

***HISTORIC COMMISSION
MINUTES
April 26, 2022***

MEETING RECORDED

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</u>	X	
<u>Mary Donohue</u>	X	
<u>Mike Ginch</u>		X
<u>Eric Model</u>	X	
<u>Beth Chinigo</u>	X	
<u>James Hoogstrate</u>	X	
<u>Louis Lopez</u>	X	
<u>Deborah Powell</u>		X
<u>Miriam Sololska</u>		X
<u>Liaison Klodiana Malellari</u>	X	

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Beth about the research on the sports teams.

BETH CHINIGO: Stated she was able to get in touch with a past president of REGAL who walked her through some of the history and who is willing to sit for an oral history. Advised in the late 1990's early 2000's REGAL had to sue the town for equal facilities.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated that would be a great oral history.

BETH CHINIGO: Stated Regal was founded in 1965 and it was a completely female run organization, but there were male coaches, and plans to reach out to those women to get more information on Regal's past history.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested looking into the history of basketball as well, as Roosevelt had basketball before anybody else. Questioned Klodiana about the budget.

KLODIANNA MALELLARI: Stated the budget was presented at the meeting last night and it was adopted. Questioned if Lisette sent her anything.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she has not received anything yet.

KLODIANNA MALELLARI: Stated she will check with Lisette and advised she asked the Mayor and Council to consider the request to continue the Historic meetings via Zoom and that was approved until the end of the year.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that is good news, especially since her husband has tested positive recently and Covid still present. Questioned if anything else came up at the Mayor and Council meeting she wanted to bring up.

KLODIANNA MALELLARI: Stated on the Borough's website on the Historic link, there is a Facebook and Instagram icon, as well as a River Edge Archive link and they are working on a tab for the YouTube channel.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned what the town is doing regarding the CDC requirements.

KLODIANNA MALELLARI: Advised the mask requirement is lifted, but you can wear the mask if you choose to.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if there has been any contact through the YouTube looking to donate photographs or any information.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated there have been no comments and no emails and advised he needs to get more content on there. Stated once school is over he plans on finishing the QR Codes with Mike and work on some more oral histories.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if he needs anything from the Commission regarding the QR Codes.

JAMES HOOGSTRATE: Stated once the rest of the streets are recorded, they are ready to be posted on telephone poles, or some place else.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if he contacted Police Chief Walker regarding the oral history.

JAMES HOOGSTRATE: Stated once school is out he will have time to do the oral history of Chief Mike Walker.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she will be doing a program with Detective Sanchez at the library on May 18, 2022 regarding identity theft called "Senior Scams." Stated she did this once before and it was well received. Questioned Eric if there has been any new inquires on Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Stated there have not been any inquires, and that he has done some postings, but it has been pretty quiet.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Mariam is digitizing everything but does not know how to identify some of the pictures and questioned Eric if Mariam can contact him for assistance on that end.

ERIC MODEL: Stated that she can contact him.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Louis what is happening on Instagram.

LOUIS LOPEZ: Advised he has a rough draft of a gallery of past to present of River Dell High School and would like to post them on Instagram. He shared the gallery on the Zoom meeting. Advised he wants to archive all the information and then will post them on the school's TV.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested sending the information to Miriam so she can archive it.

LOUIS LOPEZ: Advised he had two interviews redone so they can be recorded on video and will send everything to Miriam.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he intends on doing anymore programs at the library.

ERIC MODEL: Stated there is nothing new planned with the library.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he wants to mention anything about what he has posted on Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he has been doing the histories out of one of the River Edge history books and started inviting people to send in their histories after 1976, as that was the last date of the history book.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Thanked Jim for putting together the link so they can send the pictures to the State and thanked everybody for doing the yearly CLG. Stated Miriam was not able to do the Zoom meeting, but asked if everyone would go the omega website and, if they can, identify the photographs that are not already identified. Advised the survey of the historic homes in River Edge has been digitized by the County and put on the site, but she has not been able to locate it. Stated she spoke with Trenton regarding seminars on Historic Designation via zoom, but there are not any and stated if anything comes up she will advise the members.

MEETING ENDED

NEXT MEETING: May 24, 2022