

# *HISTORIC COMMISSION*

**OCTOBER 28, 2025**

<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>Andrew Golden</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: Stated there is a conflict with the meeting scheduled for November 18<sup>th</sup> and will advise what changes are going to occur. Questioned Eric if he spoke with DPW about the blue historic sign that was on the Borough building.

ERIC MODEL: Advised they have it in storage and asked if the Commission wanted the sign to be restored or cleaned.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Katelyn if she has been talking to people on the Instagram and if anyone has mentioned anything.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated she has and there was just normal comments, but this is a busy time for the students.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Katelyn if before the December meeting she could see if any student wants to be a Liaison next year.

KATELYN NIPPES: Stated she can put some feelers out.

ERIC MODEL: Advised he has spoken to Lisa Torres of RiverDell and she mentioned there might be community service student overall in helping the Commission and the elementary school Superintendent is interested in having a local history heritage night and tentatively are looking at March and would like the middle school and high school students be mentors to the younger students.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated they still need a Class A member, so if anyone knows of anyone, please let her know. Advised Andrew was appointed to the Commission and Jim has moved up to Class B. Stated she advised Fire Chief Rob Schlossberg they would be happy to look into putting a sign at the firehouse, which was the original Borough Hall but the Planning Board would decide where to place the sign.

ERIC MODEL: Stated the DPW would decide where the place the sign.

ANDREW GOLDEN: Stated he believes it is the Mayor and Council who determines where the sign is placed.

ERIC MODEL: Advised the blue sign comes from the Bergen County Historical Society, but the Fire Chief is having a green sign, with a River Edge logo, so he would need to discuss this with the Mayor and Council, as well as the DPW, but this Commission is only looking into the historic aspect.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Jim what is happening on YouTube and Instagram.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Advised the Instagram has exploded since the summer, it has over 10,000 hits on it, and YouTube is for longer videos.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated since they are back in Borough Hall, they should consider designating the River Edge Hotel, and their main concern is if the owners decide to sell, since it is on a double lot, the house can be torn down without a designation.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he thought they should have a consensus of what the Commission is doing and proposes in lieu of doing archives they take inventory under the title of Places, People and Events worth remembering, which is short of a designation, but it's a statement of intention that the Commission thinks that it's important in the way of promoting it to the community, such as the kiosks, the cobblestone streets, or the events that they put on YouTube and Instagram. Stated he believes it would be easier in terms of a formal notice to any property owners of the history of the place.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric and Jim what they said to the Mayor and Council regarding the QR Codes.

JIM HOOGSTRADE: Advised they told them about the streets with the stickers and they are all getting views.

ERIC MODEL: Stated they have 4 more streets they want to finish before the end of the year; Van Saun, Webb, Christie and one more and they are hoping to get high school students to do the voice overs.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Stated to let her know about the costs of the QR Codes for next years budget. Advised she attended the ground breaking ceremony for the New Bridge Landing Museum and believes there is still a long way to go.

JIM HOOGSTRATE: Stated he believes they only had enough money to do phase one of the foundation.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Questioned Eric if he wanted to discuss Wayfinding.

ERIC MODEL: Stated in talking with Deborah she spoke about the relationship between the historic site and the Borough. Advised he reached out to NJ Transit a couple of years ago to get people from the station to the historic site by putting in a safety trail with signs, but with PSE&G not reaching the south end of town yet, they were advised to wait.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised last year's budget was \$4750 and this year they will include the recording device and she needs the amount for the QR Codes so that can be included.

ERIC MODEL: Stated he does not want their budget to pay for the QR Codes, as he sees this as something that can be included in the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as it is a worthy project and maybe have local businesses pay for it or the Borough.

PHYLLIS ANGELO: Advised Tyler, the Archivist, went to the Cultural Center and took photographs of the exhibit, which he will put on the Commission's website.

Next Meeting: November 18<sup>th</sup> in Council Chambers at 8:15