

## **Fairfax County History Commission Monthly Meeting**

June 7, 2023, 7:30 p.m.  
Fairfax City Public Library, The Virginia Room  
10360 North Street, Fairfax, Virginia 22030

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted an in-person meeting with some remote attendees on June 7, 2023. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:53 p.m.

### **Call to Order**

#### **1. Audibility of Members' Voices**

Before proceeding, she read the following script for the Commission members attending online:

*To conduct this meeting with some members participating remotely, the Commission needs to make certain findings and determinations for the record. Specifically, we need verification that for each member participating remotely, the participant's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for the meeting room. Additionally, we need confirmation of their location and that their remote participation comports with the Commission's remote participation policy.*

### **Attendance**

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

#### **Commissioners Present per Districts:**

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Chair, At-Large*  
David Meyer, *Vice Chair*  
Gretchen Bulova  
Tom Shoop  
Subhi Mehdi  
Russell Brooks\*  
Steve Sherman\*  
Anne Stuntz, *Secretary*  
Elise Murray  
Tammy Mannarino  
Anne Barnes  
Sue Kovach Shuman  
Kevin Bradley  
Jordan Tannenbaum  
Jenee Lindner  
Cheryl-Ann Repetti  
Esther McCullough\*

#### **District:**

Springfield  
City of Fairfax  
Braddock  
Braddock  
Dranesville  
Franconia  
Franconia  
Hunter Mill  
Hunter Mill  
Mount Vernon  
Mount Vernon  
Providence  
Providence  
Providence  
Springfield  
Sully  
Sully

**Commissioners Excused:**

Sallie Lyons

*\*Joined virtually or by phone (voice-only)*

*\*\*Joined after roll call*

*(!) Technical difficulties*

**County Liaisons Present:**

Laura Kviklys, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Stephanie Newman, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Aimee Wells, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Sarah Petroff, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Christopher Barbuschak, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library,

**Staff Present:**

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to David Meyer so that she might be heard to make the following motion:

*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 Cheryl Repetti and passed unanimously. The gavel was returned to the Chair.

**Land Acknowledgement, David Meyer:**

*"Land acknowledgment engages all present in an ongoing indigenous protocol to enact meaningful, reciprocal relationships with ancestors and contemporary tribal nations. As a County Commission, we have a responsibility to include and support indigenous communities and sovereign tribes in our work.*

*At the place the Fairfax County History Commission occupies, we give greetings and thanksgivings to these Potomac River life sources, to the Doeg ancestors, who Virginia annihilated in violent campaigns while ripping their lands apart with the brutal system of African American enslavement, to the recognized Virginia tribes who have lovingly stewarded these lands for millennia including the Rappahannock, Pamunkey, Upper Mattaponi, Chickahominy, Eastern Chickahominy, Nansemond, Monacan, Mattaponi, Patowomeck, and Nottaway, past, present, and future, and to the Piscataway tribes, who have lived on both sides of the river from time immemorial."*

**Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Business**

Chair Announcements, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne first directed the Commission members to the policy for all virtual public meetings.
  - Laura Kviklys clarified that the policy is a county policy that was not formally adopted by the Commission when the county published it in 2020 at the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. This vote of adoption is a formality. See the All-Virtual Public Meetings Policy [here](#).

After passing the gavel to David Meyer, **Lynne Garvey-Hodge made the following motion:**

***I move that the Fairfax County History Commission policy for all virtual public meetings is now accepted by this Commission.***

The motion was seconded by Jordan Tannenbaum. The floor was opened for discussion.

- Subhi Mehdi asked if section 6 of the policy requires the minutes to be recorded in the same format as the meeting.
  - Lynne read section 6; Tammy Mannarino and others agreed that the language is intentionally left open to interpretation.

**Discussion concluded and the motion was called to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Following the vote, Tammy Mannarino suggested that it would be an appropriate time to consider a motion regarding the recording of in-person meetings.
  - Context: This motion is in reference to a discussion amongst the Commission that took place during their closed-session meeting prior to the start of the public monthly meeting. At that time, the Commission discussed the connectivity and technical needs to effectively set up in-person meetings that can accommodate Commissioners attending by phone or video.

**Tammy Mannarino made the following motion:**

***I move that our in-person monthly meetings, tonight and going forward, are recorded electronically for the purposes of the Clerk and for public consumption.***

**Elise Murray seconded the motion.** The floor was opened for discussion.

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge sought clarification for whether the motion referred to audio recordings, video recordings, or either/both.
  - Tammy Mannarino replied that she could see either being sufficient.
  - Cheryl-Ann Repetti clarified that the wholly electronic meetings are recorded by the staff and posted publicly on the Fairfax County YouTube channel.
- Esther McCullough asked the Commission members to repeat why they believe this motion is needed.
  - Tammy explained that one purpose is for the Clerk, staff, or any of the Commission members to refer back to exactly what was said during the meeting. The second purpose is for members of the public to also be able to access that.
- Esther followed up by asking who would be responsible for managing those recordings, editing them, and posting them for the public.

