

HISTORIC COMMISSION MINUTES

**FEBRUARY 28, 2023
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>Deborah Powell</u>	X	
<u>Archivist Tyler Manuele</u>		X
<u>Devran Ozkan, Student</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Barry Benson</u>	X	

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Beth if she wants to research Regal.

BETH CHINIGO: Stated she is no longer interested in researching Regal.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she is going to do a baseball exhibit at the Cultural Center in October and wants to include the history of Regal and asked Beth if there was anyone that would have early pictures she could get in contact with.

BETH CHINIGO: Advised unless the Historical Society has photograph, there is nothing available to the people that run Regal as they are just volunteers and suggested looking at the Regal Facebook page. Stated Regal was founded in 1965 by a group of moms because they were not allowed to play little league baseball. Suggested she contact Ken Krauhim (?).

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Beth what areas of River Edge history would she like to research.

BETH CHINIGO: Stated she is not sure, and she needs to see what has been done in the past to figure out what it would entail.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they are digitizing the archives and if she was interested in a particular area of time, she could help with that.

BETH CHINIGO: Stated she is more interested in helping someone with a project, she is not interested in initiating her own project at this point.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested Barry introduce himself as some members have not met him.

BARRY BENSON: Advised he has been a resident since 2009, has 2 children, his wife is in real estate, and he works remotely for Optum Health as a trainer. Stated he was just elected to the Council. Advised the renovations of Borough Hall should hopefully be done by the end of year, but there are a lot of moving pieces.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there were any new ordinances this year that would deal with construction, etc.

BARRY BENSON: Stated he is not sure, he would have to go back through the Minutes, but he does not believe there are any new Ordinances that would affect the Historic Commission.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if there is anything going on with YouTube or if anyone has tried to contact him.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated no, but people are still watching the videos.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim what is happening with the oral history of Mike Walker.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised he reached out to Mike Walker about a month ago, but he has not heard back from him.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she wants to wait until they can do the designations in person at the Borough. Questioned Jim about the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated nothing has happened since the last meeting.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she has a note from the last meeting that they have to write a letter to the police department about the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised they still need to write the letter.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Barry what is happening with the budget.

BARRY BENSON: Advised they have not started any type of budget discussions. Stated he went on This is River Edge webpage, which had a lot of historical photographs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated no one could get on the website as they did not receive a notice of the renewal that was up in November and is not sure if they did not receive the notice because they have a new archivist, but Lissette paid the fee.

BARRY BENSON: Questioned if the link is going to be updated on the Borough site as he tried to get on the website through the Historic Commission page and an error message comes up.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she will try it again. Questioned Devran if he was able to get onto the Instagram Account.

DEVTRAN OZKAN: Stated he was able to access it but has not posted anything.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if he was doing the history of River Dell.

DEVTRAN OZKAN: Advised he is, and they have been having history club meetings at the school.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if he has any historic photographs of River Dell he can post them on Instagram.

DEVTRAN OZKAN: Stated he has a lot of photographs he can post.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she needs for the annual report a couple of old pictures of River Dell and a page of what he has been doing so far and questioned if there is a particular area he is interested in.

DEVTRAN OZKAN: Stated he can give her that information and one area he is interested in is the Fire Department.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated that would be good. Questioned Eric if he has anything that came up on Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he has nothing.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Barry Benson if he wants to discuss the research on the old bottles that Eric found in his garage.

BARRY BENSON: Advised after the last meeting he went on Facebook, where there are a lot of groups about bottles, so he joined one and posted the pictures of the bottles and he received explanation of the bottles. Stated he believes there was some type of brewery along the Hackensack River.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if there was a brewery along the Hackensack River.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated he was told back in the 1800's there were breweries up and down the Hackensack River and will bring the bottles to the River Clean-Up and see if anyone has more information.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Eric was going to help her with the baseball, as he did an article about 4 different baseball players from the Yankees that lived in River Edge and questioned Eric if he would like to talk about that.

ERIC MODEL: Indicated he is looking for the article as there is more information.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Deborah if she wants to speak about New Bridge.

DEBORAH POWELL: Advised there is a lot going on and the roof replacement and repairs to the Campbell Christ House are scheduled to begin at the end of March. Stated they have been moving their collections out of the building in preparation for that work. Advised the 12 stop QR Code signs throughout the site have been replaced with metal QR Codes, as the other ones were up for a year and were getting frayed. Advised they received the DEP Permit for the museum building and over \$270,000 was spent just on planning. They hired a fundraiser, who has a lot of influence and are busy with the webpage and new brochure. There is an event coming up on March 16th, which is a Zoom on Clara Barton and last month they had a woman speak on African American history and the Hudson Valley, which 140 people signed up for and they can only have 100 participants. Advised there is a walking tour on March 19th of the site and a Shad Moon event on April 16th with a Zoom event on April 20th with the conservator and picatinny arsenal, along with another historian.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned where they are storing all of the archives that will go in the museum.

DEBORAH POWELL: Stated she really cannot say where, for security purposes.

MEETING ENDED

NEXT MEETING: March 28, 2023