

**Fairfax County History Commission
Electronic Meeting
September 1, 2021, 7:30 p.m.**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on September 1, 2021.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair called the September 1, 2021 meeting to order at 7:35 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the following script:

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically, the History Commission needs to make certain findings for the record to evidence our compliance with all applicable laws. These motions address this compliance.

First, I am going to conduct a roll call and ask each board member participating in this meeting to state your name and your location. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues.

Roll Call

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

Commissioners Present per Districts:

Location:

Cheryl-Ann Repetti, <i>Chair</i>	Sully
Mary Lipsey	Braddock
Gretchen Bulova	Braddock
Carole Herrick*	McLean
Subhi Mehdi	McLean
Elise Murray	Vienna
Barbara Naef	Reston
Anne Stuntz	Hunter Mill
Steve Sherman,* <i>Secretary</i>	Franconia
Phyllis Walker Ford	Clifton
Sallie Lyons	Colchester
Tammy Mannarino	Staunton
Sue Kovach Shuman	Mantua
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Springfield
Esther McCullough	Sully
Robert "Bob" Beach**	Fairfax
David Meyer	City of Fairfax
Jordan Tannenbaum**	Fairfax

Commissioners Excused:

Barbara Peters, *Treasurer*

Anne Barnes

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*

***Joined after roll call*

County Liaisons Present:

Denice Dressel, Heritage Resources and Plan Development Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Dr. Elizabeth “Liz” Crowell, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Chris Barbuschak, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library; Megan Leining, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

Staff Present:

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to Vice Chair Lynne Garvey-Hodge so that she may be heard to make the following motions:

I move that the History Commission certify for the record that each member’s voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this Board.

The motion was seconded by Lynne Garvey-Hodge and passed unanimously.

2. Need for an Electronic Meeting:

Second, I move that the History Commission certify that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this Commission and the public to physically attend this meeting in person, and the usual procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically. As a result, I further move that the Fairfax County History Commission conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video- and audio-conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling 1-844-621-3956 and entering access code 179 357 3838.

The motion was seconded by Lynne Garvey-Hodge and passed unanimously.

3. Need to Dispense with FOIA’s Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations:

Finally, I move that the History Commission certify that the matters on its agenda today relate to the COVID-19 emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the History Commission’s lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

The motion was seconded by Barbara Naef and passed unanimously. The virtual gavel was returned to the Chair.

Approval of the August 4, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Anne Stuntz to approve the August 4, 2021 History Commission Meeting Minutes:

I move that the History Commission accept the minutes and pay the Clerk [Elliot Meyer].

The motion was seconded by Tammy Mannarino and passed unanimously.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti reminded the History Commission of the review and approval process for the minutes.

Treasurer's Report

Due to Barbara Peters' absence, the Treasurer's Report was skipped. The August report will be reviewed with the September report at the next History Commission meeting in October.

Unfinished Business

River Farm Historic Overlay District, Tammy Mannarino:

- Tammy noted that there are no new developments beyond the drafting of the letter restating the History Commission's support for the measures under SB-1457. See [Attachment 1](#) for the letter of support.
 - The Board of Supervisors meeting will be held on September 14, 2021.

Dunn Loring School, Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Sue Kovach Shuman is waiting on responses from involved parties; nothing to report.

Historical Marker Contest, Tammy Mannarino and Mary Lipsey:

- Tammy Mannarino attended an initial planning meeting for the Fairfax County History Marker Contest. This is a countywide contest for all public and private K-12 students to submit historical marker proposals for a significant African American historical figure.
- Tammy summarized the initial Contest Committee meeting, noting discussion points that all nine markers do not have to happen this year, that the contest will be hosted on the county website (as opposed to FCPS), and the importance of oral history in lieu of incomplete historical records.
- The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 13, 2021.

- Mary Lipsey added that the leaders of the committees, including herself, are meeting next week to resolve some of the questions.

New Business

Community Dialogue re. Fort Belvoir, Cheryl-Ann Repetti, Sue Kovach Shuman, Tammy Mannarino:

- Tammy Mannarino was contacted by Supervisor Storck's office regarding the naming of Fort Belvoir in 1935. The base is on the list of military installations under renaming consideration by the U.S. Department of the Army, due to the namesake's connections with the Fairfax Family, who were slaveowners, and the role of former Congressman Howard W. Smith, who was a staunch opponent of civil rights, and may have advocated to rename the site.
- Although the History Commission has not formally received a request for the Commission's opinion on the matter, the Commission was invited to engage in the dialogue around the renaming consideration. The Commission was also invited to attend a community engagement meeting at the base on September 23, 2021.
 - Tammy noted that renaming is not the only option; the site could be reinterpreted for improved capturing of historical complexities and narratives.
- An open discussion ensued around the involvement of the Commission in the process.
 - Barbara Naef, Sallie Lyons, and Subhi Mehdi spoke in favor of the Commission's involvement and discussed the Commission's guiding documents for renaming.

Barbara Naef made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission participate in these sessions and be represented.

The motion was seconded by Esther McCullough and passed unanimously.

- Cheryl-Ann Repetti affirmed that the Commission will participate in these meetings. Cheryl-Ann then raised the second question, asking if the History Commission should provide an opinion on renaming.
- A discussion ensued around the historical details that are under review for the renaming.

Tammy Mannarino made the following motion:

I move that [the History Commission] raise awareness of the varied history of the Fort Belvoir site for the use of this commission for consideration during their deliberations.

The motion was seconded by Barbara Naef.

- The motion was clarified that it is stating that the Commission will provide facts and not opinions on this matter.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti called the question. **The motion passed unanimously.**

- Tammy Mannarino and David Meyer noted historical details regarding the Fairfax family.

Confederate Names Task Force, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- Cheryl-Ann Repetti made the Commission aware that Sue Kovach Shuman and Cheryl are serving on the Confederate Names Task Force, which began meeting in August and plan to meet through December, 2021. By the end of the year, the Task Force plans to provide recommendations on whether to change the names of Lee Highway and Lee-Jackson Memorial Highway, and if so, possible suggestions for those name changes.
 - Sue and Cheryl provided a brief summary of the initial meeting.
- Elise Murray made the Commission aware that a reporter from *Reston Now* asked representatives of the Hunter Mill District about the background of the Fairfax name.
- Tammy Mannarino clarified that a commissioner can provide a personal interpretation of an issue, so long as they make clear that their views are not an official stance of the Commission.

