

HISTORIC COMMISSION
March 24, 2026
NOT RECORDED

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

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The meeting dates for 2026 are: 1/27/26, 2/24/26 3/24/26, 4/ 28/26, 5/26/65, 6/23/26, 9/22/26 10/27/25 and 11/17/26, which are on the fourth Tuesday of the Month with one exception to the November meeting and there is not formal meeting in December. Requested the members send summaries for CLG” s Annual Report, which she needs by tomorrow. She asked the Council to consult the Commission on any future changes to the structure of the Borough Hall. Questioned Eric if there is an update on the Historic Sign at the Borough.

ERIC MODEL: He has not heard from Jason head of DPW on the restoration of the sign. They need to send the formal letter.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The appointments to the Commission is River Dell student, Katelyn Nippes. She has been appointed for a second one-year term, she is now a senior. Questioned Katelyn if she has been using her Historic Commission Instagram Account.

KATELYN NIPPES: Yes, and there has been no news on the Instagram account. She has been talking to the History Club, and a few members are interested in joining the Commission.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: She has informed the Mayor they need Class A Members with Architect course work or construction skills; they do not have to be River Edge Resident and there are 2 alternatives to the Commission. Andrew Golden, a longtime River Edge resident, was officially sworn in October 23rd and Jim Hoogstrate has moved up to Class B, for a 2 year term.

The River Edge Fire Department is celebrating its 125th Anniversary and they have been working with the Commission to create a historic sign where the first Fire Department Building was located at

Kinderkarmack Road, and Lincoln Avenue, and the historic marker needs final approval by the Borough. Eric has been working on the Fire Department Sign with former Fire Chief Schlossberg. Questioned Eric if there was an update on the sign.

ERIC MODEL: They are still working on the wording of the blue sign and it will not be a green sign like in Oradell.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if any residents reached out to the Commission this month with Historic Photos, Archives, through the media, or on You Tube.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated at the last meeting that there were 10,000 responses on Instagram.

The update on the QR Codes Committee History Trail {Walk Through River Edge}, the Committee has completed around 8 signs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The historically designed House at 788 Kinderkamack Rd. has installed a new roof and belly windows, and it is the correct design and type. There was a grounding breaking ceremony in October on the foundation work for New Bridge Landing Museum. Mary Donohue and herself

attended. Questioned Deborah if there is any update on the Museum.

DEBORAH POWELL: The next stage is the drawings. They had applied for a grant for the museum from the State Preservation Office but did not receive funding. There will be a Woman History Talk at the Steuben House by Gayle Stahl in March and a performer of Margaret's diary during the Revolution.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Update for long term projects Wayfinding/South End of Town.

ERIC MODEL: There are no projects right now.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The 2026 Budget will include Archivist continuing digitizing the archives, supplies, required workshops and material to mount QR codes on Street Signs and 15 Banners from the Gates Flag & Banner Co. Stated the budget in 2025 did not include Borough Attorney fees if they do local designation. The 2025 budget for the Commission was \$4,750.00 and she has asked for \$7450.00 for 2026 as many additional items are needed working with the 250 Committee and she still waiting for the budget approval.

Instagram--Future Programs with River Dell. The teacher Interviews that are written need to be sent to the Archivist, Tyler Manuele.

Questioned Eric if has posted any new local stories on Facebook this month.

ERIC MODEL: The son of the former Mayor Kirk has contacted him with some photos.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if there is new information on the River Edge Hotel.

ERIC MODEL: Not currently.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Asked Eric if there is an update on the New Jersey Transit Grants and Mural Designs for the Stations and Library Grants. Also if there is any update on the Banner Projects with New Milford Commission and "Share Your Memories" Oral History Project.

ERIC MODEL: Not currently.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: The Archivist, Tyler Manuele, has been working with the On-line "Omeika" Program. To go online, it's RiverEdgearchives.omeka.net, and tags are Buildings, Architecture, house, and photographs.

Tyler continues to work with the new “Omeika” digital program. The program Omeka was just renewed by the Borough. Mike has added protection to the computer with a flash Drive. The Commission would like to create an Archive Committee.

Oral Histories of resident’s young and old combined with a Library program. Police Chief Walker, a hometown resident, has agreed to do an Oral History with the Commission. Questioned if there are other residents that the Commission wants to interview.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Not currently. He will ask Andy when he has recovered from his fall if he would like to interview long-time residents.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Fall Exhibit for 2026 will be hosted at the River Edge Cultural Center. This is a Traveling State Exhibit made available by REVNJ a partnership between the N.J. Historical Commission and The Daughters of the American Revolution. It is being brought to the Borough by the 250 Committee. Some Members of the Historic Commission will work with Eric and herself on the exhibit. Hopefully Jim can videotape the Traveling Exhibit. The 250 Committee will assemble and break down the exhibition. She will check with the State to see when the Traveling Exhibit will be in Bergen County in the next few months and then go and see the exhibit.

250 Committee with Councilwoman Priti have reserved 2 weeks in October for the Traveling State 250 Exhibit, which will be housed at the River Edge Cultural Center. The dates are October 9- 23rd. I believe the arrangement for pickup of the Exhibit will be made by the River Edge Fire Department.

Next Meeting: April 28th in person in Council Chambers