised the Historic Commission meeting dates for 2019:

1/23/19, 2/27/19, 3/27/19, 4/24/19, 5/22/19, 6/26/19, 9/25/19, 10/23/19, and 11/20/19.  
Only in November it will be on the third Wednesday.

**PHYLLIS ANGELO:** Stated at the November Meeting they will need to decide the Budget for 2019, continuing budget for archives, workshops for CLG, painting Kiosks, and other projects.

**TAPE ENDED**