Soapstone Connector, Jordan Tannenbaum:

- Jordan Tannenbaum provided a substantial update regarding the Soapstone Connector project. A draft Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) regarding mitigation for Association Drive was received by the History Commission from the Federal Highways Administration. The MOA proposed conducting a Historic American Buildings Survey (HABS) Level II and a Historic American Landscape Survey (HALS) Level III documentation and creating one (1) wayside historical marker that will be placed on site following a review by the History Commission. See [Attachment 2](#) for the MOA draft and the ARB's comments to the MOA. See [Attachment 3](#) (external) for the Consulting Party Meeting Summary.
- The deadline for the History Commission to respond to the MOA is September 7, 2021.
- Jordan emphasized the status of particular details of the project stands that are of special concern.
 - Jordan discussed the funding of the marker. Mary Lipsey clarified that the language reflects the Commission's policy regarding the funding of markers, and she further clarified that the Commission would not be responsible for the cost.
 - Jordan then noted that the last public hearing was held before it was determined that Association Drive was eligible for the National Register of Historic Places. This calls into question whether the process to involve the public was flawed.
- A discussion ensued around the development of markers for Association Drive.
 - Barbara Naef explained that she connected the Reston Museum with this issue.
 - Denice Dressel provided DPD's perspective that the public history component of this project is insufficient, both in number of markers and the broader public history scope.

- Jordan acknowledged that the issue before the Commission is to provide a response to the MOA, but he also asked the Commission, as a consulting party, to consider the issue of inadequate public involvement in the consolation process.
 - A discussion ensued around the broader question of the project's process, the role of consulting parties, and the importance of public input.
- Barbara Naef asked and Jordan clarified that if it is determined that there was inadequate public input, another public hearing will be required and this hearing would be an opportunity for a larger discussion of these historical shortcomings.
 - There was an additional discussion regarding Isaac Newton Square and the planned redevelopment of this site in Reston.

Jordan Tannenbaum made the following motion:

In the History Commission's response to the draft Memorandum of Agreement proposed by Federal Highway Administration, that in addition to the comments in need of further recognition of the history of Association Drive through appropriate markers, that the issue of sufficiency of public participation and notice to the community be included in these comments.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion.

- Barbara Naef suggested changing the language of the motion from "appropriate markers" to "public history." Jordan accepts the amendment.

The revised motion under consideration:

In the History Commission's response to the draft Memorandum of Agreement proposed by Federal Highway Administration, that in addition to the comments in need of further recognition of the history of Association Drive through public history, that the issue of sufficiency of public participation and notice to the community be included in these comments.

The motion passed unanimously.

National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference and Membership, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray explained that if the History Commission upgraded its membership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) by \$55, the Commission would be entitled to have up to 10 members of the History Commission attend the remote NTHP conference this fall at a cost of \$250 (for a total expenditure of \$305).

Mary Lipsey made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission increase our membership dues to the National Trust [for Historic Preservation] to include the possibility for 10 members going to the virtual conference to \$305 for the upcoming year.

Esther McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Staff Reports

Archeology and Collection Branch

- Dr. Elizabeth “Liz” Crowell, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided project and staff updates with the Archaeology and Collection Branch (ACB). See [Attachment 4](#) for the ACB Staff Report.
 - October is Archeology Month.

Heritage Conservation Branch

- Megan Leining, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided program and project updates. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.
- Resident Curator Program updates were also provided regarding the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property, Ellmore Farmhouse, the Turner Farmhouse special exception, the public information meeting regarding the Margaret White Gardens, and an open house event at Ash Grove.

Virginia Room

- Chris Barbuschak, Fairfax City Public Library, provided program updates. See [Attachment 6](#) for the staff report.

Heritage Resources

- Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development provided project updates See [Attachment 7](#) for staff report.
 - Additions to her report:
 - Demolition of the Jefferson School, which is on the county inventory, will be moving forward. This was the first school that was built in the Great Falls area. The school was photo-documented by DPD and the Virginia Room in 2019.
 - Denice provided the BAC membership report to the Commission. She requested that the Commission review the form and send her any edits. See [Attachment 8](#) for the BAC Membership Report.
 - Denice discussed details of the Zellinger Family Trust Proffer Amendment case.
 - Anne Stuntz suggested that the History Commission draft a letter in support of the staff recommendations for the property to be added to the Inventory and use the word “historic” in the proffer, for the Fairfax County Planning Commission’s consideration at their hearing on September 22, 2021.

Anne Stuntz made the following motion:

Anne Stuntz will work with Cheryl-Ann Repetti to write a letter to the Fairfax County Planning Commission, directed to the Chairman of the Planning Commission and copying Supervisor Walter Alcorn's Office, to support the recommendations of the staff report and include the word "historic" in the proffer.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

- In finishing her staff update, Denice announced to the Commission that she will be assuming a new position with the Architecture Review Board and will be relinquishing her duties to the Fairfax County History Commission. Denice expressed her enjoyment working for the Commission and her appreciation to the Commissioners.
 - The Commission commended Denice on her outstanding service to the Commission and congratulated her on her new position.

Committee Reports

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge provided brief updates regarding the History Conference. The next meeting is on September 30, 2021.
 - Noted to David Meyer that the Committee will need COVID-19 restrictions from the City of Fairfax.

Awards Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge provided updates regarding the annual awards. See [Attachment 9](#) for the Awards Committee Report.
 - The Committee is waiting to hear from the County Attorney's Office regarding any conflict of interest in presenting monetary awards to County teachers.
- There will be two distinguished service awards presented this year to Jeff Clark and Maura Keaney.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge made the following motion:

The Awards Committee presents two distinguished service awards, one to Jeff Clark for his voluminous body of work in researching and identifying the significant history of the Fairfax County Public School system, and to Moira Keaney, along with her students, for researching and writing the history of Ona Judge, the Run-Away Slave from Mt. Vernon, in order to write the text for a historical marker

Elise Murray moved to accept the following motion that was unanimously agreed to by the Awards Committee. Unanimous agreement of a motion from a committee does not require a second. The motion passed unanimously.

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford and Mary Lipsey:

- Phyllis Walker Ford highlighted that Sue Kovach Shuman explained using the Capstone project at George Mason University to build the database that the AAHI would need to organize the committee's information. See [Attachment 10](#) for the AAHI Committee Report and capstone project notes.
- Phyllis and Mary met with the professor that is in charge of the Capstone project.
 - Mary Lipsey provided brief notes on the meeting. Notably, there will be no cost to the Commission and the GMU students will be working with the county systems.

Mary Lipsey made the following motion:

I move that the African American History Inventory Committee work with Capstone at George Mason University seniors to create an interactive deliverable using the inventory from the website.

Seconded by Lynne Garvey-Hodge.

- Subhi Mehdi and Sue Kovach Shuman raise the issue around the word "interactive."

The revised motion reads:

I move that the African American History Inventory Committee work with Capstone at George Mason University seniors to create a deliverable using the inventory from the website.

Seconded by Barbara Naef. The motion passes unanimously.

