Fairfax County History Commission Monthly Meeting

January 8, 2025, 7:30 p.m. Virtually via Microsoft Teams

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a virtual meeting with all remote attendees on January 8, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

Before proceeding, Chairperson Gretchen Bulova ensured mutual audibility for the Commission members attending online. Commission members joining virtually confirmed their audibility and location accordingly.

Attendance

Commissioners Present per Districts: District: Gretchen Bulova, Chair Braddock Subhi Mehdi. Vice Chair Dranesville Tammy Mannarino, Secretary Mount Vernon Brian Heintz, Treasurer Braddock Anne Stuntz Hunter Mill Sue Kovach Shuman** Providence Jordan Tannenbaum Springfield Margo Coleman Mason Elise Murray Hunter Mill Cheryl-Ann Repetti** Sullv Jenee Lindner Springfield

Commissioners Excused:

None

Commissioners Absent:

Anne Barnes David Meyer

County Liaisons Present:

Laura Kviklys, Heritage Resources Branch, 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:

Keisha Strand, History Commission Clerk

Special Guests Present:

None

**Joined after roll call

Minutes

A motion was made by Jordan Tannenbaum to approve the September 4, 2024; October 2, 2024; November 6, 2024; and December 4, 2024, History Commission Meeting Minutes:

Jenee Lindner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Subhi Mehdi moved that the History Commission pay the Clerk [Keisha Strand].

Tammy Mannarino seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Tammy Mannarino to approve the amended September 23, 2023, History Commission Meeting Minutes:

Jordan Tannenbaum seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion about the status of outstanding minutes, See **Attachment 1**, Tammy Mannarino provided an update.

Treasurer's Report

Gretchen mentioned the transition of the Treasurer position to Brian Heintz, and expressed thanks to Elise Murray for her hard work

Elise Murray reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending January 1, 2025. The balance is the same, but does not include the park authority purchases. See **Attachment 2** for the January report.

Chair's Update

Chairperson Gretchen Bulova presented the Chair's update to the Commission.

 She shared gratitude for the new leadership team, appreciation for the previous leadership team, and acknowledged long term service of Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Esther McCullough, and Sallie Lyons. There was a discussion among the Commission regarding the tradition of presenting Jefferson cups to retired individuals. Elise Murray mentioned that the county no longer allows commissions to purchase gifts with the budget funds. Anne Stuntz volunteered to research the cost of engraving to present to the executive committee for a decision on whether to take up a donation for the cups.

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New Business

- Commission Start Time and Adoption of 2025 Calendar
 - O Chairperson Gretchen Bulova proposed to the Commission that an earlier start time be implemented for the Commission meetings (from 7:30pm to 7:00pm). This was a solution to commission members driving home late at night.

Subhi Mehdi moved that the History Commission change the start time of its monthly meetings to 7:00pm.

Sue Kovach Shuman seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

O Chairperson Gretchen Bulova presented the proposed 2025 calendar of dates for the History Commission. See **Attachment 3** for the dates.

Subhi Mehdi moved to adopt the History Commission 2025 Calendar of dates

Jenee Lindner seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

There was a discussion on whether to meet in July of 2025, and the Committee concluded that if there is a discussion to change that day, a vote can take later.

The Commission also discussed with staff the requirements for virtual meetings. Laura Kviklys clarified that the Commission can hold 50% of their meetings virtually, which virtual meetings must be noticed three days prior. She further explained that the current virtual meeting, scheduled due to the State of Emergency, does not count toward the 50% requirement.

- 2025 Committee Assignments
 - Chairperson Gretchen Bulova shared that many committee assignments are now vacant, due to recent commission retirements. She requested that the Commission review the list and respond to her by January 27th, which committees they would like to serve on, as well as Committee Chair positions. See Attachment 4 for Committee Assignments.

There was a discussion regarding the need for a position description of each committee chair. Chairperson Gretchen Bulova stated that she would check the binders to see if the descriptions already exists and would further discuss with the Executive Committee.

- Forest Restoration at Huntley Meadows Park/Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) site,
 - O Tammy Mannarino shared that a letter regarding the Huntley Meadows Park/AAA site, was shared from the Friends of Huntley Meadows Park (FOHMP). The letter was sent to the Park Authority and copied to the History Commission Chair, and various Historical Societies. In the letter, the friends group shared its concerns about the site and that reforestation work will be done there. See **Attachment 5** for the letter.
 - Previous to the letter, both Tammy Mannarino and Sue Kovach Shuman were invited to attend a tour of the site with Gary Powers Jr. It was fascinating to see the gun emplacement, vestiges of where the barracks were, and read some oral histories.

Tammy asked Aimee Wells to respond to questions that arose from the letter.

Aimee responded that a major issue involving this project is communication. She shared that the program is called "Helping Our Land Heal", which is conducted by the Natural Resources Branch. It is a multi-step process and the only work that has been done is invasive species removal. When the Park Authority took over in 1975, the site was not at that time considered historic, as it came about in the 1950s. Staff are looking at an approach to scope the work appropriately. Once a scope is approved work will begin, and they will reach out to stakeholders to include history groups. She shared that everyone who got the FOHMP letter will receive a response back from parks.

