

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

August 2, 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 August 2, 2023. The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:49 p.m.

### **Call to Order**

#### **Audibility of Members' Voices**

Before proceeding, Lynne Garvey-Hodge 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 Commissions remote participation policy.*

#### **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  
Sallie Lyons  
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  
Mount Vernon  
Providence  
Providence  
Springfield  
Springfield  
Sully  
Sully

#### **Commissioners Excused:**

Cheryl Repetti

Sully

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

*\*\*Left meeting prior to adjournment*

**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; Daniel White, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Aimee Wells, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Jenna Gilbert, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Christopher Barbuschak, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library; Louis Nuzzo, County Attorney.

**Staff Present:**

Corinne Bebek, Substitute History Commission Clerk

At this point, **the Chair passed the gavel to David Meyer to make the following motion in accordance with the remote participation policy:**

*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 Jordan Tannenbaum and Russell Brooks, and passed unanimously. The gavel was returned to the Chair.**

**Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Business**

Chair Announcements, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Denice Dressel introduced Daniel White as the ARB Administrator for the Heritage Resources Branch of DPD.
  - Daniel White provided a brief overview of his background and introduced himself.

Land Acknowledgement, Kevin Bradley:

Kevin Bradley read the Fairfax County History Commission Land Acknowledgement.

Opening Business

- Louis Nuzzo, County Attorney, provided an update from the VFOIA OCA regarding the Gloss v. Wheeler guidance updates.

**A motion was made by Lynne Garvey-Hodge regarding closed session:**

*“I move that the Fairfax County History Commission go into Closed Session, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(8) for the purpose of conducting consultation with legal counsel regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The subject matter to be discussed and considered is the application of the Virginia Supreme Court decision in the case Gloss v. Wheeler to the meeting procedures and activities of the History Commission.”*

**The motion was seconded by Jordan Tannenbaum and other commissioners, and passed unanimously. The History Commission went into closed session at 8:02 PM.**

### **[HISTORY COMMISSION IN CLOSED SESSION]**

**A motion was made by Lynne Garvey-Hodge regarding closed session:**

*“In accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712, I move that the members certify that, to the best of each member’s knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act at Virginia Code section 2.2-3711(A)(8) and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the closed session meeting of the Fairfax County History Commission.”*

**The motion was seconded by Subhi Medhi and passed unanimously. Closed session ended at 8:57 PM.**

### **Minutes**

#### **Approval of the June 7, 2023 Minutes**

**A motion was made by Esther McCullough regarding the History Commission Meeting Minutes:**

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

**The motion was seconded by Jordan Tannenbaum passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurer’s Report**

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer’s report for the period ending June 21, 2023. See Attachment 1 for the August report.
  - Sue reviewed the details of the report, specifically noted the county contribution since the last report period. Requesting motions to address over-budget issue on some items that were ordered.

### **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.
  - Discussion: Sue Kovach Shuman discussed previous correspondence on the issue and a new draft that she has circulated regarding the Pan Am Plan Amendment and Thompson Family Cemetery.

**A motion was made by Sue Kovach Shuman regarding the Thompson Family Cemetery:**

*“I move that the History Commission draft a letter by August 10, 2023, to the Planning Commission supporting the Archaeology and Collections Branch staff recommendation for the Thompson Family cemetery at Pan Am Shopping Center.”*

**The motion was seconded by Tammy Mannarino and discussion regarding timing and recipient ensued. The motion was amended to include a deadline for the letter to the Planning Commission. The amendment was accepted and is reflected in the minutes above.**

**The amended motion was seconded by Tammy Mannarino and passed unanimously.**

Heritage Conservation Branch, Sarah Petroff:

- Jenna Gilbert, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave project, program, and event updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. See Attachment 3 for the staff report.
  - Discussion: Lynne Garvey-Hodge raised a question regarding the Mount Gilead public hearing for Carriage House demolition. Jenna indicated that no public hearing is scheduled yet but will confirm.

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.

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.

**New Business**

Van Dorn Metro Station citizen requested name change, Russell Brooks:

- A constituent residing in Springfield (Taylor Brigman, student at Spelman College) reached out regarding concern with the name of Van Dorn Metro Station, after

conducting research Taylor Brigman learned that station was named after a Confederate General. Commissioner Brooks met with Taylor Brigman who requested support from the History Commission in requesting a renaming of the station and has started a petition.

- Anne Stuntz: Noted that this was discovered during the previous Confederate name inventory, and there is a process in place for street name changing which could be used a reference.
- General discussion among commissioners regarding the Confederate Names Committee including the history of street name changes and costs associated (157 Confederate-associated names are on the list).
- Jordan Tannenbaum: Would like to invite Taylor Brigman to the next History Commission meeting to share the research and findings.
- Russell Brooks: Recommended that History Commission provide a letter to WMATA regarding the requested name change.
- Subhi Mehdi: Requested that a classification or guidelines for prioritization of how names to change rise to the top of the list.
- General discussion among commissioners regarding the approach and request to following City of Alexandria process for renaming of Confederate-named streets and places due to the location of the Metro Station and Van Dorn Street.
- David Meyer: Provided an overview of the City of Fairfax's Confederate name changes. Northern Virginia Transportation Commission role in Metro and public transportation. Indicated that there may be financial challenges associated with changing WMATA Metro Station name. Recommends that the approach should be to work with the City of Alexandria prior to coordinating with WMATA since Metro Station names are based on surrounding neighborhood and street names.
- Tammy Mannarino: Noted that many Confederate names were added in 1953 through a single ordinance.

**A motion was made by Russell Brooks:**

*"I move that I [Russell Brooks] coordinate with the City of Alexandria to determine which next steps may be best appropriate for the potential renaming of Van Dorn Metro Station."*

**The motion was seconded by Tammy Mannarino and discussion regarding procedure and the process that the City of Alexandria will be following to rename streets named for Confederate officials followed. The motion was amended to rely on coordination with the City of Alexandria. The amendment was accepted and is reflected in the minutes above.**

**The amended motion was seconded by Elise Murray and Tammy Mannarino, and passed unanimously.**

**Unfinished Business**

Joint Historic Facilities Advisory Committee, David Meyer:

- David Meyer stated that he, Elise Murray, and Aimee Wells met to discuss the need for understanding the inventory of historic sites and ensuring that it is comprehensive and there is a process to inform the History Commission prior to demolitions occurring.
- Elise Murray stated that the discussion was related to points of contact to stay in the loop on decisions such as the one to demolish the Mount Gilead Carriage House. A presentation would be needed for the ARB review of the demolition and is requesting that the same presentation be provided to the History Commission.
- Discussion of archaeological resources, Aimee Wells noted that the Mount Gilead Carriage House is built on slab.

Section 106 Updates, Jordan Tannenbaum:

- Jordan Tannenbaum noted that a cell tower in Clifton is proposed and indicated that he would be happy to research this and write a letter for the commission's review.

Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee (Ad Hoc), Tammy Mannarino:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Tammy Mannarino gave an update on the Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee, see Attachment 6 for minutes, Attachment 7 for memorandum from Fort Belvoir, and Attachment 8 for the History Commission response. It was noted that while there are no current plans to rename Fort Belvoir, we are awaiting a response to our Letter to the Secretary of the Army. The next meeting is planned for either August 9 or August 22, 2023.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge recounted a story about Isaac Woodard and President Truman regarding armed services integration.

Dunn Loring Letter & Updates, Thompson Cemetery Updates Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Sue Kovach Shuman noted that a meeting has not occurred with anyone from Dunn Loring but has drafted a letter to understand the rationale behind the Dunn Loring Administrative Center decision. Is requesting the History Commission feedback on the draft letter.