- Stephanie Newman and Laura Kviklys explained that the county staff would record these sessions and post them in the same process as the wholly electronic meetings.
- Gretchen Bulova expressed the concern that the quality will be poor and will create an unnecessary burden upon the staff. Gretchen pointed to the current setup for members to join virtually and noted that the current arrangement is not sustainable for the Commission's monthly meetings.
- Subhi Mehdi agreed with Gretchen by expressing her view that managing a video recording of an in-person meeting, in addition to the minutes, would be unnecessary, extra work.
- In reference to the discussion prior to the start of the meeting, Kevin Bradley asked Tammy to clarify the situation that she recently experienced that evidenced the need for an audio or video recording.
  - Tammy Mannarino explained a situation related to the Randall Estates, where the nominator did not have official recognition that the historic district had been created until the minutes were finalized over a month later. Tammy noted that the nominator was interested in hearing the deliberations to the nomination's final motion.
    - Esther McCullough responded that public attendees can follow up with Commission members after public meetings, given that everyone's emails are publicly available.
- Gretchen Bulova clarified that the county abides by FOIA protocol that members of the public who wish to attend an in-person meeting virtually must submit an accommodations request prior to the meeting. This is 1-2 weeks in advance (the exact timeframe needed further research).
  - Tammy pointed out that the timing of when the meeting agenda is made public – typically three business days – is mismatched with the county's FOIA requirements.
- Russel Brooks asked what other Committees or Commissions in the county are doing.
  - Elise Murray noted that the Architecture Review Board has chosen to record and post their meeting.

**Esther McCullough made the following motion:**

*I move that the Commission table the present motion until we have more information to make an intelligent decision.*

**Russell Brooks seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Upcoming July Meeting, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked the Commission if they would be interested in rescheduling or skipping the following monthly meeting in July, due to Independence Day.

**Esther McCullough made the following motion:**

***I move that the Fairfax County History Commission's July 5<sup>th</sup> meeting be cancelled and the next meeting take place in August.***

**The motion was seconded by Tom Shoop.** The motion was opened for discussion:

- Anne Stuntz asked if any Commission members had time-sensitive matters that needed a formal meeting.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that there was not anything on the agenda that was pressing.

**The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.**

## **Minutes**

### Approval of the May 3, 2023 Minutes

**A motion was made by Cheryl Repetti regarding the History Commission Meeting Minutes:**

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

**Elise Murray seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.**

## **Treasurer's Report**

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending June 7, 2023. See [Attachment 1](#) for the June report.
  - Sue reviewed the details of the report, specifically noted the purchasing of nameplates and business cards, and reminded Commission members that the county needs certain vendor details to process a transaction.

## **Staff Reports**

### Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB program and project updates to the Commission. See [Attachment 2](#) for the staff report.
  - Specifically, Aimee discussed the maintenance at the indigent cemetery at the Jermantown Maintenance Facility.
  - On June 10, from 9-2 PM, is the Archaeology in the Community's Day at the Dumbarton House in Georgetown. The Fairfax County Archaeological Research Team will be featuring their work there.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted archaeology work being conducted at a burial site at the Lorton Reformatory and suggested that those efforts be nominated for an award in the future.

### Heritage Conservation Branch, Sarah Petroff:

- Sarah Petroff, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave project, program, and event updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. See [Attachment 3](#) for the staff report.

Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak:

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library gave program, collection, and staff updates regarding the Virginia Room. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.
  - Chris specifically noted the hiring of Mark Hall and that the City of Richmond Library system is seeking to model historical collections archive similar to the Virginia Room.

Heritage Resources, Laura Kviklys:

- Laura Kviklys, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave projects, program, and staff updates. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.
  - Updates included the mid-century modern countywide survey, Gum Springs architectural survey, a development case with the Fairfax Hunt Club, the Cemetery MOA package, and a welcome of intern Emma Gruesbeck.
  - As an addendum to the Fairfax Hunt Club in the staff report, Laura updates the Commission that the developer's resubmission of their application included all the changes to the historical site that DPD requested. This included moving the core of the clubhouse (ca. 1790) to a one-acre site next to the property cemetery, photo documentation of the current site, and an inventory nomination, as outlined in the Comprehensive Plan.
  - Jordan Tannenbaum asked Laura for a DPD update regarding the Dulles Airport Capitol One Lounge Section-106 recommendations that the Commission prepared and submitted to the project. Laura was unaware of the project, which predated her employment with the County, and requested Jordan email her with more details.

**New Business**

Work Group on County Policy Regarding Historic Structures and Properties, David Meyer:

- The work group, which consists of Commission Members Kevin Bradley, Elise Murray, and Jordan Tannenbaum, will find a time for a kickoff meeting this summer.

**Unfinished Business**

I-495 SEL Project Section 106, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti stated that there are no updates regarding the project, but a representative from the Army Corps of Engineers communicated with Cheryl-Ann about the flood control survey that was sent out to Fairfax County residents. Cheryl forwarded the email to contacts across Mount Vernon and Franconia that would be impacted by the updated proposals.

Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee, Tammy Mannarino:

- In consultation with Lynne Garvey-Hodge, the Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee was formally established in May to continue the ongoing work of reviewing and developing recommendations for the renaming of Fort Belvoir. See [Attachment 6](#) Attachment 6 for the Advisory Committee Report.
  - The Committee includes Tammy Mannarino, Russell Brooks, Tom Shoop, Jene Lindner, and Cheryl Ann-Repetti.
- Tammy explained that there are two core aspects before the Committee – the renaming of confederate-related street names on the Post and the renaming of Fort Belvoir itself.
  - Tammy and Russell Brooks planned community outreach with descendants from the Woodlawn community. However, due to the public notice rules of FOIA, they were unable to conduct that meeting.
  - Additionally, there was a second planned meeting between the Fairfax County liaison and representatives from Fort Belvoir that was determined it was supposed to be open to the public.
- On June 18, Dr. Moeller and Fort Belvoir representatives notified the Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee that the street naming recommendations were required to be submitted as soon as possible.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge connected with Advisory Member Phyllis Walker Ford and coordinated a response within a 24-hour deadline. As a follow-up, Tammy Mannarino submitted additional information, which included input from some community members, the following Monday.
  - Tammy detailed that this at least partially fulfills the Board of Supervisors' charge to advise Fort Belvoir.
- The second aspect of the Fort Belvoir of the Committee – supplying accurate information on the 1935 name change of the post itself – is now before the Advisory Committee.