Semiquincentennial, Gretchen Bulova:

- Denice Dressel gave report on behalf of Gretchen Bulova.
- A key highlight was that the Board of Supervisors, at the July 27, 2021 meeting, approved the workgroup's recommendations and initial funding for the 250th celebration.
- The next committee meeting will be held on September 10, 2021 in person at Jamestown. See [Attachment 11](#) for the Committee Report.

Inventory Committee, Budget Committee, and Annual Report, Elise Murray:

- The Inventory Committee has a few outstanding issues and Elise expects the Committee to meet at the end of September.
- The Commission's budget request for this year will remain the same amount as last year.

Elise Murray made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission make a budget request in the amount of \$26,022 for Fiscal Year 2022.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updated regarding the Pleasant Grove Historic Church Marker, the Civil War Trails Markers, cost of marker installation, and working with the Advocacy Committee on a program brochure. See [Attachment 12](#) for the Committee Report.
- Additionally, Mary Lipsey raised the issue that there needs to be greater clarity around the cost of installing a marker. A brief discussion ensued.

Mary Lipsey made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission set estimated costs for a historic marker up to \$4,000.

Tammy Mannarino and Esther McCullough seconded the motion.

- The limit will be displayed on the History Commission website.

The motion passes unanimously.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided Committee updates regarding cemetery clean-up projects. See Attachment 12 for Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- The Ethnic and Oral History Committee conducted two interviews on August 25, 2021 by Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Anne Barnes. The next Ethnic and Oral History Committee meeting will be on September 21, 2021, at 7:00 pm, via WebEx. See [Attachment 13](#) for the Committee Report.

Resident Curator Program, Robert “Bob” Beach:

- No further comments from what was previously reported. See [Attachment 5](#) for program updates.

Bylaws Committee

- In Anne Barnes’ absence, Cheryl-Ann referred the Commission to Denice’s report for updates.

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz provided a summary of the Committee meeting and activities. See [Attachment 14](#) for the Committee Report.

ARB Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise provided the Architecture Review Board report to the Commission. See [Attachment 15](#) for the report.

Fairfax City, David Meyer:

- Fairfax City will be holding its Historic Markers contest parallel to and in concert with Fairfax County's initiative.
- The City Council established a Stakeholders Engagement Committee in September 2020 to review Confederate-related street names. This Committee will brief the City Council on September 16 with its recommendations.
- The City also received the architectural drawings for the restoration of the west front porch of Old Town Hall and will be issuing an RFP.
- David also noted that Fairfax County operates a cemetery for indigent persons and this cemetery is at the County property yard located on Jermantown Road within the City limits of Fairfax.
- Mary Lipsey brought up the issue of cemetery access for relatives; there was a situation of limited access to the site on weekends. David Meyer will follow up on that issue.

History Commission Website, Subhi Mehdi:

- Subhi Mehdi reported and reviewed the decisions that were made regarding website organization. Details of the discussion included:
 - Recommendation to create a separate page for the History Conference to increase the event's visibility.
 - Subhi followed up about posting the bylaws on the website. Both the ARB and the Planning Commission have posted their bylaws on their respective webpages.
 - Subhi also noted a discrepancy between the language of the bylaws and the language of the website. What is described as the "mission" on the website is described as the "purpose" in the bylaws.
 - Elise Murray will review the charter to determine the proper language.
 - Subhi also noted missing annual reports.
- Cheryl-Ann Repetti led a brief discussion about the level of approval needed by the History Commission in the website process.

Announcements

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge appeared at a marker dedication of the Customs House and the Occoquan Workhouse, and will be attending events at the Rippon Lodge.
- Sallie Lyons noted that Jeff Clark is working on a video of the Gunston Colored School. If anyone can share documentation regarding the school, Jeff would be most appreciative.
- Esther McCullough suggested that the Commission attend a workshop for parliamentary procedures.
- Tammy Mannarino gave thanks to Sallie Lyons for the Mt. Vernon Regional Historical Society program that was held at Gunston Hall. There were 45 people in attendance and it was a tremendous event.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti motioned to adjourn the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 10:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 10/14/21

Attachments:

- [Attachment 1](#) – Fairfax County ARB Letter of Support
- [Attachment 2](#) – Soapstone Connector Draft MOA (external attachment) and Correspondence
- [Attachment 3](#) – Soapstone Connector Consulting Party Meeting Summary (external attachment)
- [Attachment 4](#) – Archaeology and Collection Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 5](#) – Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 6](#) – Virginia Room Staff Report
- [Attachment 7](#) – Heritage Resources Staff Report
- [Attachment 8](#) – BAC Membership Report (external attachment)
- [Attachment 9](#) – Awards Committee Report
- [Attachment 10](#) – African American Heritage Inventory Committee Report and Project Notes
- [Attachment 11](#) – Semiquincentennial Report
- [Attachment 12](#) – Markers and Cemetery Preservation Committee Reports
- [Attachment 13](#) – Ethnic and Oral History Committee Reports
- [Attachment 14](#) – Advocacy Committee Report
- [Attachment 15](#) – Architecture Review Board Report

Attachment 1

August 31, 2021

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530
Fairfax, VA 22035

Chairman McKay,

As the Chairman of the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board (ARB), I am writing to convey the ARB's unanimous support for the proposed Zoning Ordinance amendment to establish the Wellington at River Farm Historic Overlay District (WHOD).

The property, which was originally built in the mid to late eighteenth century – possibly under the ownership of George Washington – represents a valuable piece of Fairfax County history that has evolved over the years into a manor house surrounded by a unique collection of gardens and ancillary buildings, which have been preserved and enhanced during its ownership by the American Horticultural Society. Wellington at River Farm's significance for its architecture and the surrounding landscape, as a notable example of a modest eighteenth-century house remodeled into an early twentieth century Colonial Revival-style estate, cannot be overstated as requiring preservation.

The creation of the WHOD, pursuant to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors' (BOS) authority, is warranted in order to protect and enhance a historic and architectural landmark that is both valuable and vulnerable and represents a significant commitment by the County to preserve its heritage resources for future generations.

We hope the BOS will consider our recommendation and agree that the protection of Wellington at River Farm is of importance to the people of Fairfax County. Should you have any questions or if you would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me, or your staff may wish to follow up with Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development (FCDPD) staff.

Sincerely,



Christopher Daniel
Chairperson, ARB

Cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Laura Gori, Office of the County Attorney
Barbara Byron, FCDPD
Leanna O'Donnell, FCDPD
Laura Arseneau, FCDPD
Denice Dressel, FCDPD
Cheryl Repetti, Chairman, Fairfax County History Commission
ARB members

Attachment 2

Note: Soapstone Connector Project MOA is provided as an external attachment due to length.