**A motion was made by Tammy Mannarino:**

*"I move that Sue Kovach Shuman spearhead the letter regarding the Dunn Loring Administrative Center Decision and the History Commission to go out by August 18, 2023."*

**The motion was seconded by Subhi Medhi and discussion regarding a deadline followed. The motion was amended to include a deadline for the letter release. The amendment was accepted and is reflected in the minutes above.**

**The amended motion was seconded by Subhi Medhi and 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. Mary Lipsey received information from a resident of California that is planning a trip to Alexandria to explore family history.

- 50 items added to AAHI in July, if commissioners have items to add to email them to Mary Lipsey.

List of County History Groups Project, Kevin Bradley:

- Kevin Bradely briefly noted that he is working to fill in blanks in information and has requested the History Commission assistance in reviewing the information. Kevin has requested that the commissioners email him directly to and will compile the updates into the final document.
- General discussion among the commissioners and clarification regarding qualifiers for “history group” followed.

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

- Elise Murray indicated that the letter contained instructions regarding the upcoming Fiscal Year (FY 2025) and indicated that the History Commission should request a budget amount consistent with past amounts.

**Committee Reports**

Budget and Inventory Committees, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray indicated that work is continuing and there are no major updates.

History Conference and Awards Committees, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that the minutes for the History Conference Committee have been revised to address name correction and provided updates regarding guest speakers and events. The next committee meeting will be August 28, 2023, at 7:30 PM in the Fairfax City Library, Room 214. For the History Conference draft agenda, bookmark, and meeting summary, see Attachment 9.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge indicated that the following awards are being discussed and will be shared once recipients are selected.
  - (1) Mayo Stuntz Award, (2) 1-Edith Moore Sprouse Award, (3) 2-Life Time Achievement Awards & (4) 1-Distinguished Service Award

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- The Advocacy Committee met in June and July, see Attachment 10 for draft June minutes and Attachment 11 for draft July minutes.
- Subhi Mehdi indicated that the \$700 budget for on supply purchases for outreach tables was exceeded by by \$26.95 . Discussion among members regarding the proper accounts to charge for certain materials. Based on the discussion that ensued it was realized that the Advocacy Committee did not go over budget.

**A motion was made by Elise Murray regarding History Conference expenses:**

*“I move that the history commission spend up to \$170 to fund the save-the-date bookmarks for the 2023 History Conference.”*

**The motion was seconded by Subhi Medhi and passed unanimously.**

**A motion was made by Subhi Medhi that:**

*“I move that the History Commission authorize the Advocacy Committee to spend up to \$1,000 for advocacy materials and brochures for public education and informational displays.”*

**The motion was seconded by Tammy Mannarino, discussion regarding which items are being updated, ordered, printed and how this prioritization occurred followed. Esther McCullough opposed the motion. The motion passed with Esther McCullough dissenting.**

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough indicated that the committee did not meet in July but will be meeting on at 5:00 PM on August 15, 2023, at the Freeman Center.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge indicated that the video interviews will be available for viewing once they are placed on the History Commission website.

**A motion that Cheryl Repetti recommended regarding website updates was made by Esther McCullough:**

*“I move that a new section be added to the History Commission website for the video interviews once available.”*

**The motion was seconded by Tammy Mannarino and passed unanimously.**

250<sup>th</sup> Commission, Subhi Mehdi:

- Subhi Medhi indicated that the commission met on July 26, 2023, and provided an overview of the subcommittees of the 250<sup>th</sup> Commission. Two big themes that are emerging – the revolution wasn’t just a war but a revolution of ideas; and Virginia’s history is America’s story – it’s not a celebration but a commemoration of the independence because there is still a lot of work to be done.

Bylaws Committee, Anne Barnes:

- No updates.

City of Fairfax, David Meyer:

- No updates

Architectural Review Board (ARB) Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray provided the ARB report in the shared drive. See Attachment 12 for the report.

**Announcements**

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge thanked the commission for their patience with the length of the meeting that occurred this evening (August 2, 2023), noted an upcoming external learning session that will be recorded and posted, and highlighted the upcoming commemorative days as outlined in the final agenda for the August 2, 2023 which are included below.

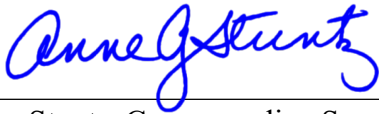
National Black Business Month	August 1
World Lung Cancer Day	August 1
Esther Day	August 3
World Elephant Day	August 12
National Nonprofit Day	August 17
Remember Slavery Day	August 23
Women's Equality Day	August 26
Anniversary of the March on Washington	August 28
National Grief Awareness Day	August 30

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge indicated that August 3<sup>rd</sup> is Esther Day, and proceeded to tell the story of how this day came to be and the meaning of it.
- Anne Stuntz provided a fun fact related to spies in Vienna and a potential upcoming tour.
- Anne Stuntz highlighted the Sully Historic Site will be in between managers for about a month which will have implications on the building operation hours, citing potential concerns regarding unofficial and unapproved exploratory exercises of the archaeologic sites by the public. The history community needs to support the Sully Historic Site but other than suggesting that people drive by periodically, does not have specific recommendations for how to do so at this time.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge told a story about the renovation of the Sully Historic Site by the late Michael Rierson.
  - David Meyer indicated that he would be willing to contact Supervisor Smith of the Sully District to raise this concern and increase police presence at the site.
- Tammy Mannarino mentioned that there are Gum Springs Juneteenth buttons and other materials/handouts that could be of interest to the commission located at the back table for taking.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge mentioned a presentation that she will be providing for Women's Equality Day.
- Multiple History Commissioners attended the Annie Harper Marker Unveiling on July 22, 2023, and the Fort Belvoir Street Renaming Ceremony on July 26, 2023. Following the VFOIA guidelines, minutes are included at Attachment 13 and Attachment 14, respectively.

***Lynne Garvey-Hodge adjourned the meeting at 11:02 p.m.***

Respectfully submitted:

Corinne K. Bebek  
Substitute Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



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Anne Stuntz, Corresponding Secretary  
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 12/1/2023

**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: Fort Belvoir Memorandum
- Attachment 8: Fort Belvoir History Commission Response
- Attachment 9: History Conference Committee Report
- Attachment 10: Advocacy Committee June Report
- Attachment 11: Advocacy Committee July Report
- Attachment 12: Architecture Review Board Liaison Report
- Attachment 13: Annie Harper Historic Marker Unveiling Ceremony Minutes
- Attachment 14: Fort Belvoir Street Renaming Ceremony Minutes

Attachment 1

**Fairfax County History Commission  
Treasurer Report for August 2, 2023 Meeting**

**Fairfax County Account as reported by county on July 21, 2023**

**Beginning balance: \$57,122.21**

(There was no July treasurer statement because no meeting was held. The June beginning balance was \$59,133.92. The clerk was paid for taking minutes at May and June meetings; Advocacy supplies were purchased—table cover bags, display boards, printing bookmarks, misc. supplies; and bank fees of \$177.86 were incurred, leaving a balance of \$57,122.21.)

The July statement includes fiscal year accrual reversals.

7/3/2023: Pay clerk for taking minutes	\$450.00
FICA and Medicare	\$34.43
7/3/2023: Printing charge (Advocacy)	\$58.00
7/10/2023: FY 2024 Contribution to HC from county	\$21,013.00
Budget adjustment/Pooled Interest	\$0.76

**Ending balance: \$78,678.40**

The treasurer requests that two motions be made:

1. \$26.95 to cover Advocacy bookmark printing (\$700 motion was exceeded).
2. 2023 History Conference, including awards. Park Authority will process conference expenses.

Meeting between County/Park Authority/HC on standard operating procedures has not taken place, but HC Financial Operations Policy has been given to HC. Some requirements need discussion—i.e., monies for conference related activities “should be delivered to FCPA revenue staff for deposit to the Annual History Conference account within 24 hours of receipt per DOF county policy.” Conference is on a Saturday.