**Tammy Mannarino made the following motion:**

***I move that the Fairfax County History Commission formally establish the Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee, which is an ad-hoc committee, to address the potential renaming of Fort Belvoir.***

**Subhi Mehdi seconded the motion.** The motion was opened for discussion:

- Jordan Tannenbaum asked what Fort Belvoir's timeline is for their process. Tammy responded that we do not, which is why it is important to figure out how to meet with the post's representatives.
- Jene Lindner asked why an individual History Commission member cannot have a meeting with the representatives. Stephanie Newman explained that once the Board of Supervisors formally directs actions to a Commission, then any proceeding activities work must be publicly accessible and include three representatives. Once this committee is formalized, then they will be able to meet with the Fort Belvoir representatives.
  - Tom Shoop, Jordan Tannenbaum, and Tammy Mannarino discussed Fort Belvoir's reactions and limitations to public meetings.

**Elise Murray asked to called the question.** Lynne Garvey-Hodge acknowledged the request, but deferred given the relevancy of the discussion to the motion.

- Lynne read an excerpt from an email from Dr. Moeller, which stated that “the Army is discouraging the naming of individuals. Originally, the guidance was to not suggest naming any streets after individuals. They have since relented a bit, but added that the approval of such names would be much more complicated.”
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge read her response to Dr. Moeller’s email. She concluded by explaining that the creation of this ad-hoc committee is also to ensure that the History Commission is not just paid lip-service.
  - Tammy Mannarino emphasized the tight timeline and lack of transparency underlie this situation.
    - Jordan Tannenbaum urged that the committee denote those concerns in future correspondence.
- David Meyer reflected the particular challenges of the Fort Belvoir renaming compared to other military installations and noted that their conservative approach to renaming is to ensure this process is not triggered further into the future. However, there is acknowledgement of the significance of the moment and how this decision could stand for another century, which presents an opportunity to formalize something historically reverent.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge agreed and discussed the specific aspects of the recommendations made thus far, as well as history of names currently being considered for the base.

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

African-American History Inventory (AAHI) Database Project, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge gave the updates that were provided by Advisory Member Mary Lipsey. The database was updated with a user’s guide to make research and site navigation easier. Additionally, there was some reorganization and updates made to the Contact Us page.
  - Cheryl-Ann Repetti noted that she discovered a glitch in the sorting process when she was doing research and requested that Commission Members make note of improvements as they use the tool.
- The AAHI brochures have been ordered and will be available for pickup from the Heritage Resources Office.

Cemetery Preservation Committee (CPC), Gretchen Bulova:

- Gretchen connected with Mary Lipsey about continuing her work with the Cemetery Preservation Committee, given the scope and unrealized potential between the Committee and the work of the Park Authority.
  - Gretchen asked commission members to let her know if they are interested in serving on the CPC or the Northern Virginia Cemetery Consortium, which Mary Lipsey is coordinating as well.

2024 Budget Updates and Financial Operations, Cheryl Repetti and Elise Murray:



- This agenda item began as an open discussion between multiple commission members about the budget itself and the timing of the reports.
  - Tom Shoop noted that the Board of Supervisors recently characterized the History Commission as a bargain.
    - Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that this signals to her that the History Commission should consider requesting more funding and consider expanding their operating capacity.

#### Inventory of Historic Groups, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge briefly updated the Commission that Kevin Bradley will be taking over updating the website with that list.

### **Committee Reports**

#### Budget and Inventory Committees, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray finished the first 11 of 12 months of the year and expects that it will be complete for distribution and review in mid-July.
  - Elise highlighted that the Commission will be beginning the year with a \$70,000 balance and pointed out that the Commission needs to spend money before they can be in the position to request more.
- Elise did not have any updates regarding the Inventory Committee.

#### History Conference and Awards Committees, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that the History Conference Committee met on May 22. The bookmarks that advertise the conference have been printed. Lynne encouraged the Commission to take a few and distribute them to people, or put it on their refrigerators like Tom Shoop.
  - Other key details include that the Honorable Tom Davis will be the conference's keynote speaker, food trucks might be an option instead of catering, and that the Sherwood Center will again be the venue free-of-charge. In the agreement with the City of Fairfax, the reciprocity is that city staff will be involved in the conference planning, the commission will be liable for any damages to the space, and that the city staff and volunteers will be offered free conference registrations.
- Regarding awards, there were two submissions for the Mayo Stuntz Awards. Mike Salmon submitted two nomination, one lifetime achievement, and one distinguished service award.
- The next committee meeting will be June 26 at 7:30 PM in the Fairfax City Library, Room 214. For the History Conference draft agenda, bookmark, and meeting summary, see [Attachment 7](#).

