

**Fairfax County History Commission
Monthly Meeting**

November 6, 2024, 7:30 p.m.
Virtually via Microsoft Teams

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a virtual meeting with all remote attendees on November 6, 2024. The meeting was called to order at 7:37 p.m.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

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

Attendance

Commissioners Present per Districts:

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Chair*
Esther McCullough, *Vice Chair*
Anne Stuntz, *Secretary*
Elise Murray, *Treasurer*
Sallie Lyons
Tammy Mannarino
Sue Kovach Shuman
Cheryl-Ann Repetti
Brian Heintz
Jenee Lindner

District:

At-Large
Sully
Hunter Mill
Hunter Mill
Mount Vernon
Mount Vernon
Providence
Sully
Braddock
Springfield

Commissioners Excused:

Subhi Mehdi
Gretchen Bulova
David Meyer
Anne Barnes
Jordan Tannenbaum

Commissioners Absent:

Margo Coleman

County Liaisons Present:

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

Staff Present:

Keisha Strand, History Commission Clerk

Special Guests Present:

None

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

***Joined after roll call*

Welcome, Announcements, and Opening Business

Chair Announcements, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

Chairperson Garvey-Hodge began the meeting with the following announcements:

- Esther McCullough and Lynne Garvey-Hodge will be working with Keisha on the September minutes. Stay tuned.
- National Native American Heritage Month
- “Fun Fact” from Commission Member, Brian Heintz, Braddock District,
 - In 1897 Soldiers were mustered for the Spanish American war at Camp Alger in Falls Church.
 - There was the equivalent to 750K soldiers, which disrupted the locals and economy.
 - It was decided to march them to Manassas estimated time in two days.
 - Day 1 they made it to Burke Station, where they ran out of supplies. They spent the next 3 days using up the resources of the town.
 - Next, they moved to Clifton, where some soldier decided to look for memorabilia in confederate graves. Eventually they made their way to Manassas.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge, thank you for those in attendance at the conference, which was held at ... on November 2, 2024. The Committee viewed the “20th Anniversary History Conference” video.
- Esther McCullough is retiring from the History Commission after 24 years. She expressed thanks to the Commission for their efforts over the years.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge is retiring from the History Commission after 24 years as well. She made several friends and many thanks to everyone and their hard work on the Commission.
- Jenee Lindner expressed thanks and gratitude to Lynne for providing information and growth on the Commission over the years.
 - Slate of proposed Officers for the year 2025. Voting to take place at the next meeting. Nominations
 - Chair - Gretchen Bulova
 - Vice Chair - Subhi Mehdi
 - Secretary - Tammy Mannarino
 - Treasurer - Brian Heintz

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Minutes

A motion was made by Sue Kovach Shuman to approve the April 3, 2024, History Commission Meeting Minutes:

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

Esther McCullough seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

The September 2024 and October 2024 minutes will be voted on at the next meeting.

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Treasurer's Report

Elise Murray reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 1, 2024. See **Attachment 1** for the October report.

Staff Reports

Heritage Resources Branch, Laura Kviklys:

- Laura Kviklys, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave projects, program, and staff updates. See **Attachment 2** for the staff report.
- Stephanie to review VFOIA review If/ Then suggestions from Office of the County Attorney (OCA) next month.
- All items on the FCHC website need to meet ADA requirements, staff is able to provide support.
- Several ongoing projects, public hearings, and other updates were also discussed.

There was a discussion between the commission on the Dunn Loring event/public hearings.

Anne Stuntz moved, and was seconded by Jenee Lindner, that Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Tammy Mannarino, and Sue Kovach Shuman represent the Fairfax County History Commission's position and other related issues at the Board of Supervisors public hearing on Tuesday, November 19, 2024, at 3:30PM. The motion passed unanimously. [The public hearing was postponed until early 2025]

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB program and project updates to the Commission. See **Attachment 3** for the staff report.
- October was Virginia Archaeology Month.
- "Archtoberfest" occurred on October 12, 2024, from 10am – 2pm, at the Sully Historic Site. Staff spent time conducting activities and teaching the public on how archaeology contributes to interpretation. The event surpassed attendance goals and

received a letter from the Virginia State Archaeologist, Dr. Elizabeth Moore.

- There were several other events taking place in honor of the month.

Heritage Conservation Branch (HCB) and Resident Curator Program, Stephanie Langton:

- Stephanie Langton provided HCB project and program updates to the Commission on behalf of HCB staff. See **Attachment 4** for the staff report.
- Still accepting applications for the Lahey Lost Valley Property. The application period will close after 30 days.
- There were 10 in person as well as virtual attendees at the Resident Curator public on Monday at Partick Henry Library.
- ARB approved demolition of Mount Gilead Carriage House. Staff will document the building, following clearing and scrubbing. Items will be saved for the rebuild.

Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library, provided staffing, program, collection, and archive updates. See **Attachment 5** for the Virginia Room staff report.
- Centreville drawings came in over the weekend from the Lewis Leigh Jr. collection. They are great. Many thanks to the History Commission for providing the funding.
- Scanning more yearbooks for the Library of Virginia, 56 were submitted.
- New slide collection is available for 1988 Dunn Loring. Identified about 955 of the slides to include houses and various structures.
- There are several upcoming events at the library with great attendance anticipated.

Committee Reports

Budget and Inventory Committees, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray provided an update regarding the budget. See **Attachment 6** for report.
- There was no update for the Inventory Committee

History Conference Committee, Chairperson Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge shared special appreciation for Lynard Orange, who was the producer for the video and livestreaming the conference.
- Pat Worth was able to view the conference through the livestream and truly appreciated being able to participate in that way.