Tammy stated that the site is not on the list historic inventory, and it is outside of the Historic Overlay District (HOD) for Huntley Meadows. It would be good to do an overlay of the Washington D.C area AAA sites and compare to civil war defense and WWII defense sites to make the connection.

Old/Unfinished Business

Dunn-Loring School Update

- Tammy Mannarino shared that on the same day as our the last History Commission meeting, there was an in-person Dunn-Loring community meeting, and then the public schools gave a presentation with the ARB.
- Laura responded that after the December ARB meeting, FCPS submitted updated proffers that were much more in line with what was requested. She shared that the update is included in the staff report.

There was a discussion regarding the History Commission sending a letter to the Planning Commission and the Board of Supervisors prior to the January 16 Planning Commission meeting stating its position and suggestions to proffers.

Subhi Mehdi moved that the History Commission write a letter to the Planning Commission and copy the Board of Supervisors, expressing agreement with the ARB and adding the request for contextualization by January 13, 2025.

Jordan Tannenbaum seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

- Franconia Community Center Renaming due January, Elise Ruff Murray
 - Due to technical issues with Elise Ruff Murray's sound, this discussion was put off until the Commissioner Reports portion of the meeting.

Staff Reports

Heritage Resources Branch, Laura Kviklys:

- Laura Kviklys, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave projects, program, and staff updates. See **Attachment 6** for the staff report.
- She discussed the following:
 - o Dunn Loring Elementary School (RZ-2023-PR-00018), Providence District.
 - Feb 4th BOS, Public Hearing
 - Misión Evangélica, Sunnyside/DeBell House, (SP 2022-SU-00144, 6321 Old Centreville Road, Centreville), Sully District, took place on December 4, 2024, where the board asked the applicant to conduct a feasibility study.
 - Architectural Review Board Administrator, Planner III Position is still open for recruitment.

Tammy Mannarino mentioned a previous discussion to have someone from the History Commission testify at the February 4th Board of Supervisors meeting.

Tammy Mannarino moved that that the Chairperson Gretchen Bulova, Tammy Mannarino, and Sue Kovach Shuman be authorized testify on behalf of the History Commission to the Board of Supervisors meeting on February 4, 2025.

Subhi Mehdi seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB program and project updates to the Commission. See **Attachment 7** for the report.
 - o Archaeological fieldwork was completed for the Colvin Run connector Trail
 - o Contracting is being done for fieldwork for the Royal Lake Trail.
 - o Upcoming tree work to take place at Summers Family Cemetery.

Heritage Conservation Branch (HCB) and Resident Curator Program, Sarah Petroff:

- Sarah Petroff provided HCB project and program updates to the Commission on behalf of HCB staff. See **Attachment 8** for the staff report.
- Historic Sites Volunteer Corps is currently on winter break, will resume events in early spring of 2025.
- Resident Curator Program evaluation committee has selected the curator for the

- historic Ash Grove house. Draft lease agreement for curator. They are also accepting applications for Lahey Lost Valley, the deadline will be 30 days after the first application is submitted.
- Roof replacement is ongoing at Mount Gilead house, and preparations are in process for the demolition of the carriage house.

Anne Stuntz asked that staff rename their staff reports to something other than History Commission Update so that it stands out in the Egnyte folder.

Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library, provided staffing, program, collection, and archive updates. See Attachment 9 for the Virginia Room staff report.
 - The Virginia Room hosted a program on Dec 15, 2024, with Pail McCrae of NOVA Parks. He gave about 2k documents and records related to the operation of the WO&D railroad. Staff will be working on processing those for the public.
 - o There are two new Finding Aids published
 - Fairfax Home Economists in Home and Community Club Records
 - Springfield Acres Garden Club Collection
 - o Staff has scanned 56 yearbooks through the Library of Virginia.
 - O The Fairfax County Zoning Department released a cool database, residential building permits going to the late 1940s are all digitized and now available.

Committee Reports

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

There was no update for the Advocacy Committee

Awards Committee, David Meyer:

There was no update for the Awards Committee

Bylaws, Anne Barnes:

There was no update for the Bylaws Committee

Budget Committee, Elise Murray:

There was no update for the Budget Committee

Cemeteries Committee, Jenee Lindner:

There was no update for the Cemeteries Committee

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Sue Kovach Shuman shared that she has uploaded the committee report from the December 17, 2024 meeting, to Egnyte. See **Attachment 10** for the report.
- She mentioned that the committee will need to work with the 250th Committee on the 50 oral history interviews.

Financial Review Committee, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

There was no update for the Financial Committee

Ft. Belvoir Committee, Tammy Mannarino:

There was no update for the Fort Belvoir Committee

History Conference Committee:

There was no update for the History Conference Committee

There was a discussion about the after-conference committee report and final works to be done. Wrap up reimbursements. Sue Kovach Shuman volunteered to contact Lynne to see if she plans to do one.

