

**HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
February 22, 2017
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>Joan Kristan</u>	X	
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>Elizabeth McGinty</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Vito Acquafredda</u>		X

AUDIENCE:

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the Mayor sent a letter regarding the Planning Board and the historic component to the Master Plan. Indicated it must be a procedural issue as they did not contact the Commission for any input. Stated not having the historic component will stop them from designating the two homes.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if they should make a motion to table that issue until the historic component is officially adopted.

ERIC MODEL: Stated because it was a procedural snafu, it should not preclude the Commission from officially or unofficially proceeding.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she contacted the Borough and questioned if they have assigned a liaison from the Council to the Commission and was advised it is Councilman Dario Chinigo. Indicated she contacted him and asked him to report at the next meeting if the Council has approved the historic component.

ERIC MODEL: Questioned if there was anything the Commission would be doing but are not doing because of the historic component.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised all of the work is complete to historically designate the two homes, however procedurally it would have to be started over again with notifying the homeowners of the designation. Indicated they cannot add a student to the Commission at this time as there are no empty spots, however she does not see a reason they could not do a special project for the Commission.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised she reached out to a couple of students and advised them they could help out with the Commissions projects.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the street name project is a good project for the students and they can get involved with the archiving.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if they are not able to sit on the Commission, how can you start getting the students involved in the projects.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested having the students come to the next meeting, at which time they can tell them what projects the Commission has and the students can choose which project they want to be involved in.

JOAN KRISTAN: Questioned if an afterschool meeting would bring them in, rather than at 8:00 p.m.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she can talk to the students after school.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated you can have them come to a meeting and place that first on the agenda so they do not have to stay for the entire meeting.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated she can meet with them after school at the Cultural Center with Phyllis, or somewhere else less formal, and first get them interested in the projects and then invite them to a meeting.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she is okay with that and Sara can explain to the students the project with archiving the materials at the library. She read a letter she received from Marilyn O'Brien.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if we could write back to her.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated she could write to her.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested having that letter at the booth on River Edge Day to showcase what the Commission does. He will write a story about the newspaper article we received.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Mary reached out to Deborah, Kevin's wife, regarding taking on the role as Borough Historian. Deborah indicated she would be glad to be a consultant but did not want the official title. Questioned Eric if he would like to be the Borough Historian.

ERIC MODEL: Indicated he is interested and proposed Deborah and himself work together in concert, if possible.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Deborah would consult with the Historian and she still has all the resources regarding the history of River Edge. Questioned if she needs to submit Eric's name to the Mayor for the position.

SARA BARTELLONI: Indicated she believed she would have to.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned when the budget would be finalized, as Margaret and Mr. Carter questioned if they are going to continue with the archiving project. Stated the public needs to be informed that the Commission wants photographs and the Town News format is awful and they are not very receptive to River Edge.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned putting an exhibit at the Library.

ERIC MODEL: Stated there was a discussion about putting flyers in the stores.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they can put the request on the electronic board at Borough Hall and to go to a Score meeting and talk to those members.

ELIZABETH McGINTY: Stated she can contact Jane Daly at St. Peter's to place an ad in the bulletin and questioned where the photographs should be brought.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated they can bring the photographs to the Borough Hall. Advised they want to make the archives accessible, and questioned if they can be made accessible at the library.

ERIC MODEL: Stated Mike was going to place something online and have people who are interested to make an appointment to go the library to look at the materials.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she spoke with Daragh and he advised he put in his budget a request for a separate room to hold the archival material.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised it currently exists as a data base and the last meeting there was a discussion about having a Facebook page. In the Facebook page we could highlight the historic photos.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how we could proceed and stated she will check with the Borough about having a Facebook page.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested starting a Friends of the Historic Commission as a Facebook page first to get the interest started, and then once you have everything in place you can change the name.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she submitted the meeting dates for next year. Advised at the end of March she has to put together the CLG Annual Report and she needs a resume from Elizabeth and Eric to send to the State and questioned if everyone has done a workshop. Advised workshops can now be done online.

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ERIC MODEL: Questioned if programs of the parade from prior years were kept, as that is something to collect.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there was someone from the Fire Department that was going to give an oral history.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised the person that knew most the history of the fire department passed away.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the one person to be asked is Don Herrick.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if Phyllis contacted him about doing the oral history.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she did not, but she can.

JOHN KRISTAN: Stated she believes Sara should be the person to reach out to Don Herrick.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated that she had sent him several emails and Don Herrick replied that he could not commit, so she thinks Phyllis should reach out to him.

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JOAN KRISTAN: Questioned who the back-up person would be if Don Herrick could not do the oral history. She suggested Joan Sullivan.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested Rickie, she used to be an art teacher and Judy Richards, who was in town since the 1950's.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated Joan Sullivan would be perfect, but she cannot be a liaison with her.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated if Don Herrick is not ready in two weeks, she will reach out to Joan.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Barbara Christiansen's Oral History is scheduled for Sunday Feb.26th at her home on Greenway Terrace and that Eric's Mom is not up to an Oral History at this time.

New Bridge Landing Update: Von Steuben's Birthday Celebration at New Bridge this weekend.

Next Meeting; March 22, 2017