Fairfax County Architectural Review Board

12055 Government Center Parkway

Suite 730

c/o ARB Administrator

Fairfax, VA 22035

<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/architectural-review-board>

August 31, 2021

Audra K. Bandy, P.E.
Senior Transportation Planner IV
Fairfax County Department of Transportation
4050 Legato Road, Suite 400
Fairfax, VA 22033

Dear Ms. Bandy:

Please see the formal comments below from the Architectural Review Board (ARB) regarding the draft Memorandum of Agreement dated August 5, 2021, regarding the Soapstone Connector Project and its impact on the Association Drive Historic District.

The ARB concurs with Stipulation I, HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDING SURVEY (HABS) RECORDATION OF ASSOCIATION DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT to document the individual buildings to HABS Level II.

The ARB disagrees with STIPULATION II, HISTORIC AMERICAN LANDSCAPE SURVEY (HALS) DOCUMENTATION OF ASSOCIATION DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT. The comments in the Determination of Eligibility issued by the National Register of Historic Places in Attachment C stress the unique planning characteristics of the Reston Center for Associations and Educational Institution (RCAEI) as “an exceptional surviving example of contemporary planning principles within the broader New Town development plan for Reston,” and that “it is already established that the Reston “New Town” plan is a significant component of our nation’s planning history.” The National Register concluded that, “The RCAEI is a rare survivor within the industrial development context of the Reston plan; as such it is an exceptionally important component of the overall Reston town plan.” Consequently, the ARB believes that the minimum documentation commensurate with the established significance of the RCAEI is HALS Level II, not HALS Level III.

The ARB has no comment regarding STIPULATION III, WAYSIDE MARKER FOR ASSOCIATION DRIVE HISTORIC DISTRICT.

Within Attachment E, please substitute Jason Zellman for Christopher Daniel in the contacts for the ARB. Similarly, please substitute Laura Arseneau for Nicole Brannan in the contacts for the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development.

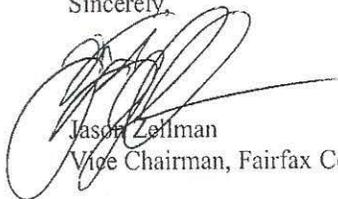
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Thank you for the opportunity to comment. Please let me know if the ARB can be of any further assistance on this effort.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jason Zellman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jason Zellman
Vice Chairman, Fairfax County ARB

Attachment 3

Note: Soapstone Connector Project Section 106 Consulting Party Meeting #3 Summary is provided as an external attachment due to length.

Attachment 4

August 2021

Archaeology and Collections Branch

History Commission Report

Elizabeth A. Crowell, Ph.D.

Ash Grove - ACB staff is conducting laboratory analysis, water screening and picking, and preparing the archaeology report for Ash Grove.

Riverbend – ACB staff is conducting Deed Research; preparation of historic context, computer modeling; cataloging artifacts, data entry, analysis. Preparation for Public Outreach event.

Clark Enyedi House – On site meeting to address water/plumbing/septic issues with contractor and Resident Curator and the effects of the proposed work on archaeological resources.

LLV – Artifact cataloging and analysis.

Ellanor C. Lawrence Park – Archaeological clearance of area where benches are being installed

Green Spring Garden - ACB staff is preparing the management summary report for the area where a moon gate will be constructed.

Huntley Tenant House meeting with Dr. Dennis Pogue

Teams/Meetings

Collections Facility

Deaccessioning of Collections from other jurisdictions

Cemeteries

Cemetery App

Fanny Wilcoxon Cemetery

Summers Cemetery

Confederate Names Task Force

Gum Springs Citizen Advisory Group

Pride of Fairfax National Register nomination

Lake Accotink Dredging

Public Outreach

Preparation of Public Outreach content

Interpretive markers

Marker dedication of two markers honoring African American and Native American families in Vienna.

Preparation of Replacement Marker at Ox Hill Battlefield Park that suffered from storm damage.

History Commission

History Commission Monthly Meeting

History Commission African American History Initiative Committee

History Commission History Conference Committee

Emergency site visit to Manassas Gap RR to assess damage to a collapsed culvert.

Countywide Review

- Development Rev. 5
- Stream Restoration
- FCDOT 5
- VDOT 5
- Report Review 6
- Storm Water 6
- Easements 1
- Natural Resource Assessment 8
- Trails 4
- Lake Accotink Assessments – 30 alignments
- In house request Assessment 7

Attachment 5

**Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division
History Commission Updates
September 2021
Location: Fairfax, VA**

Museum Collections

- The Museum Collections Manager picked up a small gold plaque that commemorates the July 7, 1974, Sully Antique Car Show from the Virginia Room.
- The Museum Collections Manager is assisting the Archaeology & Collections Branch in restarting their environmental monitoring program at JLC.

Operations and Maintenance Projects

- Repair and maintenance work by AP Construction continues for Ash Grove's historic brick kitchen.

Volunteers HSVC

- The Museum Collections Manager continues assisting with administrative duties for the HSVC until the vacant LTE position is filled.
- 7 people attended the event at Stempson House on August 14th.
- The next event is scheduled for September 11. Location TBD.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- The Special Exception application for ServiceSource, resident curator for **Ellmore Farmhouse**, is under review by the Department of Planning and Zoning.
- An annual maintenance inspection for **Stempson House** was rescheduled for early September.
- The application for the curatorship of **Margaret White Gardens** will be made available on the RCP webpage by early September. The application period will be open for 60 calendar days.
- The applications for the curatorship of **Ash Grove** will be made available on the RCP webpage by early September. The application period will be open for 60 calendar days.

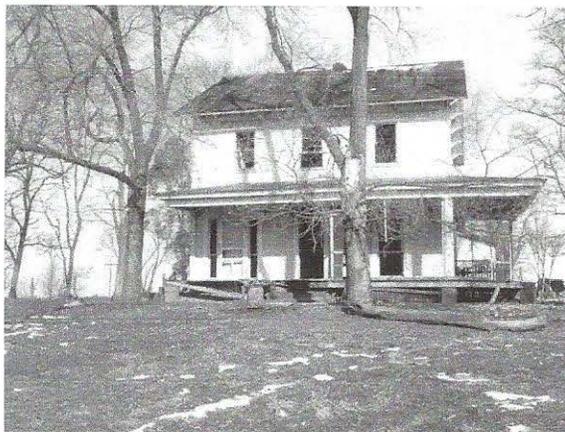
Attachment 6



Fairfax County Public Library's Virginia Room
Staff Report to the Fairfax County History Commission

September 1, 2021

- Interviews for the Virginia Room Admin Assistant have been completed. We hope to have a new person in place shortly.
- Chris Barbuschak gave a presentation on the history of the name "Franconia" at the August 5th Lee District Town Hall concerning the district's potential renaming.
- Staff accompanied Laura Arseneau on August 30th to photograph a county facility at 4001 Burke Station Road in the City of Fairfax which will be partially demolished. The facility was built by Fairfax County in 1927 as a "road camp" site and used by FCPS as a school bus maintenance facility from the 1930s-1980s.
- The two new ScanPro 3000 microfilm machines are expected to arrive and be installed for public use this month.
- Gibran Parvez, an amateur historian who maintains "[Dulles Online](#)", an information portal on the history of the development around Dulles Airport, has helped us identify unlabeled photographs of the Chantilly area from the Fairfax County Health Department that have been in our collection since the 1980s. Of particular note, he recognized an unidentified image of Little Sully before it succumbed to arson in 1969 (see below).