NEW: Commission Voucher Form coming for county-paid reimbursable expenses. HC member must fill out form, provide meeting minutes with motion showing purchase approval, submit receipts to both HC chair and treasurer for signature. Treasurer submits to DPD HC liaison (Laura), who submits to DPD financial staff. (Direct vendor payments have different procedure.)

NEW CONFERENCE/FCPA: HC member must fill out a FCPA purchase request form and submit supporting documentation to both HC chair and treasurer for signature. HC treasurer then submits to FCPA FMB team for processing. REQUEST MUST BE SUBMITTED WITHIN 10 DAYS OF INCURRING EXPENSES!

Treasurer will obtain forms needed and provide to members after the meeting.

**Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman, FCHC Treasurer**

Attachment 2

**Date:** 2 August 2023  
**To:** Fairfax County History Commission  
**From:** Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Resource Management Division  
**Subject:** August History Commission Archaeology & Collections Update

June brought with it a Phase I (identification level) survey at the property historically known as the Fairfax Arms. Archaeologists dug 40 shovel tests, 80% of which were positive for historic period artifacts. The information gained from the Phase I will guide further Phase II testing to be started later this summer/early fall. For now, though, the lab is busy cleaning and cataloging the artifacts found during this first phase of work.

ACB staff, led by Kelsey Atwood, collections manager, attended history camps at a variety of park historic sites to teach kids about Fairfax County history and the work of archaeology and collections management.

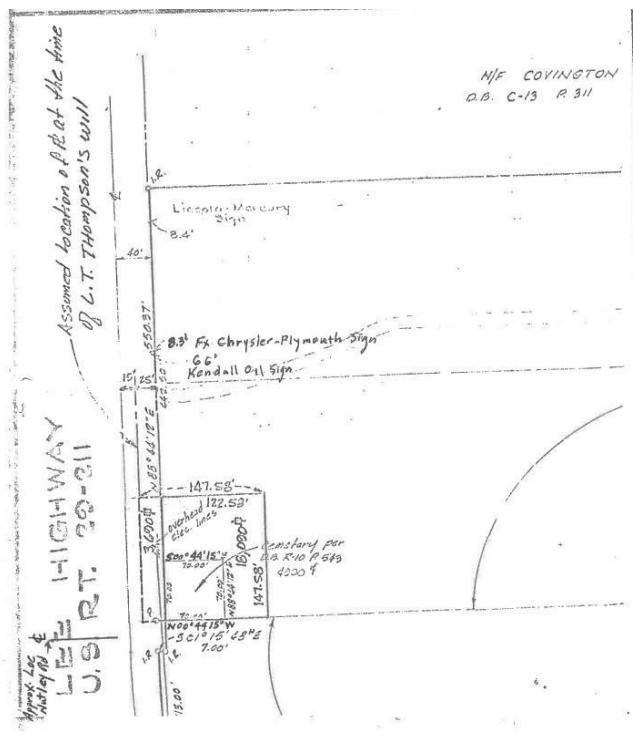
Staff led by archaeologist Tyler Ball has completed the compilation of background research and scanning of information from the VA Room for 75% of the recorded cemeteries in the county. Additionally, 15 cemeteries have been surveyed comprised of nearly 1000 head and footstones and ~800 graves. This recordation includes plotting the graves and stones using highly accurate survey equipment, photo documentation, and where possible, transcription. Most of the remaining cemeteries to be surveyed will be boundary survey only at this phase of work. Most recently, Aimee Wells and Colleen Boyle have surveyed Cranford United Methodist Church and assisted the church with their ongoing ground penetrating radar survey.

Cemeteries have been central to the review process of two projects that recently went before the planning commission. The first, known as the Hunt Club cemetery or Lake Fairfax Drive cemetery has been delineated by Dovetail archaeology, however during the Planning Commission meeting, community members urged further and more extensive research prior to Planning Commission approval. The case has been deferred for vote until the September Planning Commission meeting.

Additionally, the Thompson Family Cemetery, surrounded by the Pan Am shopping center. While the Comprehensive Plan Amendment did go through, ACB has asked for further work to ensure that there are not graves outside the current bounds of the Thompson Family Cemetery prior to Zoning Approval, which has not yet been sought.



Fairfax Arms survey  
Source: FCPA Image



Thompson family cemetery plat  
Source: Virginia Room records  
Heritage Conservation Branch



ACB staff at history camps  
Source: FCPA Image

Fairfax County Park Authority Archaeology  
and Collections Branch  
[www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/archaeology](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/archaeology)

Attachment 3

**Resource Management Division  
History Commission Updates  
August 2023**

**Operations and Maintenance**

- Foundation repairs have been completed at the Lahey Lost Valley property.
- Roof repairs are still ongoing at Dranesville Tavern.
- Heritage Conservation Branch and Planning & Development are collaborating with Windsor Masonry for mortar repairs at Cabell's Mill.

**Historic Sites Volunteer Corps**

- HSVC will be hosting a landscape clean-up on 8/12 at the Fairfax Arms and Roysdon location.
- HSVC is responding and collaborating with corporate groups for volunteer opportunities and community outreach.

**Resident Curator Program Updates**

- RCP is now accepting applications for curatorship for the Mount Gilead house. All applications must be submitted by 5 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 25, to be considered. Additionally, staff from the Resident Curator Program have announced a public meeting planned for Tuesday, Aug. 15, at 7 p.m. at the Centreville Regional Library (14200 St. Germain Drive, Centreville). Staff will be presenting a synopsis of the Resident Curator Program and the future plans for the rehabilitation and long-term maintenance of the historic house. There will be an opportunity for questions and answers from members of the community and prospective curator applicants.
- ServiceSource has estimated their completion date for Ellmore farmhouse by mid-September.

Attachment 4

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

**July 2023**

**Staffing Updates**

- Jenna Wolf resigned the full-time Virginia Room Librarian I position and moved closer to home at Loudoun County Public Library's Rust Library in Leesburg. We will miss her!

**Library Hours Reverting to Original Hours**

- On Monday August 28<sup>th</sup>, all FCPL branches will be resuming their original operating hours:

**Regional Libraries:** Monday-Wednesday 10am-9pm & Thursday-Sunday 10am-6pm

**Community Libraries:** Monday-Tuesday 10am-9pm & Wednesday-Saturday 10am-6pm

**Newspaper Digitization**

- The following newspapers from the Virginia Room's microfilm collection were loaned out to the Library of Virginia last fall for digitization. They were finally uploaded onto Virginia Chronicle last week:
  - *Annandale Recorder* (1955-1958)
  - *Arlington County Record* (1932-1933)
  - *Fairfax County Independent* (1929-1933)
  - *Falls Church Echo* (1940-1955)
  - *Falls Church Sun Echo* (1955-1967)

Additional titles are being planned to be sent to LVA including the *Springfield Independent* and the *McLean Providence Journal*.

**Collaboration**

- Virginia Room staff are transcribing two oral histories for the Burke Historical Society regarding the Burke Airport Controversy. The interviews are with Suzi Fowler-Neal and Paula Brown Kelley.

Attachment 5

**DPD Staff Report - August 2023**

**Ongoing Projects:**

- **Mid-Century Modern Countywide Survey-** Dovetail Consultants has completed approximately 50% of the pedestrian fieldwork which has been entered into VCRIS. DPD staff is conducting quality control and providing comment to the consultant. Survey completion and public input sessions are planned for late 2023. For more information visit: [Midcentury Modern Historic Resource Survey | Planning Development \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/midcentury-modern-historic-resource-survey)
- **Gum Springs Architectural Survey and Historic Context-** From May-July 2023, DPD staff met with representatives of the Gum Springs Community to discuss potential consultants for their upcoming historic resources survey. A Notice To Proceed (NTP) with the project should be forthcoming in the next few 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. The Planning Commission held a hearing on July 26, 2023 and has deferred their vote until **September 27, 2023**.
- **Judicial Center Complex, Comprehensive Plan Amendment-** DPD Heritage Resources staff are in consultation with DPD and ZED staff regarding draft language for the Judicial Center Complex. The Plan Amendment is in draft form and scheduled for hearing before the Planning Commission on **September 20, 2023**.
- **Goldsmith House (2754/2758 Chain Bridge Road)-** Listed in the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites in 2021, the 1918 single family dwelling is proffered to include preservation and maintenance in its current location. The application is scheduled for hearing before the Planning Commission on **October 4, 2023**.
- **DeBell/Sunnyside, Centreville:** DPD staff are waiting on resubmission from the applicant; however, a Phase II architectural report has been submitted to DPD and the Virginia Room.