Inventory Committee, Elise Murray:

There was no update for the Inventory Committee

Markers Committee, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

There was no update for the Markers Committee

250th Commission, Chair Gretchen Bulova:

Subhi Mehdi discussed that the History Commission has offered to provide the history content for the Fairfax County 250th Commission. There will be a video of oral histories, and the committee will be working with Channel 16 on this project.

Commissioner Reports

Architecture Review Board (ARB) Liaison, Elise Murray:

• Elise Murray, The ARB met and had a routine meeting in December. No updates. See **Attachment 11** for the ARB Reports.

Website, Cheryl-Ann Repetti

There was no update for the website committee.

Subhi Mehdi asked regarding the website content going to staff. Cheryl responded that staff posts the minutes, but the commission still discusses if there needs to be new pages or website updates. Page for Oral Histories?

Subhi Mehdi asked if commissioner bios should be on the website, the Commission agreed to not have bios on the website.

- Franconia Community Center Renaming due January
 - Elise Murray stated that the History Commission was asked to assist with the renaming of the new meeting rooms at the Franconia Community Center. The request was beyond the scope of the Committee.
 - o Phylis Walker Ford, who is a member of the community has been introduced to the project and will report to Chairperson Gretchen Bulova.

Announcements/ News to Share

 Sue Kovach Shuman received correspondence from Glassgow Middle School regarding a program they are planning with reference to Martin Luther King. They would like for the Historical Society and the History Commission to endorse and be involved.

On behalf of the Historical Society of Fairfax County, she also invited the commission members to the Mary Riley Styles library on Tuesday Jan 28, 2025. Edwin Henderson will talk about how to create a historic district and answer questions. The event will be noticed.

- Jenee Lindner shared about a Black History event at Woodson High school the first week in February. Authors from the Black Communities of Fairfax will attend.
- Jordan Tannenbaum is the acting chairman of the Advisory Council on Historic

Preservation.

Gretchen Bulova adjourned the meeting at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Keisha Strand Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 4/15/25

Tammy Mannarino, Corresponding Secretary Fairfax County History Commission

Attachments

Attachment 1: Status of Outstanding Minutes as of January 2, 2025 Attachment 2: Treasurer's Report, November 2024 and December 2024

Attachment 3: 2025 History Commission meeting Schedule

Attachment 4: History Commission Committees

Attachment 5: Friends of Huntley Meadows Park Letter

Attachment 6: DPD Branch Report January 2025

Attachment 7: Archaeology and Collections Branch Staff Report

Attachment 8: Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report

Attachment 9: Virginia Room Staff Report

Attachment 10: Ethnic and Oral History Committee Report

Attachment 11: Architecture Review Board Liaison Report

Status of Outstanding minutes as of January 2, 2025

Prepared by Tammy Mannarino

Label	Shared?	Approved?	Uploaded?	Notes
September 2023	To FCHC	10/4/23	No	
September 2023 Minutes (Amended)	To Executive Leadership 11/11/23	No	No	Clerk, Elliot Meyer shared Amended Minutes with Executive Leadership on 11/11/2023 indicating approval needed.
April 2024 Minutes	To FCHC	11/6/2024	No	
May 2024 Minutes	To FCHC	9/4/2024	No	
June 2024 Minutes	To FCHC	9/4/2024	No	
July –No meeting				
August – No meeting				
September 2024 Minutes	Via Nov Egnyte and again To Executive Leadership Past and Present 12/18/24	No	No	
October 2024 Minutes	To Executive Leadership Past and Present 12/18/24	No	No	
November 2024 Minutes	To Executive Leadership Past and Present 12/18/24	No	No	
December 2024 Minutes	To Executive Leadership Past and Present 12/20/24	No	No	

Fairfax County History Commission Treasurer's Report for Januarry 8, 2025 Meeting

November 2024

	Beginning balance: All Accounts		\$68,417.66 •			
	DPD Beginning Balance Expenditure: Transfer to the Park Authority for the 2024 History Conference	(\$5,500.00)	\$66,920.54			
	Ending balance		\$61,420.54			
	FCPA-History Conference Balance: July 1, 2024 Transfer from DPD for the 2024 History Conference	\$5,500.00	\$1,497.12 •			
	Ending balance		\$6,997.12 •			
	Ending Balance: All Accounts		\$68,417.66 •			
December 2024						
	Beginning balance: All Accounts		\$68,417.66 •			
	DPD Beginning Balance Expenditure: None		\$61,420.54			
	Ending balance		\$61,420.54			
	FCPA-History Conference Balance: July 1, 2024 + \$5,500 Transfer		\$6,997.12 •			
	Ending Balance: All Accounts		\$68,417.66 *			

^{*} Does not include 2024 History Conference expenditures.