CHAN-010 – Now identified as Little Sully

Attachment 7

9/1/21 History Commission meeting

Department of Planning and Development/Heritage Resources Staff Report

Denice Dressel, Heritage Resource Planner, DPD

Staff Report:

Historic Overlay Districts

- **Wellington at River Farm HOD, Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE** -On June 16, 2021, the Planning Commission recommended for the Board of Supervisor's (BOS) approval the Zoning Ordinance amendment regarding the state-passed legislation that would (i) allow public access to any historic area, landmark, building, structure, or land; or (ii) provide that no subdivision may occur within any historic district unless approved by the review board or, on appeal, by the governing body of the locality as being compatible with the historic nature of such area, landmarks, buildings, or structures therein. This provision applies only to a parcel or parcels that collectively are (i) adjacent to a navigable river and a national park and (ii) in part or as a whole subject to an easement granted to the National Park Service or Virginia Outdoors Foundation on or after January 1, 1973. **On July 13, 2021, the BOS deferred decision only to September 14, 2021. Public written testimony is still being accepted.** More information about Fairfax's newest HOD can be found here: [Wellington at River Farm HOD](#) or by contacting [Laura Arseneau](#).
- **Hollin Hills Potential HOD, Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE** - Supervisor Storck requested that a community survey for the HOD be completed before the staff report is published. Planning Commission and BOS public hearings will be rescheduled after the survey is complete. Before the public hearings, staff will be presenting to the History Commission the Plan and Zoning Amendments for the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District. Further information on the study and community meetings can be found here: [Hollin Hills HOD webpage](#) or by contacting [Laura Arseneau](#).
- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Providence District – NO UPDATE** - The next workgroup meeting is TBD. Public hearings for this plan amendment have not been scheduled. More information can be found on the [Holmes Run Acres HOD project webpage](#) or by contacting [Laura Arseneau](#).
- **Gum Springs Study, Potential HOD, Mount Vernon District –** Staff met twice in August with the 5 identified community representatives to work with staff through the Request for Proposal (RFP) process for a comprehensive survey to be completed in Gum Springs. The community is considering creating a Historic Overlay District (HOD) for the area. This project is being funded by a carryover budget request made by Supervisor Storck last year. A webpage has not yet been created, yet, for this project. If you would like additional information, please contact [Denice Dressel](#).

Survey Efforts

- **Lorton Visioning Study (Plan Amendment 2021-IV-LP1), Mount Vernon District - NO UPDATE** - The County is undertaking the Lorton Visioning 2040 study to bolster the sense of place within the Lorton community over the next 20 years. The study will identify and analyze existing and future assets and resources within the Lorton area and evaluate and recommend revisions to the Comprehensive Plan for land use, placemaking, parks and recreational areas, environmental corridors, historic resources, public facilities, multi-modal transportation infrastructure, and other supporting infrastructure that reflects the community's future vision. Staff is preparing to conduct a windshield survey of the study area by conducting archival research and getting input from the Mount Vernon History Commission representatives. The windshield survey is scheduled for early fall. More information about the project can be found on the project's webpage, [Lorton Visioning Study](#), or contact [Denice Dressel](#).
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide – NO UPDATE** - Staff recently reviewed the draft scope sent from DHR which will be sent to the state consultants for bid. DHR will provide \$9,650 to match the county's offer of \$20,500 for a project budget of \$31,150. Heritage Resources' staff would

again like to thank the History Commission for their support - through their monetary pledge of \$7,500, letters of support, and individual member's reviews of the research. Staff would like to note the Architectural Review Board's support of a monetary pledge of \$5,000 and letters of support, as well as DPD's support of \$8,000 towards the survey. There will be a kickoff meeting with the community this fall. More details to come. Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) for more information about the project.

- **Reston Architectural Survey, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE** - Chris Daniel, Chair of the Architectural Review Board, is a member of the Reason Master Plan Task Force. Staff has been working with Mr. Daniel to craft language and draft maps to include in the Reston Master Plan update. The results of the [Reston Architectural Survey Report](#) were presented to the Reston Master Plan Task Force on May 10th. The task force is now working with staff to incorporate this information into the Comprehensive Plan where it can be used as a planning tool. More information can be found on the [Reston Area Study webpage](#). Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) if you have any questions.

National Register Nominations

- **Pride of Fairfax National Register Nomination, Mount Vernon District** – A final stakeholders meeting was held by the consultant on August 24th. They went over the completed draft nomination and revisions since the first draft, next steps in the nomination process, and answered questions from attendees. The consultant will be responding to the feedback from VDHR concerning the argument for national significance; DHR's response was positive regarding the case for local significance. The latest draft was distributed to the stakeholders after the meeting. At this point in their process, the consultant is receiving input on factual errors only. The nomination is planned to go to the State Review Board for their consideration at the December 2021 meeting. This project is being partially funded by a Certified Local Government Grant DPD received from the state. Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) with any questions.

NHPA Section 106 Reviews

- **Soapstone Connector/Association Drive Office Complex, Hunter Mill District** – Staff received draft Memorandum of Agreement from FHWA/FCDOT to respond to the adverse effects of the federally-funded project on the historic district. Staff feels that the MOA is a good start, but that the public history component of the proposed mitigation is insufficient.
Background: During the Consulting Parties meeting, staff suggested HABS documentation of the buildings and HALS documentation of the cultural landscape, interpretive signage, and a public history interpretative display such as a website, or a traveling library display. Responses are due back to FCDOT by Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Other Items

- **History Commission Bylaws Revisions** – The revised Bylaws adopted by the History Commission at its August 2021 meeting were forwarded to the County Attorney's Office for their review. Staff will be taking the Bylaws to the Board as a Consideration Item sometime this fall, date TBD.
- **Awards Committee Inquiry** – The History Commission has asked staff to inquire with the County Attorney to determine if there is any "conflict of interest" in presenting a monetary award to Fairfax County Public School teachers. OCA has been in touch and will have an answer, shortly.
- **Civil War Trails Markers, County Wide** – Staff received a final response from the County Attorney's Office regarding the Civil War Trails Markers. They have finalized their responses to the Commission's questions and have organized the markers into two comprehensive lists of: 1) markers that are actually orphaned; and 2) markers that are actually sponsored (and previously thought to be orphaned). Their response has been forwarded to Mary Lipsey, Cheryl Repetti, and Gretchen Bulova for their review.
- **Historic Courthouse Tour – NO UPDATE** - A tour is being planned for the History Commission and ARB for some time in the future, once in-person meetings have resumed, to learn about the history and the resources at the Courthouse, and to discuss some of the pressing repair and interventions the building needs. Heather

Bollinger, Historic Records Manager, and I discussed scheduling the tour the day of a regularly scheduled meeting, prior to the meeting start time and wanted to get the Commission's input. Dates TBD.