**Other Items**

- **We want to welcome Heritage Resources new Planner III, Daniel White!** Daniel will be working with the ARB as their new administrator. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Design from Auburn University, and a Masters of Historic Preservation from the University of Georgia. DPD staff are thrilled to have him on the team and look forward to working with him.

- **Cemetery MOA with the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Organization (FCCPA)-** The Cemetery MOA between the History Commission and the FCCPA has been submitted and is going through the appropriate channels. Date of MOA execution: TBD.
- **Meeting between DPD/FCCA/Executive Committee-** A meeting is scheduled between DPD staff, Fairfax County Park Authority, and the Executive Committee to discuss a streamlined approach to the county's financial policies. The meeting is scheduled for **August 29, 2023**.
- **Black/African American Historical Marker Project:** DPD staff conducted site visits for final marker locations for the in partnership with Facilities Management Division and other county representatives for the Colin Powell and West Springfield markers. A site visit at the Government Center on August 3, 2023, is planned for the Lillian Blackwell marker. Two parks in McLean are being evaluated for the placement of the Gunnell's Chapel marker.
- **African American Outreach StoryMap: Stephanie** has compiled a working list of historic African American communities and resources in Fairfax County. She will be (or has been) reaching out to HC members for assistance on consolidating, reconciling, and verifying the list. If you know of any community members who may be able to help with this project, please let Stephanie know. This is an active project and DPD staff are interested in collecting information on sites from the public.
- **Recording Meetings:** At the June History Commission meeting, the Commission asked for the status of meeting recordation for other BACS in the county: A & F Board only records fully virtual meetings, Wetlands Board records and posts all meetings.
- **Virtual Meetings Teams link:** Beginning August 3, 2023, the Teams link for all Commission and Committee meetings will be provided to the Chair (or Committee Chair) to be disseminated to Commissioners who require virtual attendance for meetings.

Attachment 6

**Fort Belvoir Advisory Committee Meeting, Fairfax County History Commission Minutes  
Wednesday July 6, 2023 at 7:30 pm at Mount Vernon Government Center**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Russell Brooks  
Lynne Garvey-Hodge (participating remotely)  
Jenee Lindner  
Tammy Mannarino, Chair  
Subhi Mehdi  
Cheryl Repetti  
Tom Shoop  
Jordan Tannenbaum

**1. Call to Order and Verification & Audibility of Remote Participants**

- a. Chair Tammy Mannarino called the meeting to order at 7:35 with 7 members present in person. Lynne Garvey-Hodge joined the Teams connection soon after. Lynne stated that she was participating remotely because she was out of town. There was a motion duly seconded to verify that she could be adequately heard that that her remote participation comports with our Remote Participation Policy. The motion passed unanimously.

**2. Status of Fort Belvoir Streets Named for Confederate Generals**

- a. The Committee discussed the Memo received from the Department of Public Works on 21 June 2023. The group formed consensus around the idea that while the names selected were not objectionable, there was a missed opportunity to recognize previous occupants of the land as well as previously unrecognized military personnel. Tom Shoop made a motion: I move that we, as a committee, write a letter for the signature of the History Commission Chair in response to the Memorandum signed by John Pilcicki and Mandy Kelley dated 21 June 2023. This letter should be completed by July 14, 2023. The motion was seconded by Subhi Mehdi and Jenee Lindner. It passed unanimously. In preparation for composing the letter, Jenee asked Tammy to provide the committee with previous input supplied to Fort Belvoir for consideration. Russell and Tammy will take the lead on creating a draft and seeking input and comments from the Committee.
- b. The Committee discussed participation in the Fort Belvoir Street Renaming Ceremony planned for July 26<sup>th</sup> at 10am at Woodlawn Chapel. Both Cheryl and Tammy received invitations to the ceremony through their previous participation with the Fort Belvoir Stakeholders meeting in September 2021. Tammy has been asked to serve as a speaker at the event. She has not agreed to do so, but has made it clear that if she does, she would not be representing the History Commission with her remarks but rather speaking only on her own behalf. Some discussion of the pros and cons of that opportunity ensued. As more than two Commission members are interested in attending the ceremony, Tammy will ask that DPD put the event on the calendar and ensure that announcements are made to ensure compliance with VFOIA. Lynne asked Tammy to forward the invitation to the entire Committee.

**3. Providing Accurate Historical Information regarding Fort Belvoir's 1935 Name Change**

- a. Tammy shared a strawman outline with the in-person Committee members. She apologized that it was created at the last minute and proceeded to read it aloud so that it could be discussed with remote and in person attendees. Committee members agreed that the scope should make clear that the History Commission will not be taking a position on the name change but providing information on how and why the 1935 name change occurred.
- b. After the previously mentioned letter has been executed, the Committee will turn its attention to writing/editing the paper.

**4. Next Meeting(s)**

- a. Jordan Tannenbaum suggested that the Committee might be interested in touring the Army Museum Storage Facility in the future. The entire committee was enthusiastic about this possibility.
- b. The Committee decided to hold off on scheduling their next meeting until after the letter and some initial work on the paper has been completed.

**5. The Meeting adjourned at 9:38pm.**

Attachment 7

**Fort Belvoir Memorandum Received**

DIRECTORATE OF PUBLIC WORKS

21 June 2023

MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: USAG-Fort Belvoir Garrison Operations Order (OPORD) 23-019: Fort Belvoir Street Renaming

1. This memorandum is to provide notification to the Fairfax County Dept of Planning and Development concerning the issuance and execution of the USAG-Fort Belvoir Garrison Operations Order (OPORD) 23-019: Fort Belvoir Street Renaming, to be completed no later than **26 July 2023**.

2. The USAG-Fort Belvoir Garrison Operations Order (OPORD) 23-019: Fort Belvoir Street Renaming is Fort Belvoir's execution of a directive from the Secretary of Defense (SECDEF) to implement the Naming Commission's recommendations by replacing all street signs on Fort Belvoir that memorialize willing participants from the Confederacy.<sup>1</sup>

3. The Naming Commission identified four (4) streets names on Fort Belvoir that were determined to be Confederate-affiliated assets.

a. Lee Road was named after Confederate General Robert E. Lee, who led the Army of Northern Virginia from 1862 until its surrender in 1865. Lee was appointed the General in Chief of the Armies of the Confederate States in February of 1865 and surrendered to General Ulysses Grant on 9 April 1865, at Appomattox Court House.

b. Beauregard Road was named after Confederate General Pierre Gustave Toutant (P.G.T.) Beauregard, who ordered the first shots of the American Civil War from Fort Johnson and initiated the Battle of Fort Sumter on April 12, 1861. Beauregard, along with William Porcher Miles and Gen. Joseph E. Johnston, designed and produced the Confederate Battle Flag.

c. Stuart Street was named after Confederate General James Ewell Brown "Jeb" Stuart, who led many regiments in key battles of the Civil War and was ultimately given command of the calvary brigade for the Army of Northern Virginia, under General Robert E. Lee.

d. Johnston Street was named after Confederate General Joseph E. Johnston, who was one of the first, highest-ranking U.S. Army Officers to resign and enter the Confederate States Army after Virginia seceded from the United States in 1861.

