

**HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

June 22, 2016

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>Joan Kristan</u>		X
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Vito Acquafredda</u>	X	

AUDIENCE:

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they discussed the recommendations of the two houses at the last meeting and Eric recommended waiting to take a vote since all members were not present. Stated she does not see any reason not to proceed with the designations in the fall.

MIKE GINCH: Advised work is being done on the windows of the historic home at 788 Kinderkamack.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what everyone would like to do and needs to speak with the Borough Attorney to determine if another hearing is required as the prior hearing was held in 2014.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he was erring on the side of caution, but in light of work being done on the house maybe a friendly letter should be sent to the homeowner.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the owner is aware historic designation deals with the exterior of the house.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested to send a letter stating that the Commission is aware work is being performed and since this was a contentious issue, he should wait to do any more work until this is resolved, but to put it in nice terms.

MEMBER: Questioned the address of the house.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated it is on 56 Spring Valley Avenue.

MEMBER: Stated the Commission has no right at this point to tell them what to do.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised that is why she needs to speak with the Borough Attorney as legal proceedings were started.

ERIC MODEL: Stated the letter would not indicate they could not do anything, just express that the Commission is uncomfortable with work being done as there is some community value at stake.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised this came up with the house that was recently designated, which was owned by Newman. The Commission sent a letter to Newman when he was ready to knock down the house, advising the historic designation process had been started. Stated she will talk to the Borough Attorney to see what legally needs to be done. Questioned if everyone is in agreement to prep in the summer and go forward in the fall with the designation.

MIKE GINCH: Stated if you do not believe you have a fairly decent chance of success and Council support, it may not be a great idea to go forward with the designation.

VITO ACQUAFREDDA: Advised you may want to consider that this is an election year.

ERIC MODEL: Questioned if you don't do anything, then what is the job of this Commission.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated that some prep work still needs to be done over the summer.

MIKE GINCH: Stated the question asked was what the Commission's job is and there is no disagreement that house needs to be designated, however the timing may be an issue. Stated to make the best effort to make the designation happen but you may not have the support at this time.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if anyone likes the idea of putting up a sign on the homes that are not historically designated, but well maintained, like the town of Tenafly.

MARY DONOHUE: Questioned how many homes you want to designate.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she only wants to designate the two homes that were recently designated. The signs are for homes that are well maintained. Indicated Sara was going to write a letter to the owners of the Newman House regarding the paint color of the shutters. Advised they are continuing archiving documents they received before giving them to Mr. Carter and questioned if anyone would like to help with that over the summer.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested having a meeting where the public is invited to attend, where you can show them some of the photographs you have and ask them to share their recollection of River Edge and what the story is behind the photograph.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Sara if she has the plan regarding the shutters on the home on Kinderkamack Road.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she did email her a letter regarding the colors, and will resend it to her.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Dorothy Walker contacted her, who is involved in SCORE, and suggested that she go to a SCORE meeting and tell them about the request for historic photographs, which she thinks is a great idea.

ERIC MODEL: Stated it could be a "show and tell" and would be great for public relations.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Mary and herself will have a table at the 4th of July picnic with photographs to see if anyone can identify them and questioned if anyone is available to take turns sitting at the table. Stated ultimately they want to make the archiving material available online and Mike was checking into other ways to make that happen.

MIKE GINCH: Indicated he has not worked on that issue yet.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if it would be expensive if the Commission took that on themselves.

MIKE GINCH: Stated he does not believe the Commission has that ability.

SARA BARTELLONI: Advised to look at what Closter has done as they have a lot of artifacts and scanned items on their website. Stated there are options like flicker that allow you to upload tons of pictures and you can tap in different ways to the flicker account to view the historic documents.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what intermediate steps can be done to get people interested.

ERIC MODEL: Stated putting something together that is citizen friendly, such as a short story with the picture behind the story.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Thanked the Council for approving the budget. Advised at the last meeting the cornerstone for the American Legion was discussed.

VITO ACQUAFREDDA: Stated the American Legion gave permission for John Lynch to look at it from inside to determine if it was a solid wall. Indicated an individual stated he knew someone that wanted it at the Bergen County Historical Museum.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated at the last meeting the Mayor came up with a good suggestion regarding a street sign project, which explains the meaning behind the street name. Suggested picking two streets to start with and questioned if anyone wants to take on this project. Indicated Mary, Sara and herself went to the workshop at the Steuben

House, and everyone else needs to go to a workshop in the fall. Questioned Sara if there is anything new about placing photographs on the survey.

SARA BARTELLONI: Stated she will call again, but she does not think that will happen as they wanted all the photographs. Questioned what the Commission really wants to do, as she has not taken any photographs of houses.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Yoshi had taken photographs and they have those photographs.

SARA BARTELLONI: Questioned if the photographs were given to them and they did not update the survey with the photographs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they did not get the photographs Yoshi took.

SARA BARTELLONI: Said the County was not updating the survey at this time.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised oral Histories of Barbara Christiansen and Sylvia Model will be done over the summer.

Next Meeting September 28, 2016.