

HISTORIC COMMISSION

January 30, 2024 via ZOOM

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</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>Katelyn Nippes, Student Liaison</u>	X	
<u>Liaison Barry Benson</u>	X	

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she needs to change the February 27th meeting to February 20th. Advised they have a new student, Katelyn, and asked her to introduce herself.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated she is a sophomore in high school, plays varsity soccer and her favorite subject is history and is excited to help wherever she can.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Barry Benson about what is happening at Borough Hall.

BARRY BENSON: Advised he does not have any timetable, as they had a wall that was not stable that they needed to budget more money to repair and said hopefully by the end of the summer the building will be done. Advised the cost is approximately 3 million dollars.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if anyone has reached out on YouTube.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated nobody has sent any comments or emails, but he did post information regarding the projects the 4 Eagle Scouts of Troop 295 had done.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if there is any information on the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised not much has happened. Questioned Eric where they are at this point.

ERIC MODEL: Stated they are hoping to get something going as they need to finalize the sign and get some images before posting it.

MIKE GINCH: Stated they also need the stickers and he will be doing the video. Questioned how they are going to pay for it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned how much it is going to cost.

MIKE GINCH: Questioned how that gets billed if it is on-line.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested he speak with Lissette or Anne Dodd.

BARRY BENSON: Stated you may have to get a Purchase Order. Advised once you know the amount, let Lissette or Anne know and they will advise you how to go about paying for it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they have the budget for it and questioned if they will meet again before the next meeting and let her know about the cost. Advised she spoke with Lissette about the historically designated house located 788 Kinderkamack Road. The owner wants to put on a new roof and windows, and she looked at the roof, which is a wood roof that needs to be replaced, however the windows in the back cannot be vinyl. Questioned Eric if there is any progress with the Grant.

ERIC MODEL: Advised Deborah and himself had a telephone conference with the Borough's Grant Writer. Stated she is going to do some research and work with Lissette to find some grants and that it was a good first step and would like Deborah to share her version of the meeting.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the budget was submitted for the same amount as last year. Questioned Barry when the budget may get passed.

BARRY BENSON: Stated he is not sure when the meeting is, but the Finance Committee is working on it now. Stated last year's budget was cut to \$4900 and only \$3,100 of that budget was spent, and there was money budgeted for a lawyer. He stated he spoke with Lissette who told him that if there comes a time when the Commission needs a lawyer for the historic designations, the Borough will pay the attorney's fees so the Commission does not need to budget for that.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated the reason she put that in the budget was because the previous Counsel Liaison told her she needed to put the attorney's fee into her budget. Advised Katelyn they would like her to use their Instagram account and if there is anything going on at River Dell to advise the Commission and questioned if she would be interested in interviewing some of the River Dell teachers, like the prior student liaisons had done.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated she would do that and questioned if they have an Instagram or social media page.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Asked Barry to let Katelyn know what she needs to get onto the Instagram account or if she should contact Lissette.

BARRY BENSON: Stated he will email Lissette.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated she can post on Instagram as soon as she gets the password and username information.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Katelyn she would like to show her the archives. Questioned Eric if there is anything happening with Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Stated just some routine posting but nothing out of the usual.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if he has scheduled the video recording of the Police Chief.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated he has not spoken with the Chief in awhile and he will try to reach out to him for next month.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated in the fall Eric and herself will be doing an exhibit at the Cultural Center regarding post WWII development of the Borough. Eric came up with the idea and asked him to discuss the exhibit.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he hopes the name of the exhibit reflects the roots of modern-day River Edge as River Edge was here before 1946. Stated St. Peters, Cherry Hill, Ambulance Corp, and many other institutions were taken for granted that were founded in the post WWII period.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Deborah about New Bridge Landing and if they had any flooding.

DEBORAH POWELL: Stated they did have flooding, first time since Sandy they had water in the front rooms.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they have to apply for the CLG, which is due at the end of March. Asked everybody to write up a paragraph of what they did related to the history of the town and send it to her so she can submit to the CLG. Questioned Deborah if there is any update.

DEBORAH POWELL: Advised the County put a new roof on the Campbell Christie House, as they own the building, but it is on the Historical Society property, and they are coming back to do some repairs to the windows. Stated the New Bridge Landing State Park Commission put a new roof on the "out kitchen." Advised they have 2 studies at the Steuben House to study the way the house was used, inside and out. Questioned if the town has any plans in participating in the 250th anniversary of our country or will there be a representative participating.

BARRY BENSON: Stated nothing has come up in the Council meetings.

DEBORAH POWELL: Questioned if he would like her to send him information on it, as a lot of towns around the State are participating and River Edge has a good story to tell.

BARRY BENSON: Advised to share the information with him and he can share it with the Council.

MEETING ADJOURNED