

***HISTORIC COMMISSION***

**February 24<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on March 9, 2026 due to weather.**

<b><u>ATTENDANCE:</u></b>	<b><u>Present</u></b>	<b><u>Absent</u></b>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>James Hoogstrate</u>	X	
<u>Andrew Golden</u>		X
<u>Deborah Powell</u>		X
<u>Archivist Tyler Manuele</u>		X
<u>Katelyn Nippes, Student Liaison</u>		X
<u>Liaison Priti Dhariwal</u>		X

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she spoke with Priti about getting a photograph of the new Borough Hall for the archives and she said she would get that. She also spoke to Priti about the budget and she advised the budget is just a draft and has not been finalized. Questioned Eric if he wants to discuss the historic sign for the Borough.

ERIC MODEL: Stated Phyllis should send a letter to the DPW confirming they want the sign restored. Stated he has 6 students who are volunteering for 250<sup>th</sup> activities and are also interested in volunteering to do River Edge history projects. Advised some communities have a Youth Council and since they want to connect with the students, they should do something to retain their enthusiasm and interest.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated Eric is working on the wording of the historic sign for the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fire Department.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he met with a representative last week and suggested he be in contact with Jason of the DPW to confirm the status of the land and once that is done, they can price out the sign and then revisit the language on the sign.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if there is anything new with YouTube.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised there was nothing new, there were 4469 views on Lifetime and there were 1764 views within the last 90 days on Instagram. Stated Instagram is better as more people are on Instagram than YouTube.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they decided not to have a formal hearing on the 2 houses at this time. Asked Jim for an update on the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised they are going to try to get to that at the end of month when he has Spring break.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric about appearing before the Mayor and Council regarding the street signs.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they are integrating the street signs with the street names and making it a part of the history trail. Stated they will be working on that at the end of the month.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what the names of the streets are they have already done with the QR Code.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Reservoir, Lakeview, Bogert, Voorhis, Tenney, Zabriskie and Howland.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they are still including stuff for the 250<sup>th</sup> in the Historic Budget because she has not heard that the 250<sup>th</sup> Committee has a budget.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they will know by the next meeting.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Tyler contacted her to reinstate the Omega, which the Borough did pay for. Questioned if Eric wanted to mention anything on Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he posted a picture the last 5 weeks from 1970s taken from the Continental Towers looking down to the old Pizza Town parking lot and New Bridge Landing and the junk yard. Stated he has another picture he will be posting when River Edge held a St. Patrick's Day Parade in the 1960s.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she has a copy of the contract for the traveling exhibit; the only issue was who was going to pick up the panels.

ERIC MODEL: Advised Rob Schlossberg will be picking up the panels personally. Stated some issues are the dates that were listed as the panels could not put up on the 9<sup>th</sup> as it will take some time to assemble and the return date of the 24<sup>th</sup> is an issue as they have to be in Trenton on the 23<sup>rd</sup> and the River Dell volunteers offered to participate, but Rob has offered to pick them up and assemble them. Advised one of the panels is available to River Edge, so they can invite students from the River Dell history club to help contribute to that panel.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she would like to see the panels before they are picked up so she can see what they look like and former Superintendent Fletcher stated he would see where the exhibit is going to be in Bergen County and let her know.

MEETING ENDED. Next Meeting Tuesday March 24th