#### 250<sup>th</sup> Commission, Gretchen Bulova:

- Since it had been several meetings since Gretchen Bulova last reported on the 250th Commission work, she took the opportunity to explain the interconnected roles of America250, Virginia250, Fairfax250, and the History Commission 250th committee. The Fairfax County 250 Commission has formalized its role and commitment to support Virginia250. Gretchen serves on both the Virginia250 and Fairfax250 Commissions.

- The Virginia250 Commission provides logos and website space to localities, as well as grant opportunities through the Virginia Tourism Corporation and Virginia Humanities.
- The Fairfax County 250<sup>th</sup> Commission was approved \$150,000 in the county's FY2024 budget to continue developing the 2026 celebration. Gretchen discussed the deliberations of the Commission and how Fairfax County is conceptualizing the celebration.
- Gretchen noted that the General Assembly also recently extended the state commission's work through 2031.

#### Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- The Advocacy Committee had a successful event at Viva la Vienna and Anne Stuntz commended Cheryl-Ann Repetti for her engagement with the public. See [Attachment 8](#) for the Advocacy Committee Report.
- Anne discussed upcoming events:
  - Specifically, Tammy Mannarino noted the upcoming Gum Springs Community Days. It will coincide with their Juneteenth celebration and is the 190<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration of the community. The West Fort Historical Marker will be unveiled as part of the ceremonies.
  - Anne discussed Vienna's Annual Liberty Amendments Month and commended Cheryl Repetti for the presentation of the database before the Board of Supervisors.
- Annual Report
  - Anne Stuntz commended Cheryl-Ann Repetti for her presentation before the Board of Supervisors, as well as her demonstration of the AAHI database. Tammy Mannarino reviewed the specific feedback from the Board of Supervisors, including the 20<sup>th</sup> century items, the oral history, and developed an improvement from the Mount Aaron project.
    - Jordan Tannenbaum asked about an update about the 29 Diner.
  - Subhi Mehdi shared what the Fairfax County History Commission is doing with her friends in Bangladesh and they are beginning to develop an archaeology program and conducting an inventory of historic sites.

#### Markers Committee, Cheryl Repetti:

- During the AAHI updates, Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that the six markers from the History Marker Project have been ordered. The installation timeline is expected for the fall. The County is looking into other estimates from other companies, given that the six markers was over \$5,000.

#### Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough updated the Commission that the Ethnic and Oral History Committee met on May 9 with great attendance. The Committee reviewed committee assignments and potential oral history interviews with former classmates from the Rosenwald School, which was recommended by Jene Lindner. Sue Kovach Shuman also recommended oral history interviews of residents from South American and North Korea.

- The next Ethnic and Oral History Committee meeting will be on June 20, 5:00 PM, at the Freeman Center.

Bylaws Committee, Anne Barnes:

- Anne Barnes explained that the heading numbering in the final draft of the Bylaws needs to be adjusted. Elise Murray further explained why the numbering was off.

**Elise Murray made the following motion:**

***“I move that the HC approve the amended bylaws that were presented to them this month, given that the article numbers will be corrected to take into account the additional article.”***

**Anne Barnes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

Architecture Review Board Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray provided the ARB report in the shared drive. See [Attachment 9](#) for the report.

Website Coordination, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti noted an issue with displaying some of the prior meeting minutes. Lynne Garvey-Hodge mentioned that the address needs to be corrected on the awards application, as well as asked if the form can be updated to be filled out online.

City of Fairfax, David Meyer:

- David Meyer gave a historical recounting of the Confederate John Mosby’s raid on the Fairfax Courthouse and the Brigadier General Edwin H. Soughton, but with new information from a resident of Vienna who found a diary from a Vermont soldier that gave a firsthand account of the event.

**Announcements**

- Tom Shoop noted that the Oak Hill History Day will be September 30, 2023.
- Sue Kovach Shuman passed out flyer regarding the Historical Society of Fairfax County program.
- Jordan Tannenbaum recommended the documentary *Rosenwald: Toward a More Perfect Union*.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge told a personal story about meeting a Ukrainian woman outside the Fairfax County Government Center recently.

***Lynne Garvey-Hodge adjourned the meeting at 9:54 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer

Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



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Anne Stuntz, Corresponding Secretary  
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: October 25, 2023

**Attachments**

- [Attachment 1](#): Treasurer's Report
- [Attachment 2](#): Archaeology and Collections Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 3](#): Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 4](#): Virginia Room Staff Report
- [Attachment 5](#): DPD Staff Report
- [Attachment 6](#): Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee Report
- [Attachment 7](#): History Conference Committee Report
- [Attachment 8](#): Advocacy Committee Report
- [Attachment 9](#): Architecture Review Board Liaison Report

Attachment 1

**Fairfax County History Commission  
Treasurer Report for June 7, 2023 Meeting**

**Fairfax County Account as reported by county on June 5, 2023**

**Beginning balance: \$60,066.03**

Budget adjustment/Pooled Interest	\$184.44
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Expenses:

5/5/2023	Pay clerk for taking minutes (March)	\$450
	FICA and Medicare	\$34.42

5/8/2023	National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPA)	
	Membership	\$150

5/19/2023	Pay clerk for taking minutes (April)	\$450
	FICA and Medicare	\$32.13

**Ending balance: \$59,133.92**

Notes: In March, nameplates and business cards were ordered by DPZ for Medhi, Bradley, Brooks, Shoop and Meyer. There was no motion for this.

