

**HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES**

June 25, 2014

8:20 p.m.

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>	X	
<u>Judi Sussman</u>		X
<u>Sara Theresa Bartelloni</u>		X
<u>Harold DeYoung</u>		X
<u>Mike Ginch</u>	X	
<u>Joan Kristan</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Ellen Busteded</u>		X

AUDIENCE: Peter Dunsay

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she is waiting on the Grant. If we get the Grant, we will try to meet at the Library on Wednesday, July 23, 2014. Suggested thinking about alternates to archiving without the Grant. Stated Mary and herself identified 90 items in the three boxes located in Borough Hall, which included a 1897 Volume of Minutes, 1901-1916 Borough of River Side Minutes, 1959 League of Women Voter pamphlets, Architectural drawings of the Borough by Post, to name a few. Indicated they can identify the documents, but do not know how to archive them. Stated that working with other members on the Committee that are more technical than herself can get it done, if they do not get the Grant. Advised the Borough has not heard from the Borough Attorney Sarlo about what needs to be done about the Historic Component of the Master Plan, so they can appear at the Planning Board meeting. Stated she will contacted Ellen Busteded and ask her what is happening with the Historic Component of the Master Plan.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated to contact the Borough Attorney directly and advise him that it is in his hands to make a decision.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if you need to ask permission to speak to the Borough Attorney.

PETER DUNSAY: Indicated he did not think so, and the Borough Attorney can always say he cannot take the call.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the Historic Designation process cannot be resumed, as they are still waiting on the Master Plan to be changed. Stated Sara Bartelloni has the Historic Survey, however it cannot be edited, as it is in pdf format. She stated she contacted the County to see if they can get the access to the program, however Robin Brown, the County Preservationist, left the County, and she has not heard who the replacement is. Questioned Joan regarding the oral presentations. Advised she told Robert Graillat, he would be contacted after July 4th regarding giving an oral history.

JOAN KRISTAN: She has attempted to contact him, as well as his daughter, but they have not gotten back to her as of yet.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised if she can get 2 interviews over the summer, after Robert Graillat, to interview Don Herrick.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated it would be interesting to interview the Minister at the First Congregation Church, as well as Rabbi Borovitz.

JOAN KRISTAN: Questioned where Robert Graillat grew up.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated he did not grow up in town.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated another person to interview would be Bob Levine. He is living in the Senior Residence in Teaneck, but was a resident in River Edge since WWII and has a wonderful history.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she had interviewed him for the Cultural Center as he was in "D" Day.

JOAN KRISTAN: Stated she will write up some questions for Robert Graillat and email them to Mary so she can add to it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated Mary read an article regarding the NJ Transit Art program and if the Historic Commission is interested, we can put together a team and do an art project at either of the Train Stations, however would like to do the project at the New Bridge Landing Station, but believes it would have to be done with New Bridge Landing. Advised they will have to find artists that would be interested in doing that.

MARY DONOHUE: Stated she does not think it is appropriate in the north station as she believes for the Grant it would have to be on an historic site and suggested a painting of sailing ships.

PETER DUNSAY: Stated they could do a mural that relates to different things at New Bridge.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the New Bridge Station is bare and needs something down there. Questioned where they would put the mural.

PETER DUNSAY: Stated there is plenty of space in the parking lot area of New Bridge Station.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she will get more information on putting art at the NJ Transit Station. Suggested Mary to speak with the New Bridge Commission and have them come to a meeting and question them to see if they have an artist.

PETER DUNSAY: Questioned if there was a painting that depicts the retreat across the Hackensack River.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she is not sure. Stated the first step would be to form a committee and present the project to NJ Transit. Questioned Mary if she has an update.

MARY DONOHUE: Advised a Resolution was passed by the Freeholders asking DEP to give New Bridge Landing the appropriation the Legislature gave them of \$375,000 to operate New Bridge Landing every year. Suggested the River Edge Historic Commission write the Governor a letter. Advised the Bergen County Historical Society is sponsoring a Gala, celebrating the 350 anniversary of the founding of the State of New Jersey on October 15, 2014 at the Venetian, with the proceeds from the Gala going towards the museum at the New Bridge Landing. Stated they have \$200,000 towards the museum already.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what to do with old minutes in order to save them.

PETER DUNSAY: Stated you need a person who knows what to do.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Indicated they know how to work with the photographs but the documents are harder.

MIKE GINCH: Stated you need to identify what is important first.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Mary and herself have already done that and Daragh wanted them to start with photographs.

MIKE GINCH: Stated you can start with a picture and eventually someone can transcribe it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they still need to speak with Daragh and make sure he is willing to keep everything at the library.

MIKE GINCH: Advised the little room that was converted into a small meeting could be used.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that makes the most sense. Questioned if the library has a basement.

MIKE GINCH: Advised that came up at the Budget Meeting but the library basement is not in good condition.

Meeting in July if we get the Grant.

MEETING ADJOURNED: 9:10 p.m.