Development Reviews

- **PCA 81-C-111 (Zelinger Family Trust), Hunter Mill District – 1902/1904 Aubrey Place Court** – Staff is recommending that the applicant nominate the house to the County's Inventory of History Sites and reaffirm the original proffer to preserve the house, adding its historic significance as a factor. The applicant has subsequently submitted a revised site plan which shows the house remaining and have added a proffer to retain the house. However, they have not agreed to complete a nomination form for the Inventory, nor did they add language to note the significance of the house in the proffer. Apart from HODs, listing in the Inventory is one of the few preservation tools that the County has.

Background: the application was for a Proffer Condition Amendment for 1902/1904 Aubrey Place Court in Vienna. The applicant requested to remove the house and subdivide the land, amending the original proffer put in place with the subdivision of the farm in the early 1980s, to preserve the house on one acre of land. The argument put forth for the removal of the house was that the house was not historically significant. Staff from DPD, the Virginia Room, and the County Court archives, with the help of Commissioner Stuntz, produced a report arguing for the historic significance of the house on a local level. **Planning Commission Public Hearing 9/22/2021. BOS Public Hearing TBD.** Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) with any questions.



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2021 DPD files

Addendum

- ***Jefferson School demolition, Dranesville District** – the property owners of the Jefferson School have applied for a demolition permit for the building. They will be building a new home on the site. This is a by-right development. While trying to set up a site visit to take photographs of the building before it was demolished, Chris B. informed me that county staff had previously taken photos, and that the Virginia Room was in possession of the photos. The owners declined to allow anyone in the house but were willing to take photos themselves and will be sharing with DPD. They are also going to be working with a salvaging company to salvage the historic materials from the building.
- ***History Commission Membership Report** – In your packet, you received a Commission Membership Report issued from the Clerk's Office. Please review this information for accuracy and send any changes you wish to make to me, and I will pass those along to the Clerk's Office.
- ***Change in DPD-HR Staffing** – This month marks the conclusion of my fourth year with DPD as staff liaison to the History Commission. Beginning in October, I will be taking the ARB Administrator/Certified Local Government Coordinator. Although my position is not staff to the History Commission, working with you all was hands-down the most enjoyable part of my job. In my tenor as History Commission liaison, my position was reclassified from a Planner II to a Planner III. The History Commission should be in competent and capable hands, whoever my replacement will be. I anticipate a few-month period of transition - this will not be my last History Commission meeting.

Attachment 8

The BAC Membership Report is provided as an external attachment due to length.

Attachment 9

Thu, Aug 12, 9:52 PM AWARDS COMMITTEE

Thank you all for making it to tonight's meeting: Elise R. Murray, Steve Sherman, Jordan Tannenbaum, Denice Dressel & myself.

We proceeded with all the COVID required motions & then had a discussion on the wording of the Mary Fahringer Award (<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/awards-programs>). As the Award is currently written, a Fairfax County teacher could not receive an award for work that s/he had done that was above & beyond the call of duty, because of his/her employment situation. Thus, outstanding teachers who have provided exemplary leadership and guidance to their students in order to make extraordinary contributions to preserve Fairfax County's rich and diverse history, are exempt from this prestigious award. The Awards committee discussed, created & voted unanimously and affirmatively to revise and add this sentence to the formal description of the FCHC Mary Fahringer Award:

[The Mary Fahringer award was initially intended to be bestowed upon citizens committed to preserving the history of Fairfax County, not in a work for hire position.]

However, the work for hire exception will not apply to individuals who are, in fact, school teachers employed within Fairfax County.

Denice will be checking with our County Attorney to determine if there is any "conflict of interest" in presenting a monetary award to Fairfax County Public School teachers.

The Committee also decided to present two **Distinguished Service Awards**. One to Jeff Clark, for his voluminous body of work in researching and identifying the significant history of the Fairfax County Public School system, and to Maura Keaney, along with her students, for their work in researching and writing the history of Ona Judge, the Run Away Slave from Mt. Vernon, in order to write the text for a historical marker.

The Committee will present their decisions & recommended Award revision wording to the Fairfax County History Commission at our next meeting on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.

Committee members – please be in touch individually with me, if I have left anything out here in this summary (so that we do not have a FOIA violation). I will be attaching the paperwork associated with these two Awards.

Thank you all, again!
All good things,

Lynne Garvey -Hodge

Attachment 10

AAHI meeting Tuesday, August 10, 2021

In attendance Phyllis Walker- Ford, Mary Lipsey, Barbara Naef, Tammy Mannarino, Anne Stuntz, Esther Mccullough, Sue Kovach Shuman, Carole Herrick

staff Chris Barbuschak, Elizabeth Crowell, Grace Davenport

Commissioner Lipsey asked members to send her names of those who could be considered candidates for markers. She also asked for links or resource information, when possible.

Commissioner Lipsey described the General Resource List she is creating. The list is still in draft form and is not complete. She has shared the list with the curriculum resource teachers of FCPS and will share the draft of the resource list with the committee members soon.

Commissioner Lipsey explained the status of the history marker contest.

Commissioner Kovach Shuman and her husband shared information about the possibility of enlisting a student from the GMU Capstone internship program to create an interactive product for the info from the AAHI inventory. Discussion ensued, AAHI committee would create a statement of work plan outlining need for database. The student would receive course credit and work pro bono. The Committee wondered who would have access and maintain the product when it is finished. Thomas Lee would have to be involved with the project plan and placement on the FCHC website. At the next history commission meeting, the project will be proposed to the History Commission.

The committee agreed that the templates should be loaded as they are finished and not wait until the end. We discussed that a location for the template files needs to be determined.

There are limitations to some possibilities. Share file has a 30-day storage limit. County employees do not have access to Drop Box from their work computers. It was discussed whether there could be storage accessed with a password on the commission website.

Commissioner Walker Ford said she would contact Denice Dressel about the possibility.

Next Meeting Tuesday September 14, 2021 at 2:30 pm.

Capstone and George Mason University

Seniors in Applied Information Technology within Engineering Department

Year long course

Plan and develop the projects deliverables First semester

AAHI will work with the team who will make suggestions for the project

Asking for something searchable and interactive

Second semester - Execute the project

A team of five seniors is selected by Professor McLaughlin

Important Things To Know

No cost to the History Commission or county

Students receive course credit

AAHI Committee members will meet with team (you and me?)