Commissioners, Fairfax County needs the vendor name, address, and details for any purchase before the purchase is made. Please copy the treasurer on all financial matters. Thanks.

**Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman  
FCHC Treasurer**

Attachment 2

**Date:** 31 May 2023  
**To:** Fairfax County History Commission  
**From:** Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Resource Management Division  
**Subject:** June History Commission Archaeology & Collections Update

In May, the Archaeology and Collections Branch assisted colleagues at the Department of Planning and Development by being a part of a hiring panel for a heritage resource planner and sitting on the selection advisory committee for consultants to conduct the Gum Springs Architectural Survey.

Archaeologists spent a week working on a cemetery survey at the indigent cemetery at the Jermantown Maintenance facility. This was the team's biggest survey to date, with 230 burials. In addition to the survey work, archaeologists used fiberglass probes to find granite stones that had sunk into the soil and been covered with grass. Upon completion of background research, ACB will provide county facilities management staff with a report including recommendations for maintenance and repair.



Figure 1: Typical stone at Fairfax Co. Potter's Cemetery



Figure 2: Stone requiring maintenance at Fairfax Co. Potter's Cemetery

Artifact processing in the lab was completed for archaeological work conducted at Ruckstuhl Park in Falls Church. Reporting has begun and will be completed in the coming weeks. Following state review, development of trails and interpretive signage will commence.

Upcoming:

On June 10th, representatives from the County Archaeological Resource Team (CART) will have a table at Archaeology in the Community's Day of Archaeology Festival at Dumbarton House. The house and grounds are well worth a visit, as is the opportunity to network with regional archaeologists from both the public and private sector.

<https://www.archaeologyincommunity.com/day-of-archaeology-festival.html>

CART will be kicking off Phase I archaeological testing at Fairfax Arms, a Park Authority property that is listed on the National Register, VA Landmarks Register, and the Fairfax County Inventory). 029-0043 (virginia.gov) Phase I testing data will be used to create a scope of work

and research design for Phase II testing of the property. Information garnered from Phase II work will assist ACB in efforts to mitigate any potential impacts to archaeological sites on the property as it is prepared for adaptive reuse.

Attachment 3

**Heritage Conservation Branch**

**Resource Management Division**

**History Commission Updates**

**June 2023**

**Location:** Vienna

**Operations and Maintenance**

- Lahey Lost Valley construction is still underway with a duration of 6-8 weeks.
- Work at Dranesville Tavern is underway for roof repairs and is expected to continue through the summer of 2023.
- Ash Grove's porch repairs are currently underway.

**Historic Sites Volunteer Corps**

- Due to poor weather conditions, HSVC's May event was rescheduled.
- Plans for HSVC's next event will tentatively take place at Lane's Mill on 6/17.

**Resident Curator Program Updates**

- Staff organized and participated in the annual open houses for the Stempson and Clark Enyedi properties on Saturday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.
- HCB is currently preparing for the advertisement of the Mount Gilead house. This includes an initial virtual meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 20<sup>th</sup>, and an open house on Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. Additional information can be found at [Mount Gilead | Park Authority \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks-heritage/mount-gilead)
- HCB has received HSR and Treatment Plan proposals for Merrybrook.



Attachment 4

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

**June 2023**

**Part-Time Librarian I Updates**

- Mark Hall has been hired as the new part-time Librarian I in the Virginia Room. Mark is a Fairfax native and has worked for the Library of Congress for over 30 years. He has been working the Genealogy/Local History desk there since 2015 and is excited to bring his love of genealogy to the Virginia Room. His start date is June 21, 2023.

**Programs**

- On Sunday June 4<sup>th</sup>, Chris Barbuschak was one of five panelists at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library program entitled “Desegregation of Falls Church Libraries & the Question of Access”. Other panelists included Edwin B. Henderson II, Paula Hawkins, Jennifer Carroll, and James Page, Jr.
- Chris gave a virtual presentation entitled “Pffft, Who Needs The Library? I Can Access This Free Digital Genealogical Book From Home!” to the Fairfax Genealogical Society on May 18th.

**Collaboration**

- Virginia Room staff completed digitizing over 1,500 images from 35mm negatives for Heritage Resources staff at the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development. They recently discovered a box of 35mm negatives of a survey staff did in the 1980s photographing historic sites in Fairfax County.

Attachment 5

**Staff Report: L. Kviklys**

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**Ongoing Projects:**

- **Mid-Century Modern Countywide Survey-** Dovetail Consultants began pedestrian fieldwork in March 2023, and have entered approximately 25% of identified resources into VCRIS. DPD staff is QCing the submitted resources.
- **Gum Springs Architectural Survey and Historic Context-** In late May and early June, DPD staff met with representatives of the Gum Springs Community to discuss potential consultants. A decision should be made in the coming weeks.

**Current Development Cases:**

- **Fairfax Hunt Club:** (1321 Lake Fairfax Drive) Background: Applicant seeks rezoning of the parcel to increase density for multiple single family dwelling units. Fairfax Hunt Club and a non-associated cemetery are located on the site. The core of the extant clubhouse is a ca. 1790, two-story, three bay, log house that was moved to its current location from Vienna in ca. 1951. The Fairfax Hunt Club is not listed in the Inventory of Historic Sites; however, the property has specific language in the Comprehensive Plan and DPD staff is recommending preservation in place. Staff recommended that the house remain on the site and be moved to a parcel located adjacent to the cemetery to meet the minimum acreage as outline in the Comprehensive Plan.

