

HISTORIC COMMISSION

MARCH 31, 2025 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>James Hoogstrate</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: Advised the Borough is not sure when the building will be completed but believed it will be done by April. Stated she will ask the mayor for a new photograph of the building. Advised they want to designate the two houses once the Borough Hall is opened. Asked for an update regarding the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated not a lot has happened since they put the stickers on.

ERIC MODEL: Stated nothing has changed since last month when they discussed looking ahead into next year, whether it would be street signs or the history trail.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised Bogert Road has the most views at 83, since the stickers have been placed on the poles and 4 people liked the video on YouTube.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if they should advertise the QR Codes more.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated Eric and himself went to the Council meeting and asked them if they would promote it.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they did say they would mention it.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated he suggested putting something on the River Edge website.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric when he spoke with the Superintendent of the elementary schools, if the schools broadcast the QR Codes

ERIC MODEL: Stated he does not believe they have and he will revisit them.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she asked the Borough to send her Mary Donohue's Proclamation, but she still has not received that. Advised the State asked about the work done on the house at 788 Kinderkamack Road and they stated the Commission should have sent them the CO. Questioned what is happening with the Grant for New Bridge Landing.

DEBORAH POWELL: Advised they are not proceeding with that Grant as they wanted too many modifications, which New Bridge was not willing to do.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if New Bridge will be looking for another Grant.

DEBORAH POWELL: Stated the plan is to start with a Phase One, which is the foundation, and then continue to fundraise.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric about the Wayfaring Grant.

ERIC MODEL: Stated they are adjusting it according to what Deborah just spoke about. Advised he is getting the application into NJ Transit so they can have the designation of the train stations in terms of the art projects. He is looking for input regarding the art, the banners and other aspects of the south end of town and the river edge station.

DEBORAH POWELL: Stated she was thinking about having some type of contest or seeking ideas from college students regarding the design of the mural.

ERIC MODEL: Advised according to NJ Transit there are a variety of ways to go about it, from getting artists in the area or NJ Transit makes a match with artists on their list. Stated he wants to get the application in so they can get started as the 250th Anniversary is next year.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned when the application deadline is.

ERIC MODEL: Stated there is not a deadline, the application is a Statement of Intent, the time sensitivity is that when Grants become available, they would like to have their application in place for the 250th next year.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised she put money in the budget for the QR Codes, but she wasn't told an amount for the QR Codes, but she will need to know in the future how much money they need.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they need to decide what the next stage is going to be, an expansion of the street names or doing a prototype on the history trails, before they determine what the budget would be.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Katelyn if she has been posting on Instagram.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated there has not been much activity.

ERIC MODEL: Suggested Katelyn make RiverDell aware there may be some collaborative projects between River Edge and RiverDell historic groups, not only for the 250th Anniversary next year, but ongoing projects.

KATELYN NIPPES: Advised she will bring it up in her AP History class.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he has been in contact with a lot of people on Facebook.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he posted something recently regarding River Edge monopoly game.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim if he will hear soon about the bottles.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised he found out recently the gentleman that was going to look into the bottles passed away, possibly in May at the next river cleanup he may get some information from another gentlemen.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised the archives they have are not that easily accessible and they were discussing having an archive committee.

ERIC MODEL: Stated they should work on making the archives more accessible, but they can do some things in the interim, such as posting old pictures of River Edge.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Suggested meeting with Tyler before the next meeting and discuss what they want done. Questioned Jim if he has had any luck getting Chief Walker to do an oral history.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Advised this time of year it is hard for him to give an oral history.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Deborah if they are going to look into getting another Grant for New Bridge.

DEBORAH POWELL: Stated they have a meeting later about the Grant. Stated she will be giving a walking tour on April 13th and on the 27th there will be Shadmoon and will be putting out their native American collections and possibly take people to see the dugout canoe in the attic.

MEETING ENDED

NEXT MEETING: April 22, 2025