Team will work with HC county webmaster to select type of computer program

Team will establish a storage space (Drop Box ?) where the committee will load the templates

Our input will need to be delivered by December

GMU will have internal check points and review

The team will be able to provide a demonstration to HC

The team will create the project such that the HC and county webmaster will be able to maintain it in the future.

Attachment 11

History Commission
Semiquincentennial Report
September 1, 2021

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair

State Commission – The next meeting is planned for Friday, September 10th at Jamestown, in person.

Fairfax County Workgroup

The Workgroup chair, Scott Stroh made a presentation to the Fairfax County BOS on behalf of the Workgroup on July 27th. The current plan is as follows:

1. Transition the existing Work Group and its current membership to a Fairfax County 250th Commission that will remain in existence through June 30, 2027. Working with the inaugural members of this Commission, identify and appoint additional members for the purpose of increasing and diversifying the composition of the Commission. With input from the Board, additional members should include, at a minimum, one representative from each magisterial district.
2. Working with the Commission, implement the committee structure proposed in the July 27th presentation.
3. Working with the Commission, create and convene an Advisory Council to ensure broad and inclusive community awareness and participation. The Commission will advise the Board of Supervisors of their recommendations for the Advisory Council.
4. Working with the Commission, develop and present to the Board a business plan and multi-year commemoration budget by December 31, 2021.
5. Working with the Commission, create and implement a community based, county-wide survey of residents specific to opportunities and ideas associated with the commemoration by December 31, 2021.
6. Working with the Commission, develop and implement a marketing and promotion plan to build awareness and affinity for the commemoration by April 20, 2022. Research the possibility of applying for a grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation for this purpose as part of their fall 2021 grant cycle and pursue as appropriate.
7. Present a semi-annual report of Commission activities to the Board of Supervisors.
8. Present monthly financial reports to the County entity, department, or individual designated by the Board of Supervisors.

History Commission Committee

The Committee Members for the Commission will include Gretchen Bulova, Mary Lipsey, Sue Shuman, and Jordan Tannenbaum. This Committee has not met.

Mary Lipsey 's **AFTER** reports for September 1 History Commission meeting

Marker Contest Committee

Commissioners Mannarino and Lipsey explained that the history marker contest is in its formative stages, setting up committees etc.

African American History Inventory Committee

Commissioners Ford and Lipsey explained how the George Mason University Capstone program will engage a team of five GMU seniors to work with the Committee to create a computer presence for the inventory. A motion was made. The Commission unanimously supported engaging the GMU students.

Marker Committee

Commissioner Lipsey explained that VDOT has not responded with approval of a land permit for the Pleasant Grove Historic Church marker.

Lipsey added that she will read the county attorney's answers to our questions about the Civil War Trail Markers. She will summarize their responses and make a suggestion as to whether she feels there is a need to have a meeting about how the Marker Committee/ History Commission will proceed.

After consulting with the Facilities Management Department about the installation cost for markers and the cost of a marker with the foundry Sewah Studios, Commissioner Lipsey realized that our stated cost on our website for a marker and installation is too low. Also, the current costs quoted to her may increase during the year 2022. After discussion, a motion was made to include on the website that a marker and installation cost could be as much as \$4000. The motion passed unanimously.

Commissioner Lipsey suggested that the Advocacy Committee make a brochure that could explain the marker program. The brochure could be displayed in Supervisors' offices and libraries.

Cemetery Committee

Commissioner Lipsey reported that she is working with various county residents to aid in preservation and conservation of cemeteries : Ford, Ellis, Simms; Jermantown; and Neal. She is also assisting an Eagle Scout project where the scout is constructing an interpretive sign at the Soldiers' Memorial at Howrey Field on Braddock Road. She added that she emailed the author of a Washington Post article about a program of Maryland inmates who are cleaning gravestones. She explained to the author that their practice of using wire bristle brushes damages the markers. The author responded by thanking Commissioner Lipsey for sharing that information.

Attachment 13

Ethnic and Oral History Committee Meeting Report

Held August 17, 2021, 7:00 PM by Webex

Script read regarding reason for Webex meeting.

Members:

Anne Stuntz, Anne Barnes, Cheryl-Ann Repetti, Phyllis Walker-Ford, Subhi Mehdi, Lynne Garvey-Hodge & Esther McCullough present. Tammy Mannarino, Barbara Peters and Sallie Lyons absent.

Oral History Project

Interviews of Retired Supervisors

There are two interviews scheduled Wednesday, August 25 at the Channel 16 Studios. Commissioner Garvey-Hodge will interview Kate Hanley and Commissioner Barnes will interview Dana Kauffman. Other names were suggested for the next group of interviews.

Work Plan - A work plan that outlines the activities of the committee was suggested by Commissioner Mehdi. The committee agreed to think of what should be in the plan so we can stay focused on the tasks by planning and deciding our goals and time lines.

Citizen Participation – We are to think of ways to train the public to conduct interviews in their districts. Subhi will work on a kit to present this information. Each committee member is to submit questions to be used in a general interview to the chairperson before the next meeting.

Diversity in Fairfax County - Next, we are looking forward to doing something on the diversity in the county. The inclusion of youth working on these searches is something we will consider. We are currently reading the book, A Nation of Nations by Tom Gjelten to see ways to present on about 5 groups to highlight the diversity.

Our next meeting is September 21, 2021 at 7:00 PM by Webex.

Adjourned at 8:35 PM.
Esther McCullough, Chairman

*Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes and notes
Fairfax County History Commission 7/12/21
Webex.
DRAFT 8/15/21*

Attendees:

Barbara Peters, by phone, Annandale
Anne Stuntz, Vienna,
Subhi Mehdi, McLean
Carole Herrick by phone, McLean
Absent: Tammy Manarino, Lynne Garvey Hodge

Equity Statement — we support the values and goals of One Fairfax. Perhaps this could be stated on the website.

The committee encourages contact between BOS and HC members

Annual Reports – printed and digital
Printed material and books for BOS office?
Pictures of historic sites for BOS office?

Discussion of the definition of Advocacy, and how it's different from public relations – Which one do we need to do, which one should this committee do?

PR is broader, more general, more about reporting what we do and want we plan to do.

- Confusion that the public has -- Nobody knows what the HC does. Are we a historical society? What should they get in touch with the HC to accomplish?
- The HC tends to get specific jobs done and to react to issues and requests that arise.
- The HC fulfills concrete objectives through a number of its committees such as Markers, Inventory, Awards, Conference.
- The HC responds to requests and advises BOS on all sorts of matters that arise: communications towers, developments that will affect cultural resources, etc. "on-call"
- Some solutions discussed:
 - Continue to distribute annual report to BOS
 - Short periodic newsletters about HC activity,
 - list serve to disseminate all sorts of information about local history, esp upcoming events
 - updated brochure to hand out at libraries, events. Each member to take to events/talks
 - tap county public information office for help with press releases, etc.