**Other Items**

**Staff Positions-**

- **We want to welcome Heritage Resources new intern Emma Gruesbeck who began on June 5, 2023. Emma graduated in 2022 Summa Cum Laude from the University of Louisiana at Lafayette, with a BA in English and a Minor in Anthropology. She will be starting her graduate studies at the University of Maryland's Dual Degree Master's program in Applied Anthropology and Historic Preservation where she is hoping to focus her graduate studies on issues surrounding heritage tourism.**
- The Planner III/ARB Support Position have concluded and the applicants are moving through the county HR process.

**Cemetery MOA-** The Cemetery MOA package is complete and is working through the appropriate channels for approval.

## Attachment 6

### **Report to FCHC re: Ad Hoc Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee – June 7, 2023 By Tammy Mannarino**

#### **Street Re-Naming**

There were a couple of false starts in May with planned meetings that later had to be cancelled for FOIA concerns. Tammy Mannarino and Russell Brooks had planned to meet with members of the Community on May 11<sup>th</sup> to understand their preferences for street names, but we came to understand that it needed to be announced in advance and open to the public to be in compliance with FOIA. The meeting was postponed (and later overtaken by events).

Tammy Mannarino and DPD staff were asked to participate in a routine update with the Fairfax County Liaison to Fort Belvoir, Vance Zavella and Dr. John Moeller Deputy Garrison Commander of Fort Belvoir scheduled for May 17<sup>th</sup>. This needed to be declined as well since the meeting was not open to the public and announced in advance.

After our explanation of the reasons for non-attendance, Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Tammy Mannarino received an email on June 18<sup>th</sup> from Dr. Moeller indicating that he was required to submit street naming recommendations ASAP and that we needed to provide any input by COB June 19<sup>th</sup> (a little more than 24 hours later). Lynne reached out to Phyllis Walker Ford and formulated a response to Dr. Moeller that was submitted before his deadline. Recognizing that Dr. Moeller would be packaging his submission on Monday, Tammy and Lynne provided additional materials from the community on Monday. The timeline/process for street renaming is unclear. It is possible that this portion of the March Board Matter is at or near completion. We will keep an eye out for an opportunity for any future input.

#### **Possible Fort Belvoir Renaming**

In nailing down the FOIA application to these events, Stephanie Newman discovered that our creation of the Ad Hoc Committee had been officially formed only to deal with the Fort Belvoir street names. Here are the applicable notes from the April 2023 minutes.

- The Board of Supervisors asked for an ad-hoc committee be created to work with the community and Fort Belvoir for renaming streets which legally have to be renamed.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge indicated that the ad-hoc committee is approved to meet and work on this matter.

Therefore, we need to officially broaden the scope of the Ad Hoc Committee. In accordance with previous positions, we should make clear that we are not taking a position on the Renaming, but providing information and advice on available evidence supporting any stated criteria within best practices for making the decision.

The following individuals have confirmed with Tammy, Lynne and/or Stephanie that they are members of the Ad Hoc Belvoir Committee:

Russell Brooks  
Tom Shoop  
Subhi Mehdi  
Jenee Lindner  
Cheryl Repetti  
Lynne Garvey-Hodge  
Tammy Mannarino  
Jordan Tannenbaum

Any others wishing to participate in the Committee are welcome. Recommend meeting on June 13, 14, 22 or 28.

Attachment 7

**SUMMARY – May 22, 2023** (written 6/7/2023)

**Fairfax County History Commission's History Conference Planning Committee**

**Present:** Mike Irwin, Cheryl Ann Repetti, Sue Kovach Shuman, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Chair; met in Rm.214, FCPL (Esther & Liz joined us via Teams – we had a Hybrid meeting)

**Absent:** Jordan Tannenbaum, Anne Barnes, Naomi Zeavin  
(Honorary member, as available: Naomi Zeavin)

We opened with the County recommended COVID protocol script and moved onto discuss items from the 3/20/2023 meeting. ***Please note: this summary will include items that have been in recent emails/information to date (6/7/2023).***

\* We have since learned that Dr. Esam Omeish is unable to speak, but promised that one of his daughters will be an excellent stand-in for him. He is a key figure in the “Nation of Nations” book & had agreed to speak at the Conference about his Muslim heritage and how well Fairfax County has treated him - his story is amazing! Dr.Omeish is thrilled to be supporting the good work of author, Tom Gjelten, “A Nation of Nations”!

\* We discussed the revisions necessary for copies of our “Save the Date Book Marks” so they could be ready for the Viva Vienna! Events & others as well. (200 were printed & delivered to Anne Stuntz including a sticker indicating Tom Davis would be a speaker –cost: \$158.00) +

\* We have since learned that former Congressman Tom Davis who was once the District Supervisor for Mason District will be willing to be yet a 2nd keynote speaker at our 11/4 conference. THANK YOU, NAOMI!!

\* We discussed the possibility of hiring Food Trucks for our catering purposes & have since discovered that there are recommended places at SCC for the trucks to park AND that we will need to use local Food Trucks. (Coyote Grill has a food truck – so that would be excellent Latino food!) So this should not be a problem.

\* We were not sure of a budget as the situation with the City had not yet been worked out. Within the past few days we have been in receipt of a letter outlining requirements so that we can use SCC gratis – these will be discussed at the 6/26 meeting. So, a Budget conversation will be part of our 6/26 meeting, as well.