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<sup>1</sup> For more information, see The Naming Commission's Final Report to Congress, Part III: Remaining Department of Defense Assets; as well as Operations Order 23-019.

4. Since the Naming Commission did not select names, the installation chose names after discussions with the Fairfax County History Commission, as well as efforts to contact the Gum Springs Historical Society and the League of Descendants of the Mount Vernon Enslaved. The selected names were chosen to support current Army values and celebrate the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the establishment of Executive Order (EO) 9981.

**Fort Belvoir Street Name Change**

Named Asset	Selected New Name
Lee Road	EO 9981 Road
Beauregard Road	Essayons Road
Stuart Street	Sapper Street
Johnston Road	Castle Road

a. EO 9981 Road refers to Executive Order 9981, that banned segregation of the Armed Forces and was signed by President Harry S. Truman on July 26, 1948. The name will replace Lee Road, which is near a historical African American cemetery, and is the site of a former segregated housing area on Fort Belvoir. The street will be renamed on the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the signing of EO 9981.

b. Essayons Road refers to the official motto and song of the Army Corps of Engineers. From its beginning in 1910 up until 1988, Fort Belvoir operated as a post for the Army Corps of Engineers. "Essayons" is French for "Let us Try."


c. Sapper Street recognizes "sappers", the elite combat engineers who support front-line infantry. In recognition of Fort Belvoir's long history as an engineer post, most of the street on Fort Belvoir are named after engineers, and twenty-seven (27) streets are named after former Chiefs of Engineers.

d. Castle Road refers to the castle insignia of the US Army Corps of Engineers and is related to many historic and present elements on Fort Belvoir. In particular, the street currently runs adjacent to Castle Park, and historically, Fort Belvoir's newspaper during its time as an engineer post was called "The Castle."

5. Your review of this memorandum and response would be appreciated within 30-days of receipt. No response by Fairfax County within the allotted timeframe will be taken as approval of the documentation.

Sincerely,

JOHN L. PILCICKI  
Environmental Protection Specialist  
Acting Conservation Branch Chief  
DPW, Environmental

  
MANDY KELLEY, MA, RPA  
Archaeologist  
Aerostar Environmental and Construction LLC

Attachment 8  
**Fort Belvoir History Commission Response**



## Fairfax County History Commission

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July 17, 2023

John L. Pilcicki, Environmental Protection Specialist  
Acting Chief, Conservation Branch  
Department of Public Works, Environmental

Mandy Kelley, MA, RPA  
Archeologist, Aerostar Environmental and Construction LLC

Dear Mr. Pilcicki and Ms. Kelley,

Thank you for your memorandum of 21 June 2023, Subject: USAG-Fort Belvoir Garrison Operations Order (OPORD) 23-0109: Fort Belvoir Street Renaming (received 1 July 2023). Members of the Fairfax County History Commission, in support of the county's Board of Supervisors, appreciate the opportunity to provide feedback on the memo and the documentation it includes. The history of Fort Belvoir, including the land and the people who have lived there, is important to our community and to our country. In this letter we seek to improve the accuracy of documentation related to the renaming of streets on the post and advocate for moving forward with a more inclusive presentation of local and national history.

We respect the new names announced to replace those of Confederate generals. They recognize the Army Corps of Engineers and highlight President Truman's landmark executive order. We also appreciate the location of the street proposed as E.O. 9981 Rd., as the former site of segregated housing. However, we believe the new names represent a missed opportunity to recognize Indigenous and African American individuals and groups who have made significant contributions to history prior to and during the existence of the military installation. These include Native American groups who occupied the peninsula before colonization, men and women who were held in bondage at the Belvoir Plantation, individuals and families who built and lived in the Free Black Community of Woodlawn, and African American soldiers who served at Fort Belvoir. As with many existing street names on post, association with Fort Belvoir might not be required. For example, streets in the segregated Youngs Village section of the fort were once named for African American war heroes. These along with the village's namesake, Charles Young, would have been laudable candidates for acknowledgement by having their names restored to the post. We are at the threshold of a decisive moment in time, at which we must do all we can to honor and accurately respect our collective past.

We understand that deciding to name installations, roads, and/or structures after individual people can require additional research and approval. Nevertheless, it is being done with great success elsewhere in this great land. Note the recent renaming of Fort Benning to Fort Moore, honoring Lt. Gen. Hal Moore and Julia Compton Moore. We had an opportunity in our work as a Commission on the Fairfax County Confederate Names Inventory project to examine place names on Fort Belvoir. As your memo notes, no fewer than 27 streets at Fort Belvoir are named for former Chiefs of Engineers and most of the names honor individual engineers as

well. There are other street, building and village names honoring historic homes (Cedar Grove, Gunston, Woodlawn, Vernondale) and area landowners (Mason, Gillingham, Fairfax, Troth, Mero). Continuing the use of these names and not permitting the consideration or use of additional ones, freezes in place a historical error: the failure to recognize and honor the achievements of African Americans affiliated with Fort Belvoir history. Further, there also remains an opportunity to honor the Native Americans who once called this vast swath of land home. For instance, when the Washington Commanders put aside the team's former name but needed time to select a new name, they used a placeholder name, Washington Football Team. The Army could consider using this strategy for the roads other than EO 9981 Road to buy time to conduct a thorough investigation of the history we are describing.

As to the documentation referenced earlier, we note the Memorandum in receipt contains several factual errors and omissions. First, it says Executive Order 9981 banned segregation in the Armed Forces. The text of the order, however, mandates not desegregation specifically, but "equality of treatment and opportunity" for all military service members. That distinction is important in the context of Fort Belvoir because Army leadership did not believe segregation constituted unequal treatment. Many posts, including Fort Belvoir, remained segregated for several years after President Truman's order. Second, the memo contains a typo, that Robert E. Lee assumed command of the Army of Northern Virginia in 1962. Obviously, the correct year is 1862. In addition, the descriptions in paragraph 3 of individuals other than Lee for whom streets were named take the form of accolades, without mentioning that these officers took up arms against this country's Constitutional democracy in order to defend the concept and practice of enslaving individuals. Such is a contravention of the human rights United States citizens profess to affirm and militarily protect.

We strongly urge the Army to more broadly expand the official naming of streets, buildings, and other identified areas (such as parks or recreation facilities) that reflect a more inclusive view of Ft. Belvoir's history, the current diversity of the base and that which would help to build a more equitable future from a historical perspective. As a long-time supportive neighbor and friend of history, we also request that the leadership of Fort Belvoir open a dialogue with us to examine ways, beyond naming, to educate the public about African Americans and Native Americans who were associated with the installation *and* the land upon which it is located. We look forward to building a more collaborative and productive relationship with Fort Belvoir. We look forward to your response.

All good things,

*Lynne Garvey -Hodge*

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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.***

Cc: Col. Joseph V. Messina, Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander  
John M. Moeller, PhD, Deputy to the Fort Belvoir Garrison Commander  
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Chairman Jeffrey C. McKay, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Dan Storck, Mount Vernon District Supervisor  
Rodney Lusk, Franconia District Supervisor  
Vance Zavala, Ft. Belvoir Liaison, Fairfax County Department of Economic Initiatives  
Rachel Flynn, Deputy County Executive, Fairfax County  
Tracy Strunk, Planning and Development  
Leanna O'Donnell, Planning and Development  
Denice Dressel, Planning and Development  
Laura Kviklys, Planning and Development

Attachment 9  
**History Conference and Awards Committee Minutes**

**Present in person: Megan Leining, Susan Kovach Shuman, Mike Irwin, Jordan Tannenbaum, Sallie Lyons, Cheryl Repetti & Susan Gray; Remote: Esther McCullough & Naomi Zeavin; Absent: Anne Barnes, Liz Crowell & David Meyer]**

Oh Monday, July 24, 2023 the Fairfax County History Commission's History Conference Planning Committee met at the Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center; Due to logistical and remote connecting issues the meeting began at 8:00pm with an auditory check-in from Naomi Zevin & Esther McCullough; the remote coordination was handled by Stephanie Newman.