Submitted by Elise Ruff Murray

Fairfax County History Commission

2025 Meeting Schedule

Fairfax County Government Center



January 8, 2025

February 5, 2025

March 5, 2025

April 2, 2025

May 7, 2025

June 4, 2025

July 2, 2025

August 6, 2025

September 3, 2025

October 1, 2025

November 5, 2025

December 3, 2025

Fairfax County History Commission Committees

Standing Committees:

Executive Committee

Gretchen Bulova (Chair) Subhi Mehdi (Vice Chair) Tammy Mannarino (Secretary) Brian Heintz (Treasurer)

<u>Awards</u>

David Meyer (Chair) Elise Ruff Murray Jordan Tannenbaum Brian Heintz

Budget

Elise Ruff Murray (Chair) Anne Barnes Anne Stuntz Subhi Mehdi

Bylaws

Anne Barnes (Chair) Elise Ruff Murray Subhi Mehdi Need one more

Financial Review

Cheryl-Ann Repetti (Chair) Anne Stuntz Subhi Mehdi Elise Ruff Murray

Nominating Committee

To be appointed at Sept meeting

Ad Hoc Committees:

250th Committee

Gretchen Bulova (Chair) Tammy Mannarino Subhi Mehdi Brian Heintz

Fort Belvoir Advisory

Tammy Mannarino (Chair) Subhi Mehdi Jordan Tannenbaum

Jenee Lindner

Committees:

Advocacy

Anne Stuntz (Chair) Tammy Mannarino Subhi Mehdi Need one more

Cemeteries

Jenee Lindner (Chair) Cheryl-Ann Repetti Anne Stuntz David Meyer

Oral History

Sue Kovach-Shuman (Chair) Anne Stuntz Anne Barnes Tammy Mannarino Jenee Lindner Margo Child

History Conference

Open (Chair) Anne Barnes

Inventory of Historic Sites

Elise Ruff Murray (Chair) Sue Kovach Shuman Anne Stuntz Tammy Mannarino Cheryl-Ann Repetti

Markers

Cheryl-Ann Repetti (Chair) Anne Barnes Tammy Mannarino Elise Ruff Murray Brian Heintz Sue Kovach-Shuman

December 30, 2024

To: Kiel Stone, Chairman of the Fairfax County Park Authority Board

Jai Cole, Director of the Fairfax County Park Authority

From: The Friends of Historic Huntley

The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

Re: Forest Restoration at AAA Historic Site in Huntley Meadows Park

One of the last remaining Cold War Anti-Aircraft Artillery (AAA) Gun sites in the Washington DC area is at risk. Located within Huntley Meadows Park, it is threatened by a Fairfax County Park Authority (FCPA) "Helping Our Land Heal" forest restoration project that began this December.

The Friends of Historic Huntley first learned about this project at a Park Authority Board meeting on April 26, 2023. We raised our concerns with staff at that time and have continued highlighting the issues with staff since then. We were assured that we would be consulted before any work began and that the plan would not be solidified until there was an investigation by FCPA Cultural Resources staff. We were not consulted before the work began, and the project has been initiated without the promised cultural resource review. Sensing that our concerns are not being heard, we feel forced to bring to your attention the endangerment of this significant Cold War site that is under FCPA stewardship. The Friends of Huntley Meadows Park joins us in this endeavor.

Our two Friends groups share the conviction that the priority for the AAA site is the cultural resource. We agree that invasive plants are a major problem throughout the County and need to be controlled. Many areas within Huntley Meadows Park need this important work. It is unfortunate that of all the areas needing attention at HMP, a significant cultural resource site was chosen.

The cultural resource itself – building foundations, compacted earth for the gun array – impede the growth of healthy trees in this area of the park. If a healthy forest with a complete canopy is FCPA's priority, then the cultural resource would have to be destroyed. We strongly oppose this approach.

We ask that the FCPA investigate and document the AAA site before there is any further forest restoration work in that area. We would like to review the FCPA's plan to protect the cultural resource.

If the FCPA is unable to undertake such pre-requisite cultural resource analysis, then we ask that another site be chosen within HMP for forest restoration.

Sincerely,

Todi Carnes, President, Friends of Historic Huntley Ben Jesup, President, Friends of Huntley Meadows Park

Cc:

Rodney Lusk, Franconia District Supervisor (via Deputy Chief of Staff Aaron Campbell)

Dan Storck, Mt. Vernon District Supervisor (via staff member Diego Rodrigues Cabrera)

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Fairfax County History Commission Chair

Aimee Vosper, Deputy Director Business, FCPA

Sara Baldwin, Deputy Director Operations, FCPA

Torsha Bhattacharya, Stewardship and Planning Division Director, FCPA

Laura Grape, Resource Management and Interpretation Division Director, FCPA

John Burke, Natural Resources Branch Manager, FCPA

Bryan Coppede, Ecologist II, Natural Resources Branch, FCPA

Elizabeth Crowell, Cultural Resources Branch Manager, FCPA

David Buchta, Heritage Conservation Branch Manager, FCPA

Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, FCPA

Nicole Mitchell, Waterfront Sites and Nature Centers Branch Manager, FCPA

Allison Rankin, Central Outreach Friends Group Coordinator, FCPA

Karen Sheffield, Huntley Meadows Park Manager, FCPA

Tammy Mannarino, Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society

Sally Lyons, Friends of Fairfax Archaeology

Francis Gary Powers, Jr., Cold War Museum

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Ongoing Projects:

- Black/African American Historical Marker Project: No update. The next marker
 installation is scheduled for April 5, 2025, at West Springfield High School, for the West
 Springfield 16. The marker was nominated by students from the Applied History Class
 taught by History Commissioner Brian Heintz! For more information visit: Black/African
 American Historical Marker Project, or contact Stephanie Newman,
 Stephanie.Newman@fairfaxcounty.gov. Stay tuned for future updates.
- Mid-Century Modern Countywide Survey: No update. A final draft of the survey report
 was distributed to History Commission members earlier in November, comments were
 due on Monday, Dec. 2. DPD-HRB staff are compiling comments for submission to
 VDHR; a final draft is anticipated in Spring 2025. For more information visit: Midcentury
 Modern Historic Resource Survey | Planning Development (fairfaxcounty.gov), or
 contact Laura Kviklys, laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- Gum Springs Heritage Resource Study: No update. Commonwealth Preservation Group (CPG) is completing archival research and transcribing the oral histories conducted on October 16-17, to be included in the development of a draft historic context and survey report to be published in early 2025. CPG will begin a feasibility study of preservation planning tools for inclusion in the final management document. These tools will be presented to the community in October 2025. For more information on the project, or to sign up for newsletter updates, visit: Gum Springs Heritage Resources Study | Planning Development (fairfaxcounty.gov), or contact Laura Kviklys, laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.
- Centreville Suburban Area Study, Historic Resource Survey and Outreach Project:
 No update. The architectural survey and data entry have been completed. Draft plan text for the Heritage Resources subsection is currently in development. The Architectural Review Board will be briefed on the study at its December 12, 2024, meeting. For more information on the study, please visit: Planning Development (fairfaxcounty.gov), or contact Laura Kviklys, laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov
- Updated Historic Overlay District (HOD) Design Guidelines: No update. Staff are
 compiling and reviewing the comments received over the summer through the public
 input process, in preparation to send requested revisions to the consultants for
 finalization of the documents. As a reminder, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) is
 preparing to adopt updated district-specific design guidelines documents for thirteen
 HODs, as well as a new county-wide General Design Guidelines document which will
 apply to all current and future HODs. For more information on the project and to view

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the documents, please visit: Rewrite of the Historic Overlay District Design Guidelines | Planning Development (fairfaxcounty.gov). Any questions about the revised or new design guidelines documents should be sent to the ARB Administrator, Daniel White, at Daniel.white2@fairfaxcounty.gov.

Mount Gilead Carriage House: No update. FCPA has committed \$11,650 to contract
Wiss, Janney, Elstner Associates, Inc. for professional services for the Mount Gilead
Carriage House. The services include Historic American Building Survey (HABS) with
photographs. All HABS work and documentation will follow the National Park Service
(NPS) HABS documentation guidelines and standards to obtain archival photographs
and history short form for submission to NPS for inclusion in the HABS database,
which is hosted and maintained by the Library of Congress.

Current Development Cases:

- Misión Evangélica, Sunnyside/DeBell House, (SP 2022-SU-00144, 6321 Old Centreville Road, Centreville), Sully District: The BZA hearing was conducted December 4, 2024, at 9am in the Government Center Board Auditorium. Staff received Phase II level documentation which will be submitted to the Virginia Room. The applicant is proposing demolition of the house and has agreed to provide \$5,000 for a historical marker. The marker location will be determined and text developed in consultation with DPD-HRB and the History Commission. Contact Stephanie Newman, Stephanie.Newman@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.
- Dunn Loring Elementary School (RZ-2023-PR-00018), Providence District: The
 application was originally presented to the Planning Commission at a public hearing on
 October 30, 2024 and was deferred until November 13, 2024. At the November 13
 meeting, the Planning Commission deferred the case to allow the Fairfax County Public
 Schools to present the project to the Architectural Review Board (ARB) on December
 12, 2024. The applicant has resubmitted proffers following the presentation to the ARB
 which include:
 - Phase II Intensive Level Documentation, in accordance with Virginia Department of Historic Resources Guidelines For Conducting Historic Resources Survey In Virginia, October 2011, Revised September 2017, provided to the Heritage Resources Branch
 - Large format photography of the historic core and additions which meet the Historic American Buildings Survey standards
 - A report containing, at a minimum: historical information (date of construction, architect, ownership history builder/supplier, original plans, and any alterations or additions), historic context narrative, architectural description (architectural character, description of exterior, description of interior, site description), and a bibliography containing sources of information.
 - · Preservation of the historic WPA Plaque

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- An interpretative historical exhibit that explains the history and evolution of the site and
 the existing building, including ethnographic research of the local community
 members and descendants of those historically connected to the Property for review
 and comment by DPD-HR, the FCHC, and the ARB. The interpretive exhibit will attempt
 to incorporate the salvaged pediment and most or all of the associated entranceway
 to the existing historic school, and some of the existing exterior bricks. Materials which
 are compromised (e.g. decayed wood that cannot be used), will not be incorporated.
 - A final design plan for the interpretative historical exhibit, including the incorporation
 of all or such portions of the pediment, associated entranceway and salvaged bricks,
 will be submitted to the Heritage Resources Branch, the History Commission and the
 ARB for review and comment prior to the installation of the interpretative historical
 exhibit.
 - An interpretive wayside marker or an historical County marker, to be located on-site, to commemorate the family who conveyed the Property to the Applicant and the history of the Dunn Loring School.