\* (Need to follow-up on: Sue is reaching out to Chap Peterson whose wife, Sharon Kim Peterson may be willing to share her story as a Korean immigrant. )

\*Sue has received agreement for Dalia Palchik's father, Hector Palchik & & Duk Kyu Kim, She will also be reaching out to others that may be able to link us up with a Latino citizen willing to share their immigrant story at the conference & the story of Dalia Palchik whose parents immigrated here from Argentina.

\* We still need to stay on top of: David Meyer's reach out to Mark Keam who is now working in the Biden Administration. He is doubtful that his travel schedule will allow for an 11/4 appearance, but we are hope-filled.

\* Again, we discussed Esther's suggestion for the presenters bring a “treasured artifact” that came from their homeland – something they brought with them that held a special significance in their lives. A table at the conference should be set up to accommodate such items.

\* We are still working through the finances surrounding the Conference & are waiting for guidance as to how to move forward on same from the County. We have hit a wall in terms of

how to handle the finances in re: registration & payments to supporting vendors.

- \* We need to circle back w/ Dr. Omeish who had offered to share some of his family photos with us for marketing efforts.

- \* And we need to remember: recently retired Valerie Bey has offered to provide videography coverage for some of our history events – for a fee, obviously.

- \* We will be researching local Afghan, Korean & Latino restaurants – to see who might be willing to help cater the conference for breakfast and lunch this year. [note the email of 5/23 from Lynne w/ specific assignments therein – can discuss on 6/26]

- \* Much work will be happening “behind the scenes” – especially with the distribution of the revised FCHC/HC bookmarks! The meeting ended at approx. 8:40pm. **Next Meeting: same time/location, FCPL, rm. 214; June 26, 2023 – 7:30pm**

***Please feel free to get back with me directly, if I have left anything out.***

Thank you all, again & looking forward to another fantastic conference this year!

All good things,

*Lynne Garvey - Hodge*

Fairfax County History Commission, Chairperson, Historian I, At-Large Commissioner & Annual Conference & Awards Chairperson

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***“We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters - or we will perish together as fools.”***

***--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

*Fairfax County History Commission's  
19<sup>th</sup> Annual History Conference*

**WE Are Fairfax County Part III:**

**A County of Nations**

**Celebrating our**

**Muslim, Asian and Latino**

**Citizens!**

**Guest Keynote Speaker:**

**Tom Gjelten**, Author

***"A Nation of Nations"*** with

Congressman Gerry Connolly,

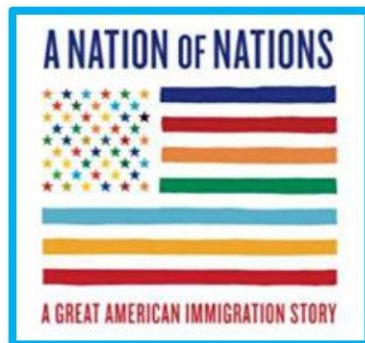
Fairfax County Board of Supervisor

Chairman, Jeff McKay,

The Honorable Tom Davis, Abrar Omeish,

Duk Kyu Kim, Hector Palchik + Successful

immigrant citizens tell their stories!



**Saturday, November 4, 2023**

**8:30am 3:30pm**

Sherwood Community Center

3740 Blenheim Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22030

***Food, Fun & Stories about OUR  
People!***

[https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-  
commission/history-conference](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/history-conference)

Attachment 8

**Fairfax County History Commission  
Advocacy Committee Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, May 18, 2023 at 7 pm and 7:30  
Freeman Store and Museum  
131 Church Street NE Vienna, VA 22180**

(total members = 9 so 6 is a quorum)

**Attendees**

**Commissioners Present if highlighted**

1. Lynne Garvey Hodge	At Large
2. Tammy Mannarino	Mount Vernon District
3. Subhi Mehdi	Dranesville Dist
4. Tom Shoop	Braddock District
5. Cheryl-Ann Repetti	Centreville
6. Sue Kovach Schuman	Providence District
7. Anne Stuntz	Vienna/Hunter Mill District
8. Jordan Tannenbaum	Springfield
9. Russell Brooks	Franconia

**Upcoming Events**

- Viva Vienna – Memorial Day Weekend. Table on Sunday May 28, 10-4
- Tinner Hill Music Festival? June 10. No plans.
- Several Juneteenth celebrations: Vienna's First Baptist Church and Gum Springs
  - Can HC pay \$25 or \$35 (if church provides table) vendor fee to First Baptist Church of Vienna?

**2022 Annual Report** – Last comments due today. PowerPoint is 75% complete. Date is still set for meeting with the Board of Supervisors on June 6. Commission members should be there at 9:30 as we are early on the agenda.

**Supplies Inventory**

Need at least two sets of Display materials for Juneteenth.

- African American Inventory brochures or poster
- Af Am Landowners Maps
- Marker Maps
- Jeff Clark post cards
- Inventory of Historic Sites
- History Commission Trifold hand out.
- History Conference poster: and bookmarks
- Copy of Nation of Nations.
- Copy of African American Inventory draft
- Big Trifold
- Wheelie cart
- Pamphlet Holders
- Business cards
- Name Tags

3 Tablecloths are in hand. Subhi to look into the strange sizes received and see where the 4 cases she ordered are. \$312 spent so far on tablecloths.