*As I sit down to write this, please note a few topics we did not discuss but need decisions on. It is definitely OK to send me your thoughts individually:*

- \* \$\$ for Honorariums & for who (TD & TG?? Both = or not? Anyone else?)*
- \* Confirm Hybrid conference or not: Yes or No*
- \* \$10 fee for authors & Exhibitors (was \$15 – different amount??)*

The following were discussed topics during our time together:

- \* Lynne confirmed that Abrar Omeish would be willing to speak at the conference – filling the shoes of her father Dr. Esam Omeish. While she was in the midst of taking her bar exam – she was willing to chat a bit & is more than willing to share 11/4 with us. *AND* family pics we could use for marketing purposes. She will retain her position on the FCSBd. until 12/31/2023. Yea!!!

- \* Ben Hermerding, Kathy Tran's Chief of Staff (703) 539-2066 has assured us that Kathy will definitely try to attend the Conference with a short presentation; time may not be known until closer to the 11/4 date.

- \* The topic of providing CCEU's to teachers & Community Service Hours to students came up (again...we did the former years ago...) & I recalled that Mary Lipsey had something to do with coordinating how to orchestrate the CCEUs. **SO, I am cc'ing Mary Lipsey here, too – Mary – any thoughts??**

- \* Conference registration costs were decided on as \$15.00 per attendee – allowing *“A lower fee than in previous years due to a generous contribution from the Fairfax County History Commission”*; We will need a “new” brochure to be designed in August & printed for distribution thereafter that includes a registration form.

- \* Not fully knowing whether or not we will have the use of the Sherwood Community Center completely gratis, it remains difficult to fully assemble a meaningful budget. Sue will get with David Meyer to confirm what costs might be associated with the SCC. We also need to determine what \$\$ we might have access to for marketing purposes

- \* **Susan Gray** is checking on how to handle the sale of Tom Gjeltén's book, since we will be using City of Fairfax property on which to hold the conference. Susan has also graciously offered to contact the Bolivian Dance troupe for a performance in the afternoon of the conference – prices/availability, etc.

- \* **Cheryl Repetti** will be in touch with both the El Salvadorean Consulate that serves Prince Wm. County & Fairfax County for a contact to speak at the conference – especially in terms of the services offered to the El Salvadorean/Latino community. Cheryl will also be in touch for a similar contact from the Centreville Immigration Forum – the group that provides reliable references for day workers (mostly Latino) who are looking to work. She also pointed out to us that many Latino workers are now anxious to learn Korean, as they interface with so many Koreans on a daily basis in the front line work they do.

- \* **FOOD – Megan Leining** graciously offered to check with FCPks.&Rec. to see who they might recommend for Korean food vendors – especially for the breakfast portion of the day, as they have a sweet delicacy that is common which might be perfect for a “breakfast” item. She is also checking on the

“Kabob” location across from the FMVC (so we stay within the City of Fairfax preferred vendors) and the Afghan Bistro in Springfield – for lunch food item contributions. Latino food vendors could include: The Coyote Grill (which has a Food truck) located across from the FMVC. **Jordan** has offered to contact them & the Kabob restaurant/Bistro. (I will, Jordan, if you can’t) & We still need to determine how to pay such vendors the day of or before. Sue & I will be in contact with the County on this issue. (hopefully SOON!!)

Please be in touch if I have omitted any important piece of our meeting or mis-wrote any of this information. **THANK YOU!**

**Our next meeting is scheduled for August 28, 2023 – 7:30pm, again, in person, at the FMVC. THANK YOU EVERYONE for your Patience & Diligence on this year’s 19<sup>th</sup> Annual Fairfax County History Conference!!**

**\* Please review content below from “the Meeting that Wasn’t” on 6/26/2023**

On Jun 26, 2023, at 10:13 PM, [lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com](mailto:lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com) wrote:

*(bcc to FCHC/HC Team)*

(Present: Esther McCullough, Liz Crowell, Jordan Tannenbaum, Sue Kovach Shuman, David Meyer, Stephanie Newman)

Hello, Team! Well, the FOIA enforcers were out in force tonight... Due to a variety of circumstances a number of us needed to meet virtually – with one lone Team member overseeing our in-person meeting location in the FCPL Nan Netherton Rm. Thank you, David Meyer for scurrying home only to find out we needed to recess our meeting. It was always my understanding that our meetings were to be offered as hybrid: in-person & on Teams & so advertised to the public. And apparently the online access was not posted (although I had asked for Hybrid). See email I just sent – we have re-scheduled a HYBRID mtg. to Mon., 7/24/2023 – 7:30pm; We will meet either at the FCPC/N. Netherton Rm. OR the Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center....please stay tuned. This will also be a good meeting date as earlier in the day on 7/25 Sue & I will have met w/ county finance personnel to discuss how to handle the finances this year. The following are Topics we were either planning to discuss or had begun discussion thereof:

\* The particulars around our agreement w/ the City of Fairfax in re: our use of the Sherwood Community Center for the 11/4/2023 Fairfax County History Conference. I spoke to David Meyer after we adjourned & he will be speaking to Susan Gray tomorrow. Hence – our 7/25/2023 mtg. may, in fact, occur at the FMVC. Stay tuned. David also advised that the size of the Historic Resources team is about 5 people, so we would not be stuck w/ an onslaught of attendees. He does not believe the “liability” issue should, in fact, be an issue...

\* To Charge or Not to Charge – that is the question. Discussion included the following thoughts: - Most people will not take seriously their RSVP commitment to an event if they did not pay something - However, we do have enough \$ in the FCHC coffers to allow for a Free Conference; -Registration would still need to be required in order to plan for food - We need MANY more updated bookmarks to advertise the conference. According to Anne Stuntz, the AC only has 20 left!!! Please see attached most recent revised version (as of this morning) Pending our discussion with the county & determination as to how to conduct registrations for the conference, the BACK of the book mark will likely be the Registration form...stay tuned...

\* Food Selections – These still need to be determined as we have discussed Food Trucks & they are acceptable to the City of Fairfax – as long as the FT is located in City of Fairfax. The Coyote Grill has a food truck – SO, that may be our Latino food source.

\* David – do we want to include Mayor Catherine Read as a kick-off “Welcome” presenter, similar to how you so nicely presented last year??

\* Speakers: Congressman Connolly & Jeff McKay will hand out Awards again. Their offices have already been notified as to the date & early morning timing.

1. The Honorable Tom Davis - (& former District Supervisor, Mason District & also Chairperson, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors) is THRILLED to join us. I shared a 30 min. delightful conversation w/ him this morning & we have agreed to have him be the kick-off Keynote Speaker – particularly for his tireless support of the Jewish Community Center (a segue from the 2022 conference) AND his support of the Dar Al-Hijrah Islamic Center both of which occurred under his watch.

2. Tom Gjelten – author of “A Nation of Nations” – is also looking forward to being our 2<sup>nd</sup> Keynote speaker! He will follow T. Davis.

3. Abrar Omeish – daughter of Dr. Esam Omeish & at-large member of the Fairfax County School Board (Muslim follower)

4. Daniel Altman – co-founder of R.A.F.T. (NoVA Resettling Afghan Families Together); former Commissioner JuliAnne Mueller has been a long-term member of this phenomenal organization who helps to find furnished housing for Mason District & beyond Afghan Refugees; What began as a total of 10 donated furnished apartments has now grown to over 300!!! Perfect example of Mason District citizens helping others!!

5. Lynette Sappe-Watkins, the Free **Culmore Clinic's** New Executive Director OR Terri O’Hara VaVoie, former CC, ED – to tell the story of how they were formed due to concerned citizens, raised funds appropriately & aggressively & are now one of the finest Free Clinics on the country – with a client base of primarily “New Americans” (current parlance for Immigrant – I just learned this term this week!)