Advocacy is act of speaking on behalf of or in support of something in order to make a change.

Moving forward: the HC could do both – let the public and the BOS what we're doing, AND also decide on what other/new/additional initiatives the HC wants to push forward.

What are our key messages? What do we need to sell and why?

- Advocate for communities that can't advocate for themselves.
 - ie encourage research and markers for overlooked aspects and places of our past and overlooked places.

- Follow up with single property HODs. A landmark program could create incentives for homeowners to preserve their properties in perpetuity. Le River Farm/Wellington is the first single property HOD. Work with DPD and ARB to make this easier to do.
- Push for progress on Local tax credits —
 - *Dept Tax Admin is following up. It is challenging due to the thousands of properties (due to subdivisions/districts. Covid slowed down progress.*
 - *It was a Board matter from Sup McKay when he was head of finance.*
 - *Goal is to make it more attractive to renovate buildings than to demolish and start over]*

Does the chair have priorities? She could have pet projects. Legacy.

Advocate for action – trying to make a change. More specific than PR.

Audience

Who is our target? Community? BOS? What segment of the community do we want to reach? What are key messages to each?

Action plan – 6 months? One Year? See what's developing

In preparation for next meeting,

1. talk to chair and other officers about their priorities for the organization. Steps for advocacy. She will be invited to next meeting
2. Ask Tammy to mock up a newsletter
3. Find stakeholders contact list
4. Each member come up with a list of what the HC can do better, what can the HC change.
5. Create an outline about how we can reach out to underserved communities – markers, inventory, etc – B. Peters.

What's the balance between PR (promoting what we're doing) and Advocacy (actions we need to take, programs we need to develop, relies on good relations with BOS)

Come up with **Selling Points/elevator speech** -- **"We're Promoting the History of Fairfax County"** is what Carole says.

What should we preserve? How decide what's worth saving? What's our scope?

Attachment 15

**Architectural Review Board Report
June 10, 2021 and July 8, 2021 (No August Meeting)**

Webex Meetings

Consent Items: None

Action Items

June: Approved a proposal to provide dog kennels as an additional use and a new septic field, located at 16001 Lee Highway in Centreville in the Bull Run Bridge Historic Overlay District. The applicant requests a Special Exception to add dog kennels as an additional use on the property. The property is currently owned by the Humane Society of Fairfax County and is used as horse stables. No new buildings are proposed, but there is new land disturbance due to a new septic field. The Archaeological Collections Branch of the Fairfax County Park Authority has reviewed the application and has no further comment. Mr. Mark Crain of Harold A. Logan associates represents the proposal. **Sully District**

July:

Approved the Woodlawn Friends Meeting House Porch Floor Replacement located at 8990 Woodlawn Road, in the Woodlawn Historic Overlay District. The applicant is proposing the replacement of the porch floor on the Woodlawn Friends Meeting house. The applicant previously came to the ARB as an action item in April 2021. Ms. Martha Catlin represents the application. **Mount Vernon District.**

Approved access to 6431 Georgetown Pike in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District. The applicant is proposing to construct an asphalt driveway to access one residential property. The residential property is located outside of the boundary of the historic overlay district, but the driveway is located within the historic overlay district. Mr. Mike Mafi of the Building Group, Inc. represents the application. **Dranesville District.**

Workshops

June:

Proposal for the renovation of Building W-35 adjacent to the Workhouse Arts Center and located at 9541 Workhouse Way, within the boundaries of the 2001 district identified the MOA. **The proposal is to renovate the building to house the county's existing and future museum and archaeology collections and associated support space.** The existing building is approximately 15,000 gsf. The shell of the building will remain with new punched openings and a roof added to the existing shell with the renovation of the interior. A small addition of around 1,500 gsf and new entrance will be added to the front of the building. The applicant previously presented at the May 2021 ARB meeting. Ms. Jaclyn Miller of Glave and Holmes will be representing the application. **Mt. Vernon District.**

Proposal for restroom facility at the Laurel Hill Central Green park, located at 8780 Furnace Road in Lorton. The applicant (Fairfax County Park Authority) proposes the construction of a new restroom facility at the Laurel Hill Central Green Park Area to support the existing picnic pavilions. The pavilions were previously approved by the ARB in September 2019. Mr. Don Gray, PE of Shaffer Wilson, Sarver and Gray represents the proposal. The applicant previously presented a workshop proposal in December 2020. After consultation with the community, the applicant has modified its original design. . The applicant will submit materials to the Lorton Heritage Society and VDHR as required by the MOA, as well as Fairfax County Archaeological Collections Branch. **Mount Vernon District**

Proposal for internal road and parking lot for Laurel Hill Central Green near Barrett House, located at 8780 Lorton Road in Lorton. **The Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) proposes to improve the existing driveway and entrance road into the Barret House and Laurel Hill Central Green area and will improve traffic circulation within the park. The informal parking lot by the Barrett House will be redesigned to allow for the future resident curator to have a dedicated parking area. A new parking area will be added behind the Baret House to allow for the general park users to have an area to park which will avoid conflicts the resident curator boundary.** This project is part of the larger Laurel Hill Central Green improvements and is part of approved ARB application ARB 15-LOR-01 for the constructed picnic shelter and site improvements and current proposal ARB 19-LOR-07 Amendment For the bathrooms at the facility. The applicant will submit materials to the Lorton Heritage Society and VDHR as required by the MOA, as well as Fairfax County Archaeological Collections Branch. **Mount Vernon District**

July

Dulles Discovery South located between Route 28 and Centreville Road in the Sully Historic Overlay District at. **The proposal** is related to a zoning application and **proposes a new Support Building (58,993 sf) and to reduce the height of building DD5 and its related gross floor area.** Susan Yantis and John McGranahan of Hunton Andrews Kurth represent the application. **Sully District.**

Proposed Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District located between Fort Hunt Road and Sherwood Hall Lane in Alexandria. The proposal is related to the forthcoming zoning application related to the proposal for the historic overlay district, which is concurrent with a zoning ordinance amendment and a comprehensive plan amendment (PA 2018-IV-MV4). Staff proposes that the HH HOD contain 291.27 acres and consists of 493 properties, the majority of which are residential. Staff proposes that the suburban neighborhood is a significant heritage resource in Fairfax County due to the contemporary architecture of the dwellings in the suburban neighborhood as well as the unique site design of each property which preserved the existing topography and landscaping. The neighborhood is on the National Register of Historic Places and on the county Inventory of historic sites. The rezoning application is scheduled for public hearings at the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors in fall 2021. **Mount Vernon District.**

Presentation:

July: Mt. Vernon Memorial Trail at Dogue Creek, by Sonia Shahnaj of FCDOT. The proposal is partially with the **Woodlawn Historic Overlay District.** This is a project that the Fairfax County Department of Transportation neglected to bring before the ARB before the plans were close to completion.