The case will be presented to the Planning Commission on January 15, 2025, for decision only. Contact Laura Kviklys, laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.

Other Items

- DPD-HRB Staff Work Request Forms: In partnership with the Executive Leadership
 Team, DPD-HRB staff have developed a Work Request Form for requesting
 professional, non-administrative assistance from County staff. This form is intended to
 streamline the work request process from Committees. Please contact the FCHC Chair
 or reach out to Laura Kviklys or Stephanie Newman with any questions.
- DHR Cost Share Grant for Post-Modern Historic Context and Directed Survey: DPD-HRB Staff were notified in mid-July that the Post-Modern Historic Context and Directed Survey has been funded through the DHR Cost Share Program. The project will include the development of a historic context for Post-Modern era resources in Fairfax County, a directed survey of pre-selected buildings, and the creation of a matrix to classify and rank the identified properties according to their historical and architectural significance. The Post-Modern Historic Context and Directed Survey will include resources constructed between 1970 and 1995. Contact Laura Kviklys, laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.
- DHR Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant National Register Nomination and Historical Marker for Randall Estates Subdivision: The consultants WJE, Inc, conducted the architectural survey fieldwork the week of November 11, 2024. In December 2024, WJE will complete VCRIS data entry and begin research and drafting

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text for the National Register nomination. Contact Stephanie Newman, Stephanie.Newman@fairfaxcountv.gov with any questions.

Architectural Review Board Administrator, Planner III Position- DPD is seeking to fill
a Planner III position, which will also serve as the Architectural Review Board
Administrator. For more information visit: <u>Planner III | Job Details tab | Career Pages</u>;
the application submission period ends January 10, 2025.



- MEMORANDUM -

Date: January 3, 2025

To: Fairfax County History Commission

From: Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Stewardship and Planning Division

Subject: January Staff Report

Archaeological fieldwork was completed for the Colvin Run Connector Trail to comply with federal archaeological requirements (Section 106). No archaeological sites were identified during the survey and the project is moving forward with Architectural Review Board Approval.

Contracting for fieldwork for the Rabbit Branch Stream Valley/Royal Lake trail project is in process with fieldwork to commence as weather allows. This project may require a NEPA determination as well as Section 106 coordination.

Proposals for tree services at Summers Cemetery, Carter Family Cemetery, and Peake Family Cemetery have been received. Anticipated start date for work is next month following public meetings and/or notifications.

Proposals for ground penetrating radar (GPR) at the above cemeteries have similarly been received. Anticipated start date is later this winter, weather allowing.

Laboratory processing of artifacts recovered at the Fairfax Arms property continues along with preliminary report preparation.

ACB anticipates preliminary reporting from ground penetrating radar (GPR) survey at Mount Gilead later this week. An internal Cultural Resource Inventory report is underway to guide further work at the site.

For more information on the Park Authority's Archaeology and Collections Branch, please see: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/archaeology

Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division

History Commission Updates

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Historic Sites Volunteer Corps

 HSVC is currently on their winter recess and will resume events in early spring of 2025

Resident Curator Program Updates

- RCP staff is currently preparing the draft lease for residential curatorship of the Ash Grove house. The process for lease approval includes a BOS public hearing.
- The RCP is accepting applications for Lahey Lost Valley. Once staff receives an
 application, a deadline for additional applications will be set for 30 calendar days
 following the date the initial application was received.
- Roof replacement work is ongoing at Mt Gilead house. Preparations are in
 process for the demolition of the carriage house. A resident curator lease signing
 will be coordinated with the completion of these projects.



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

January 2025

Programs

On December 15, Paul McCray of NOVA Parks gave a lecture on the history of the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad. Following it, he transferred over 2,000 documents of W&OD paper records he had collected in his role at NOVA Parks. The papers along with the photographs donated last fall, will be indexed and processed throughout 2025.

New Finding Aids Published

Fairfax Home Economists in Home and Community Club Records, 1951-2016

This collection contains by-laws, club histories, financial records, meeting minutes, program booklets, photographs, a scrapbook and a magnetic photo album. Subjects covered are the activities of the Fairfax Home Economists in Home and Community Club which was active in Fairfax County, Virginia from 1951-2016.

Springfield Acres Garden Club Collection, 1956-2010

This collection consists of scrapbooks that include photographs, correspondence, personal notes, show programs, newspaper clippings, invitations, and awards. Also included in are award applications and certificates, newsletters, programs, yearbooks, and other ephemera. Subjects covered are horticulture, banquet decorating, flower shows, landscape planning, therapeutic gardening, and other activities of the club which is based in Springfield, Virginia.