6. Various Lake Barcroft residents who have come to the US as immigrants – including Vietnamese, Latino & Muslim – possible panel discussion; thank you to William D. O’Neil who has put out a request on their local “Lake Link” newsletter for all citizens who might be interested in “telling their story”

7. Kathy Tran – may be stopping in per her COS

8. Taped interviews with Hector Palchik & Duk Kyu Kim + other possibilities including the Bailey ES Principal.

Our biggest concern at the moment is the financing of the conference. And David Meyer & I will meet (only 2 of us) as necessary w/ City of Fairfax people to plan – in order to AVOID possible FOIA violations. We will keep you posted. Please be in touch if you have any questions/concerns/or brilliant ideas! THANK YOU everyone!!

All good things,

**Lynne Garvey -Hodge**

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Attachment 10  
**Fairfax County History Commission**  
**Advocacy Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, June 15, 2023 at 7 pm**  
**Freeman Store and Museum**

## 131 Church Street NE Vienna, VA 22180

### Minutes

(total members = 8 so 5 is a quorum)

#### Attendees

##### Commissioners Present

Lynne Garvey Hodge	At Large	no
Tammy Mannarino	Mount Vernon District	In person
Subhi Mehdi	Dranesville Dist	In person
Tom Shoop	Braddock District	In person
Cheryl-Ann Repetti	Centreville	no
Sue Kovach Schuman	Providence District	In person
Anne Stuntz	Vienna/Hunter Mill District	In person
<del>Jordan Tannenbaum</del>	<del>Springfield</del>	
Russell Brooks	Franconia	no

#### Past Events

- Viva Vienna – Memorial Day Weekend. Table on Sunday May 28, 10-4 Went well. Cheryl, Elise, and Anne covered it. Cheryl brought corn husk doll makings and generated a lot of interest. Historic Vienna had a small table next to ours under the tent.

#### Upcoming Events

Several Juneteenth celebrations:

- Vienna's First Baptist Church. Can HC pay \$25 or \$35 (if church provides table) vendor fee to First Baptist Church of Vienna?
- Gum Springs. 10:30 unveil Wes Ford Marker, Walk to MLK Park
- Fairfax City

**2022 Annual Report** – June 6 presentation went very well. Chm McKay said he wants to know how Mt Erin could have turned out differently. He might be amenable to a letter recommending that inventory properties must be considered even more carefully than they are now.

2023 Annual Report – will be written by Tom and Cheryl

Annual report policy/procedure needs to be composed, with timeline.

#### Supplies Inventory

Need at least three sets of Display materials for Juneteenth.

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

3 Tablecloths are in hand. Subhi also brought us dots, holders for printed material, pencils, another tabletop trifold display, another wheelie cart

#### Issues

**NVCC** – Tom noticed work being done around the remains of the Malone farmhouse, and that the markers are missing. He'll follow up with Liz and Aimee.

**Dunn Loring School – Sue will draft letter.** look at Louise Archer addition, which is sympathetic to 1930s building. Let's ask for a walk-through of Dunn Loring School. A meeting is scheduled for July 13 Thursday, 7 pm

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

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

**Fort Belvoir – ad hoc committee is working on it and planning meeting**

**Laurel Hill** – No News: 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** – No News: 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 Dluger who was her professor. Talked about intern too. Will coordinate with Inventory Committee of course.

Did not discuss:

**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: July 13, 2023** Freeman Store and Museum 7 pm

Attachment 11  
**Fairfax County History Commission**  
**Advocacy Committee Meeting**  
**Thursday, July 13, 2023 at 7 pm**  
**Freeman Store and Museum**

**131 Church Street NE Vienna, VA 22180**  
**MINUTES 8.2.2023 draft**

**Attendees**

**Commissioners Present** (total members = 8 so 5 is a quorum)

Lynne Garvey Hodge	At Large	Present virtually, out of town
Tammy Mannarino	Mount Vernon District	Present
Subhi Mehdi	Dranesville Dist	Present
Tom Shoop	Braddock District	Present
Cheryl-Ann Repetti	Centreville	Present virtually, Alexandria
Sue Kovach Schuman	Providence District	Present
Anne Stuntz	Vienna/Hunter Mill District	Present
Russell Brooks	Franconia	Present virtually, Franconia

After roll call, Tammy moved that all voices could be heard and that the reasons for virtual attendance comport with History Commission policy. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

**Past Events**

Several Juneteenth celebrations. We put together 3 sets of display materials.

- Vienna's First Baptist Church - Saturday, June 17, 11-3. HC is allowed to reimburse Anne \$25 vendor fee to First Baptist Church of Vienna. Anne, Elise, and Sue covered the event and used appropriate precautions to avoid the appearance of an unadvertised meeting. Keynote was President Washington of George Mason University. Surprise dignitary was Senator Mark Warner, who announced he would make Vienna's Liberty Amendments Month, in its third year, a national event. Vienna's Juneteenth was well attended by dignitaries and the public.
- Gum Springs - Saturday, June 17, 10:30 unveil Wes Ford Marker, 11:00 Walk to MLK Park, noon information booths, a health fair, carnival rides, food, music in the park. Tammy, Russell, and Tom covered the event and used appropriate precautions to avoid the appearance of an unadvertised meeting. Good interactions with Supervisors, excellent double dutch jump roping.
- Fairfax City – Saturday, June 17, 10 am Ceremony City Hall, 11:00 March to Mt Calvary Baptist Church, 11:30 Craft and Informational Vendors, Food Trucks, Live Music and Dance, 1 pm Juneteenth Ceremony. Attending were Mary Lipsey, Phyllis Walker Ford, Russell Brooks, Jene Lindner, anyone else?
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**Upcoming Events**

**Oakton Day in the Park** – Sunday, 27 August, 1-4 pm. Sue and Anne plan to cover:

**Oak Hill Open Day**, Saturday September 30. 10:00 – 1:00. Usually a good opportunity for outreach tent tho this year the open hours have been shortened and they say the activities will be house tours only.

**Vienna's Oktoberfest?** October 7, All Day, Freeman Store and Museum Side Yard. Anne not available, can get HVI permissions and help others set up if there is interest

**Tour de Mount Vernon** – Saturday, October 21, Bike Ride starting and ending at Mount Vernon.

***What are other good advocacy outreach opportunities in the county this fall?***

**2022 Annual Report –**

2023 Annual Report – will be written by Tom and Cheryl

2019/2020 – Anne and Elise plan to wrap up the missed reports.

An annual report policy/procedure will be composed, with timeline.

**Supplies Inventory**

- African American Inventory brochures (Tammy sent about 30 to each Sup)

- Af Am Landowners Maps – popular, new one to be created based on AAHI and survey
- Marker Maps – running low, what would it take to get them updated and reprinted?
- Jeff Clark post cards
- Inventory of Historic Sites – we have a lot
- History Commission Trifold hand out – we’ve been printing them as needed. This should be redesigned
- History Conference poster: and bookmarks – we’ll need a lot more bookmarks
- Copy of Nation of Nations. It’s a good illustration for conference
- Copy of African American Inventory draft – people are interested
- Big tabletop Trifold – we have three
- Wheelie cart – we have two
- Pamphlet Holders – we have a few
- Business cards
- Name Tags
- 3 Tablecloths, holders for printed material, pencils

At August 2 HC meeting, the committee will move to authorize up to \$1000 for materials and printing in support of informational displays and public education.

