

**HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

November 20, 2019

8:10 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 Michelle Kaufman</u>		X
<u>Deborah Powell</u>		X

AUDIENCE: Joshua Wiesenfeld and Leslie Wiesenfeld, Oradell, NJ . The meeting was in Mary Donohue's home, 542 Fifth Avenue.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated their big project is the archives and questioned Jim if he was able to put together a video to make people aware of what they do, as far as the archives.

JAMES HOOGSTRATE: Stated he has not had a chance to do that yet.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated maybe it can be done during the Christmas break and advised they have over 2000 photographs and documents in the computer archives. Stated she does not know what the status is of the old Post Office building as Michelle Kaufman is absent and questioned if the Borough decides to knock it down if the Commission should take a stand.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated she doesn't know what the value of it is.

MIKE GINCH: Stated it is a little disturbing the Borough hasn't contacted the Commission to learn more about the building.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Eric and Michael are interested in doing the archives, however that is a paid position and Commission Members cannot be paid, as it is a conflict of interest, Stated if they still want to do the archiving they would have to be a liaison on the Commission and not a voting Member. Indicated they would be paid the same amount that Mr. Carter was being paid, which was \$35.00/hr.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated Mr. Carter making \$35.00/hr. made sense, however she never understood Margaret getting paid the same amount, as she was being trained by Mr. Carter.

JAMES HOOGSTRATE: Stated he believes you will have a lot more success finding someone to take over that job if you give them a dedicated room, as of right now everything is on a shelf.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Margaret and Mr. Carter were able to take the computer home to do the work.

MARY DONOHUE: Suggested going to SCORE and tell them you are trying to organize this material and you need an archivist.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if that is what you want to do or would you want to place an advertisement in the newspaper.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested asking Mr. Carter what the other towns are doing.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she already asked Mr. Carter if he was aware of anyone else that does the archiving and he stated he did not know of anyone. Questioned if you want to pay less than \$35.00/hr. what would you like to pay.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated she does not find fault with the salary.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated Mr. Carter was the expert and sees a problem paying a novice the same rate.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Mr. Carter will get \$35.00/hr. to do the training and if you want to pay the new person less money, let her know the amount you want to pay before they advertise. Questioned if you want to start with \$30.00/hr.

Member: Agreed to that amount.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric and Michael if they want to do the archiving and just be a liaison.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested trying SCORE first and Mr. Carter, and if that doesn't work it can be revisited.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised there is no meeting in December and the meetings next year will be the same, on the 4th Wednesday of every month. Advised she wanted to add the QR Code cost to the budget.

MIKE GINCH: Advised there is no cost to creating a QR Code.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how it is set up in order for people to view it on their telephone.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned if Phyllis was thinking of mounting something and what mechanism she is questioning a cost for.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she is not sure how the QR Code is set up.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised Phyllis when she demonstrated it to her, it did not cost her anything but time. Stated the only cost she can think of is if it is printed on a metal sign and to keep it affordable you can laminate it on a piece of paper.

MIKE GINCH: Advised you have to come up with a framework with what you want.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how much work is it to create that.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated it will probably be a 3 minute maximum recording.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they were going to start with 5 different signs.

MIKE GINCH: Stated not everyone wants a 3 minute recording and suggested doing something with a video link.

JAMES HOOGSTRATE: Questioned if you are allowed to put something on the street signs, or do you need permission from the Borough.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she believes the Borough is supportive of doing the QR Code.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there are any costs she should put into the budget for next year.

MIKE GINCH: Stated you need to decide what decals you want to do and how many posts you are going to put them on.

LESLIE WIESENFELD: Questioned if there were other towns that have done this that you can contact.

JOSHUA WIESENFELD: Stated that would be a project he would want to work on.

MIKE GINCH: Advised they are not aware of any other towns doing this and they just need to decide what they want to do first, such as starting small and expand later with other than street signs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she needs to know by December what they want to do and how much it will cost so it can be added to the budget.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated if you want to use decals, it would be somewhere around \$20 a decal.

MIKE GINCH: Suggested using aluminum as it can be bended and riveted to the sign.

SARA BARTELLONI: Suggested not starting with the street, but with a structure in town as you are not confined to a pole and it will be easier to establish the idea of using the QR Code. Suggested putting a \$1000 in the budget for the project.

MARY DONONUE: Suggested starting with the main streets first, like Howland Avenue, Midland and Continental.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she put in the budget \$50 for archive supplies and \$300 for the workshops. Stated she believes they should still go ahead with designating the two houses, even though the Council may not be supportive.

SARA BARTELLONI: Suggested putting in some funds for legal fees in the budget.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Michelle sent her information to get a Library Grant to put stuff on line, but it is due December 2, 2019, which does not give them enough time to apply and it takes months to fill out the paperwork.

JAMES HOOGSTRATE: Advised he did the video with Joe Magieri, however his memory is not what it once was and there is not much of River Edge. Believes he may be able to piece together some information and questioned Sara if she still has her video with him, as he may be able to piece the two of them together.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated she is not sure, but the Library of Congress has it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric about Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Indicated he does not know where they are at with Facebook as Michelle was looking into whether it complies with certain aspects.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: She thanked Joshua for coming to the Historic Commission Meeting and would follow through with the Borough Attorney if a member of the Commission does not have to be a residence of River Edge,

NEXT MEETING: January 22, 2020.