Digitization Efforts

56 yearbooks from the collection have been digitized by Internet Archive in Princeton, New Jersey. Included in this batch are yearbooks from Annandale, Edison, Madison, Mount Vernon, Fairfax and Falls Church high schools.

House Building Permits Digitally Available!

Last month the Fairfax County Zoning <u>Permits</u> Section publicly released a digital searchable database of historical residential building permits. These were scanned from their "Street Files" collection which is located on the 2nd floor of the Herrity Building. The permits typically include when a house in the county was built, the architect, contractor, and price. They date from the late 1940s-present. Building permits for commercial properties have not been scanned at this time.

FCHC Ethnic and Oral History Committee (OH) Meeting

Dec. 17, 2024, 7 p.m. Freeman Store and Museum, Vienna

Attendees: Virtual – Esther McCullough, chair, Cheryl Repetti, Lynne Garvey-Hodge In Person - Barbara Peters, Anne Stuntz, Sue Kovach Shuman, Sallie Lyons

Esther said she is resigning from the history commission to concentrate on her family and self, and that the committee must decide how to go forward and select a chairman. There was no quorum at the last meeting, where the discussion was on honoring older adults <u>age</u> 90 and above, or even 100 and above.

Sue said that the 250th Committee of the FCHC at its meeting said Channel 16 will be doing 50 interviews for the 250th anniversary celebration of the United States. These might be going out to the public mid-2025. So will there be resources for the oral history committee if we partner with the 250th by doing oral histories of older adults? These would be on what it means to be an American in Fairfax. Those born here only, or how to whittle down who is interviewed and what questions, would have to be discussed. Since the last OH meeting, Sue made contacts in Braddock Glen and noted that at many places for older adults, you need to go through the Activities coordinator.

County permission forms must be used, just like when Channel 16 does an interview. Interviews could be conducted using personal cellphones, but Sue suggested that a motion might be made at a history commission meeting for some money to purchase MP3 archival technology as needed to download from cellphones. We must investigate the possibility that these and 250th ones can go on youtube.

Esther suggested that a reception be held for older adults who may want to share oral histories. Others felt that it is a good idea but early until the oral history questions and project are defined.

The committee discussed: Community center senior centers are a good place to start looking for oral history candidates, after deciding what demographic might be interviewed and what questions to ask. Could they be done in supervisor's offices? Sue suggested that the supervisor be credited/thanked for their participation if so. Could public libraries be used? Or perhaps will these interviews be best in their own homes or place of residence because of mobility and health issues?

Sue asked if we <u>can</u> consider doing podcasts - could the county host them? After January, Sue will ask Pam Gardner at Channel 16. Lynne suggested that Valerie Bey, who used to work at Channel 16 and now does freelance projects, be contacted. (Early in her career as a journalist, Sue was a radio news journalist and later wrote radio spots for The Washington Post.) Cheryl suggested that OH partner with the FC Park Authority on projects Sallie said a woman named Linda (last name unknown) came to the 2024 history conference and might be a resource/source to help OH.

Perhaps StoryCorps could be considered (for archiving?) What is the cost, and how? Sue looked into this and also TheirStory, software that George Mason University uses for its oral history

project, for the 250th committee. Sue got a quote of \$4,000 from TheirStory. GMU has subscriptions for multiple projects but what they pay is unknown.

We might use the public library's Family History Kit because it has a recorder, a binder with information about oral histories, and those purchased cards kits in different languages, Anne said).

Sue noted that transcripts from Providence Perspectives, an oral history series on residents in that district, are in the Virginia Room. She worked on some of these for Linda Byrne, who used to work for Supervisor Smyth. Linda recently asked Sue if she would like to do this again, to expand the oral history archive.

Sallie noted that The Washington Post <u>Retropolis</u> column is expanding. Columnist Petula Dvorak is moving into it.

Anne asked how we can leverage ourselves—expand our manpower, expand our reach The issue of getting the HC work out there---reaching the public via the website and giving credit to the FC History Commission---was discussed. Several committee people said we need to add OH to our HC page-there is no presence there now. You have to look at Consumer Affairs and Channel 16 to get to HC oral history interviews. Cheryl said she will ask staff to request that a link be out on the HC website pages.

Meeting adjourned at 8:08, except for kudos from Lynne to committee members and to Esther.

-submitted by Sue with help from Anne's notes

ACTION AGENDA

November 14, 2024

THE FAIRFAX COUNTY ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW BOARD

Fairfax County Government Center 12000 Government Center Pkwy, Fairfax Conference Room 232 6:30 PM

CALL TO ORDER- Chair

- 1. Vote of audibility of remote Board Member participant(s) No remote participants
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 UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING RECORDING

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Statement of Purpose and Intent of Historic Overlay Districts

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INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS- Staff

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION ITEMS:

 ARB-24-LOR-12 – 8382 Sallyport St Solar located at 8382 Sallyport St Lorton, tax map 1071 10J 0013, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District. The applicant is proposing the installation of sixteen (16) roof-mounted solar panels. Clay Thomas represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00026. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