#### **Update on Issues**

- **Fort Belvoir – ad hoc committee is working on a letter**
- **NVCC** – Tom followed up on work he noticed being done around the remains of the Malone farmhouse, and the missing historic markers. He contacted state and county archeologists. NoVaCC provost said they are undergoing a process to evaluate the signage.
- **Dunn Loring School** – Sue will draft letter, perhaps mentioning Louise Archer addition, which is sympathetic to 1930s building. We will ask for a walk-through of Dunn Loring School
- **Pan Am Shopping Center Thompson Cemetery** – Sue wrote to Planning Commission in support of staff recommendation for a GPR survey around the perimeter of the cemetery to identify additional graves.
- **(Bowman Distillery** Elise to follow up with HC concerns, is there nothing the county can do to clean up the site and urge owner not to let the historic building collapse?)
- **Laurel Hill** – No News: County owned house in Lorton that is still falling down though Eagle Scout doing clean up and DAR putting up a marker for William Lindsay

*Should we have an **ENDANGERED LIST** as part of our Inventory? For example: Bowman Distillery, Laurel Hill,*

**Next Meeting: AUGUST? SEPTEMBER?** Freeman Store and Museum 7 pm

Attachment 12

#### **Architectural Review Board**

**Report June 8, July 13 and July 17, 2023 Meetings**

**Consent Items: None**

**Items:**

- **Colvin Run Mill Store ADA located at 10017 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls, tax map**

**numbers 0182 01 0024, in the Colvin Run Mill Historic Overlay District.** The proposal is to replace the existing porch and ramps at the Colvin Run Mill Store for ADA compliance, replace the existing path to the barn/blacksmith shop and miller's house, and to create an ADA compliant gathering area with drinking fountain. PLUS# ARBWK-2023-HM-00020. Hunter Mill District. **Workshop June 8; Approved July 13**

• **7211 Rebecca Addition located at 7211 Rebecca Dr** Alexandria, tax map numbers 0933 04 0234 in the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District. The proposal is for a new addition consisting of a bathroom, closet, and laundry for age in place planning. Project includes the extension of an existing deck into the front yard setback. PLUS# ARBWK-2023-MV-00021. Mount Vernon District. **Workshop June 8; Approved July 13**

• **7211 Rebecca Dr Special Permit, located at 7211 Rebecca Dr** Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0234, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is applying for a Special Permit, Application number SP-2023-MV-00042, regarding the extension of an existing deck into the front yard setback. John Nolan represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-MV-00031. Mount Vernon District. **Workshop June 8; Approved July 13**

• **7318 Rippon Remodel located at 7318 Rippon Rd** Alexandria, tax map numbers 0934 05 0008, in the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District. The proposed project includes interior remodeling; raise roof at existing addition to create main level primary bedroom. PLUS# ARBWK-2023-MV-00018. Mount Vernon District. **Workshop July 17**

• **7411 Recard Addition (Daniels And Dezzutti Residence) located at 7411 Recard Ln, Alexandria, tax map numbers 0933 04 0178, in the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District.** The proposed project involves the restoration of, and an addition to, an original 1953 Charles Goodman-designed home. The original 1953 two-story house has undergone two renovations: in 1962 by Eason 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 storage shed, new front entry deck, and interior alterations on levels one and two. A separate site and landscape design proposal has been submitted by Moody Graham Landscape Architecture. PLUS# ARBWK-2023-MV-00019. Mount Vernon District. **Workshop June 8; Approved July 13**

• **7411 Recard Landscape (Dezzutti-Daniels Residence) located at 7411 Recard Ln** Alexandria, tax map numbers 0933 04 0178, in the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District. The proposed project includes the landscape masterplan with gardens, pool, site walls, patios, pedestrian paths, and vehicular access. PLUS# ARBWK-2023-MV-00022. Mount Vernon District. **Workshop June 8; Approved July 13**

• **8913 Yellow Daisy Pl Solar Installation, located at 8913 Yellow Daisy Pl** Lorton, tax map 1071 07 0048, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District. The applicant is proposing the installation of utility interactive photovoltaic solar system; 3.6 kw dc & 2.61

kw ac photovoltaic solar array; addition of (1) 0-30a circuit on existing house. Jimmy Poplin of ION Solar represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-MV-00021. Mount Vernon District. **Approved July 13**

• **Bunnyman Brewery Staircase, located at 9514 Workhouse Way Lorton, tax map 1064 01 0058, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District.** The applicant is proposing to install new egress staircase for brewery on building W-13 at the Workhouse campus. Michael Wood represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-MV-00026. Mount Vernon District. **Workshop May 11; Approved July 13.**

• **7309 Stafford Rd Grading Plan, located at 7309 Stafford Rd Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0078, in the Hollin Hills HOD.** The applicant is proposing the Infill Grading Plan for the previous project approval ARB 23-HOL-10, reviewed and approved by the ARB on March 9, 2023. The previous approval did not include review of the grading plan. The site is currently occupied by a single-story brick and frame single-family home with a slab-on-grade foundation. The project consists of two (2) proposed additions to the existing home, including a single-story addition at the southwest corner of the existing home that features a slab-on-grade foundation. A second single-story addition is planned at the east side of the existing home that will feature a walkout basement. The historic home remains intact through the project. Jacob Baer represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2023-MV-00030. Mount Vernon District. **Approved July 13.**

• **1100 Chain Bridge Rd, located in the 1100 Chain Bridge Rd, Mclean, tax map numbers 0223 01 0061, in the Langley Fork HOD.** The applicant is proposing the demolition of the existing dwelling and site amenities and construction of a new dwelling. Kayvan Jaboori of KJ & Associates represents the application. PLUS # ARBWK-2023-DR-00024. Dranesville District. **Workshop July 17**

**Presentation:** Lake Anne Economic Visioning Study Final Presentation – Elizabeth Hagg and Daquan Zhou, Community Revitalization Section, DPD, will present the consultant’s findings from the Lake Anne Economic Visioning study. July 17

**History Commission Members in Attendance:**

Tammy Mannarino

Russell Brooks

**Location:** across the street from St. John's Baptist Church located at 7730 Fordson Road, south of the intersection of Fordson Road and Richmond Highway. Afterwards, there will be a reception at Bethlehem Baptist Church, at 7836 Fordson Road, Alexandria, Va, 22306.

**1. Public Event Attended by History Commission Members**

History Commission Members along with the general public were invited to this event to witness the unveiling of a Virginia State Historical Marker honoring Annie Harper and her contributions via the Supreme Court Case Harper v. Virginia State Board of Elections. History Commission Members provided no formal remarks. Members interacted with each other and with other attendees before and after the ceremony. As it was not a History Commission meeting and a quorum of members was not present, no votes or decisions were intended or made.

**2. Sequence of Events**

The event followed a program with multiple speakers. These are documented in the physical program attached.

**3. Adjourned**

The onsite event concluded at approximately 11am. A reception followed at Bethlehem Baptist Church. Photos were taken and refreshments were available.

Attachment 14

**Fairfax County History Commission attendance at  
Fort Belvoir Street Renaming Ceremony  
Wednesday July 26, 2023 at 10:00am  
EO 9981 Road & Parke Road**

## **Minutes**

### **History Commission Members in Attendance:**

Lynne Garvey-Hodge  
Jenee Lindner  
Tammy Mannarino  
Cheryl Repetti  
Sallie Lyons  
Mary Lipsey

Other members may have been present virtually, observing the proceedings, as the ceremony was streamed live via Facebook

### **1. Public Event Attended by History Commission Members**

History Commission Members along with the general public were invited to this event to witness the unveiling of the new street name “EO 9981 Road” to replace “Lee Road” named for Robert E. Lee. History Commission Members provided no formal remarks but were greeted by Fort Belvoir leadership and recognized during the ceremony. Members interacted with each other and with other attendees before and after the ceremony. As it was not a History Commission meeting and a quorum of members was not present, no votes or decisions were intended or made.

### **2. Sequence of Events**

The event followed a program with multiple speakers. These are documented in the physical program attached. A recording of the formal event can be found on the Fort Belvoir Facebook site and may later be posted to a website.

<https://www.facebook.com/fortbelvoir>

### **3. Adjourned**

The event concluded at approximately 11am. Photos were taken and refreshments were available.