Tom's previously approved motion for supplies was for \$700. Subhi will order dots, holders for printed material, pencils, another tabletop trifold display, some sort of banner.

## Issues

**Dunn Loring School – No news.** look at Louise Archer addition, which is sympathetic to 1930s building

**Bowman Distillery** Elise to follow up with HC concerns

**Should we have an ENDANGERED LIST as part of our Inventory?**

**Fort Belvoir – in process**

**Laurel Hill** – County owned house in Lorton that is falling down though Eagle Scout doing clean up and DAR putting up a marker for William Lindsay

**Policy Manual** – We will draft a policy for Annual Report process

**Inventory Nominations** – chatted about getting Historic Preservation students to do nominations, possibly for course credit. Challenge of working with students is oversight. Would professor supervise the work? Sue could chat with Mark Deluga who was her professor. Talked about intern too. Will coordinate with Inventory Committee of course.

**Historic Preservation Tools** – we'll compile a list of tools we might have in Virginia or that we wish we had in Virginia for historic preservation. What works in Fairfax? What else should we have? Everyone to contribute to list before next meeting, and do a bit of research if have time.

**After meeting Anne made this list to start:**

- Single property HODs
- Real Estate tax relief
- Federal and state tax credits
- Grants – what's available?
- Zoning protections
- Historic Preservation Fund?
- Preservation Easements
- Transfer of Development Rights
- Neighborhood Conservation Plans

**Next Meeting: June 15, Freeman Store and Museum 7 pm**

Attachment 9

## **Architectural Review Board Report May 11, 2023**

### **Consent Items: None**

### **Action Items:**

- **Approved: 9391 Quadrangle Deck Addition located at 9391 Quadrangle St Lorton, tax map 1071 09D 0010, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District.** The applicant is proposing the addition of a 40'x16' free standing deck with a 16'x14' covered space with gable roof, deck will be approximately 10' above ground. Addition of stone stairway to connect driveway to backyard. Addition of landscaping (trees and bushes) as well as a 40' long retaining wall, height 0.5'-3', to lessen the current severe grading and ensure stairway is stable. Patrick Colleran represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-MV-00023. Mount Vernon District
- **Approved: Mount Gilead Reroof located at 5634 Mount Gilead Rd Centreville, tax map 0544 01 0038A, in the Centreville HOD.** The applicant is proposing to structurally stabilize Mount Gilead rafters and replace existing asphalt shingles with Brava Synthetic Shakes. Debbie Robison, SWSG, represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-SU-00024. Sully District
- **Approved: 7414 Rebecca Drive Deck Replacement located at 7414 Rebecca Dr Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0003, in the Hollin Hills HOD.** The applicant is proposing the replacement of a ground level deck on the front of the existing home. Casey J Shannon represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-MV-00020. Mount Vernon District
- **Deferred: 7411 Recard Lane Addition located at 7411 Recard Ln Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0178, in the Hollin Hills HOD.** The applicant is proposing the restoration of, and an addition to, an original 1953 Charles Goodman-designed home at 7411 Recard Lane. The original 1953 two-story house has undergone two renovations: in 1962 by Eason and Cross, and in 1978 by J. Goldfarb and Associates. The objective will be to preserve and restore as much of the 1953 design as possible and use these original design elements as the basis for a proposed kitchen alteration, a new entry addition, and a new two-car carport. Additional proposed project elements include expansion to the existing master bedroom, expansion to the existing level two deck, new exterior stair, new outdoor swimming pool, new gravel driveway, new storage shed, new front entry deck, and interior alterations on levels one and two. Roger Chien, Cook Architecture, represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-MV-00022. Mount Vernon District

### **Workshop Items:**

- **7318 Rippon Rd Alexandria remodel located at 7318 Rippon Rd Alexandria, tax map numbers 0934 05 0008, in the Hollin Hills HOD.** The proposal is for an interior remodeling to the existing home; raise roof at existing addition to create main level primary bedroom. Scott Sterl represents the proposal. PLUS # ARBWK-2023-MV-00017. Mount Vernon District
- **Workhouse Art Campus Masterplan located at 9518 Workhouse Way Lorton, tax map numbers 1064 01 0058, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District.** The Workhouse Campus Master Plan is to take a broad, strategic view, and create a roadmap for a vibrant, integrated, mixed-use campus while maintaining, protecting, and leveraging the site's historic character, assets, and resources. Gasim Elfaki, Fairfax County Capital Facilities, represents the proposal. PLUS # ARBWK-2023-MV-00013. Mount Vernon District
- **W-13/15 Exterior Stairwells located at 9514 Workhouse Way Lorton, tax map numbers 1064 01 0058, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District.** Due to challenges encountered with the

ongoing restoration work of buildings W-13 (9514 Workhouse Way) and W-15 (9517 Workhouse Way), the project team would like to discuss potential changes to the project scope related to exterior stairwells on both buildings. Scott Sizer, Fairfax County Economic Initiatives, represents the proposal. PLUS # ARBWK-2023-MV-00014. **Mount Vernon District**

• **Solar Art Installation located at 9519 Workhouse Way Lorton, tax map numbers 1064 01 0058, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District.** In conjunction with County staff, the applicant, Asoleyo Decorative Solar, is proposing to install solar art panels on the Workhouse Arts Campus. Jarrett Haring, Fairfax County Economic Initiatives, represents the proposal. PLUS # ARBWK-2023-MV-00015. **Mount Vernon District**

**Presentation: None**