- ARB-24-HOL-26 2208 Marthas Rd Additions located at 2208 Marthas Rd Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0100, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing two additions, relocation of the front entry door, and installation of a new privacy fence. Deborah Lerner represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00047. Mount Vernon District, ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
- ARB-24-HOL-25 2405 Nemeth Ct Addition located at 2405 Nemeth Ct Alexandria, tax map 0933 12 0011, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing a one-story addition. Scott Sterl represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00045. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: DEFERRED [unanimous]
- ARB-24-HOL-27 2208 Glasgow Rd Special Permit located at 2208 Glasgow Rd Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0501, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is requesting recommendation of approval for a Special Permit for proposed reductions in the rear and front setbacks. Christine Kelly represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00049. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: RECOMMENDATION OF APPROVAL [6 in favor, 1 against, 1 abstention]
- ARB-24-HOL-28 2208 Glasgow Rd Additions located at 2208 Glasgow Rd Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0501, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing the construction of front and rear additions. Christine Kelly represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00048. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: APPROVED [7 in favor, 1 abstention]

ITEMS FOR WORKSHOP SESSION:

- ARB-24-HOL-30WS 2404 Elba Ct Deck located at 2404 Elba Ct Alexandria, tax map 0933 16 0004, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing the construction of a deck. Kimberly Sanchez and Tasha Thompson represent the application. PLUS # ARBWK-2024-MV-00021. Mount Vernon District.
- ARB-24-LKA-02WS 1625 Washington Plz Mechanical located at 1625 Washington Plz Reston, tax map 0172 31 1625, in the Lake Anne Village Center HOD. The applicant is proposing the installation of air conditioning equipment on the roof. Vanessa Lazo represents the application. PLUS # ARBWK-2024-HM-00020. Hunter Mill District.
- ARB-24-CRM-02WS 1295 Colvin Forest Dr New Construction located at 1295 Colvin Forest Dr Vienna, tax map 0182 08 C3, in the Colvin Run Mill HOD. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing residence and construct a new residence on the property. Deepak Yanduru represents the application PLUS # ARBWK-2024-HM-00019. Hunter Mill District.

PRESENTATIONS: None

BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS:

- Review and action on approval of previous month's minutes: October 10, 2024
- Treasurer's Report: Ending balance as of October 31, 2024 \$26,712.98 ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
- Administrative:
 - Nominating committee
 - o 2025 Meeting Schedule
- Discussion/Update Reports: None
- Correspondence, Announcements: (Staff)
 - o Heritage Resources Branch Update
- Old Business:
 - o Dunn Loring school rezoning
 - Staff Report project
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CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION ITEMS: None

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

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- ARB-24-HUN-01 7121 Harrison Ln Addition located at 7121 Harrison Ln Alexandria, tax map 0924 01 0006, in the Huntley HOD. The applicant is proposing the construction of a garage addition with a second story storage room. Kirk Guillory represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2024-FR-00051. Franconia District. ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED
- ARB-24-HOL-25 2405 Nemeth Ct Addition located at 2405 Nemeth Ct Alexandria, tax map 0933 12 0011, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing a one-story addition. Scott Sterl represents the application. PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00045. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: APPROVED [9 in favor, 1 abstention]

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- 2. ARB-24-LOR-13WS 9030 Power House Rd Alterations located in the 9030 Power House Rd Loron, tax map 1071 09 H1, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District. The applicant is proposing the adaptive reuse of building P-12, the former dining hall, into a climbing gym operated by Sport Rock. Proposed exterior alterations include the placement of HVAC units and associated wall penetrations, installation of entrance signage, and the construction of an outdoor climbing structure on an expanded concrete patio within the quadrangle on the south side of the building. Jack Perkins and Michael Nanney represent the application. PLUS # ARBWK-2024-MV-00022. Mount Vernon District.

PRESENTATIONS

 Update on Plan Amendment 2022-III-BR1 Centreville Planning Study by Michael Burton, Department of Planning and Development, Monitoring and Plan Development Branch.

On October 25, 2022, the Board of Supervisors authorized the consideration of a Comprehensive Plan amendment for the Centreville Planning Area in the Sully Supervisor District. The adopted Plan for this area covers approximately 2,700 acres and includes recommendations for a wide range of land uses in the Centreville Area section of the Comprehensive Plan. The Board requested that staff review the Plan guidance for the Centreville Area and Suburban Center, which has not been comprehensively reviewed in over 25 years. The study area encompasses the Centreville HOD. The study aims to advance inclusive community engagement recommendations and based on study findings, identify new Plan priorities, potential opportunities for redevelopment, and/or changes to the Comprehensive Plan. Sully District.

2. Dunn Loring School Rezoning (RZ-2023-PR-00018) by Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS)

FCPS is submitting an application for the proposed redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Elementary School site, at 2334 Gallows Rd. The proposal includes the demolition of the existing historic Dunn Loring Elementary School building, listed in the Inventory of Historic Sites, and construction of a new elementary school on the parcel. The application is scheduled to appear before the Planning Commission in January 2025 and the Board of Supervisors in early 2025.

BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS:

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