

HISTORIC COMMISSION

SEPTEMBER 16, 2025

via ZOOM

<u>ATTENDANCE:</u>	<u>Present</u>	<u>Absent</u>
<u>Phyllis Angelo</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	

Audience: Andrew Golden

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Priti what the timetable is to complete the Borough Hall renovation.

PRITI DHARIWAL: Stated hopefully they will be back in by September 25th, so the next meeting in October can be held in Borough Hall.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned where the blue sign is that was on the Borough Hall, that tells about the history of the building.

PRITI DHARIWAL: Stated she will find out, as she is not aware of where it is.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised since Katelyn is a senior this year, she will be appointed for the end of the year, however they still do not have a Class C member. Advised the River Edge Fire Dept.

wants to put up a sign where the original fire department was, and as far as the Commission is concerned they will only check the history of the building, not the placement of the sign. Questioned Jim if there has been anything on the YouTube channel.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised in the beginning of August he took over the Instagram account and has been posting pictures and there have been almost 8,000 views. Stated Instagram is better than YouTube and Facebook.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised they still want to do a formal designation for the River Edge Hotel, but they are waiting until they can do it in person. Questioned Jim about what is happening with the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Advised they have 4 more streets that are ready to go and will put a sticker by Joe Magieri's crossing and one by Mary's house. Stated he wants to promote the QR Codes on Instagram to increase the viewership.

ERIC MODEL: Advised the QR Code sticker has "walks through history" on it, so it is not just about street names. Stated they will brief the Mayor and Council on it before going forward with it.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned if anyone knows if there is any progress on the New Bridge Landing museum.

ERIC MODEL: Advised that is part of Phase I of the project and there will be a formal ground breaking on October 3, 2025 and stated they are continuing fundraising.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if anything is happening with Wayfinding.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they are looking to hook it into Phase II of New Bridge Landing project.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they need to start thinking about next year's budget.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated since they lost the grant last year, it would be nice to have a camera, tripod and microphone to use when they do certain projects. Questioned if there is any money left this year and if not, budget a couple thousand dollars for purchasing the equipment.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated she can add that to the budget. Questioned Katelyn if she has been posting on Instagram.

KATELYN NIPPES: Advised she posted a couple of things.

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

ERIC MODEL: Advised there is no new information.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric about the Banner project and Share Your Memories project.

ERIC MODEL: Advised while working on Remembering River Edge, they have been working on a bunch of projects and came up with an idea to save them in a more permanent form, some exhibits will be about legendary people and events and they are working on a community memory project, along with the 250th Anniversary. Stated the related projects could be placed on banners and another project they are looking at would be a historic marker at Old Bridge Landing.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Tyler is still working on the archives and spoke in the past about starting an archive committee to help Tyler.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he would be willing to help.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim about interviewing Chief Walker.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Advised to put the oral history on the side as they have enough work to do with the 250th Anniversary. Suggested getting more members on the Commission and he can put together a post looking for members.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they need more members. Advised Eric and herself are working on Remembering River Edge Part 2, which will open on River Edge Day.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he spoke with Joe Ricca of the Rec Department who suggested the Commission have a presence on River Edge Day.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Stated he would suggest having a monitor in the park so he could display the Commission's YouTube, Instagram and Facebook, if there is power.

PRITI DHARIWAL: Advised Jim to ask recreation to put up the tent near the shed, which has power. Stated, she was going to suggest having a table on River Edge Day as you would get more publicity.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Priti what is happening with the Traveling 250 that the town was hoping to have.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they applied for it and they are waiting to hear back.

Next Meeting October 28