Awards Committees, Chairperson Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge shared about the award ceremony, which took place at the History Conference.
- Dr. Glenn Fatzinger received the Lifetime Achievement Award
- All of the ladies from, “Black Communities of Fairfax – A History”, attended to

receive the Cultural Heritage Engagement Award. This award was the idea of Elise Murray.

- Gibran Parvez won the Edith Moore Sprouse Award, for his immersive website of the areas around Dulles Airport, from 1820 to the present. Melanie Robinson was his motivation for the website.
- The Nan Netherton Award was presented to Tom Shoop, for his book “Ilda”. Supervisor James Walkinshaw presented the award.
- Dr. Kyrstyn Moon, Kristin Neun, Dr. Matt Bakker, and Dr. Janine Dewitt received the Beth Mitchell award for their project, “ Documenting Exclusion & Resilience in NOVA”.

Advocacy Committee, Annual Report, and County Children’s Project, Ann Stuntz:

- Ann Stuntz, there were a couple of events to include Octoberfest and a Tour de Mount Vernon.
- If commission members are aware of any indoor events, notify the committee for participation.
- Holiday party next month’s meeting. Arrive at 6:30pm. There will be a signup sheet emailed.
- The coloring book draft will be ready by next meeting.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough updated the Commission that the Ethnic and Oral History Committee
- Meeting will be November 20th at 6pm, will last about an hour. At Freeman Store and Museum. Remote attendance will be available.
- The committee will be discussing preparation for a spring event to honor the seniors in the county, those 90 years old and above.
- Interviews planned for Suzanne Levy and Don Beyer, for oral histories.
- Esther encouraged members to continue to scout out individuals for oral history events.

Ft. Belvoir Committee, Tammy Mannarino:

- Tammy Mannarino no updates.

250th Commission, Tammy Mannarino:

- Tammy Mannarino provided the committee update. See **Attachment 7** for report.
- The Fairfax County 250th Chair, Scott Stroh, briefed the Board of Supervisors with the semi-annual report. See **Attachment 8** for report
- The History Commission 250th Committee met on October 22, 2024, and discussed oral histories to be done as part of the 250th experience in Fairfax County.
- Newsletters are going to be produced, and History Commission will be providing the commentary for that.
- The next meeting for History Commission 250th Committee is December 10, 2024. The Fairfax County 250th Commission meeting is November 20, 2024.

Architecture Review Board (ARB) Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray, The ARB met and had a routine meeting. No updates. See **Attachment 9** for the ARB Report.

Markers Committee, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- Cheryl-Ann Repetti will schedule a committee meeting to finish pending approvals. She will meet with VDOT regarding the procedure of getting a marker on VDOT property.

There was a discussion on maintaining the markers to include the procedure of notifying the committee chair, as there is a budget for maintenance.

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Old/Unfinished Business

Update on AAHI Project, Updates from Mary Lipsey:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge stated that Mary Lipsey wanted to have Black National Anthem information shared with the committee, and she read the statement. See **Attachment 10**.

New Business

- No new business.

Announcements

- Esther McCullough volunteered to be the election overseer for next month.
- Tammy Mannarino, Mount Vernon Historical Society will have a program on Sunday, November 17, 2024, at 1pm, at Pohick Church. It is a lecture where historians will discuss who built the church.
- Anne Stuntz encouraged the commission to look again at the Documenting Exclusion website, because keeps getting updated with more information. especially for Vienna.
- Jenee Lindner has a website for the “Friends of the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse”, they organize and go on tours all over the county. The group has now hired somebody and completely revamped the website, which provides information on tours, and the book “Black Communities of Fairfax, A History”. There was a tour at GMU with 3 buses, parents and students. Over 150 people

joined.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge adjourned the meeting at 9:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Keisha Strand
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Date: April 9, 2025

Anne Stuntz, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Attachments

- Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, November 2024
- Attachment 2: DPD Branch Report November 2024
- Attachment 3: Archaeology and Collections Branch Staff Report
- Attachment 4: Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report
- Attachment 5: Virginia Room Staff Report
- Attachment 6: Budget Request, FY26
- Attachment 7: 250th Committee Report
- Attachment 8: Fairfax County 250th Bi-Annual Report
- Attachment 9: Architecture Review Board Liaison Report
- Attachment 10: Black National Anthem Statement

Attachment 1

**Fairfax County History Commission
Treasurer's Report for November 6, 2024 Meeting**

October

Beginning balance: All Accounts	\$70,417.66
<u>DPD</u>	
Beginning Balance	\$68,920.54
Expenditure:	
HC Donation: Friends of the VA Room for Civil War Centreville Sketches	\$2,000.00
Ending balance	\$66,920.54
<u>FCPA-History Conference</u>	
Balance: July 1, 2024	\$1,497.12 *
Ending Balance: All Accounts	<u>\$68,417.66</u>

* Does not include 2024 History Conference expenditures.

Submitted by Elise Ruff Murray
FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 2

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Department of Planning and Development/Heritage Resources Branch (DPD-HRB) Update
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Ongoing Projects:

- **Black/African American Historical Marker Project:** The next marker to be installed will be for the West Springfield 16. The marker was nominated by students from the Applied History Class taught by FCHC Commission member Brian Heintz! DPD-HRB staff are working with FCPS to determine a date for and to plan the unveiling ceremony. For more information visit: [Black/African American Historical Marker Project](#), or contact Stephanie Newman, Stephanie.Newman@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- **Mid-Century Modern Countywide Survey:** A final draft of the survey report was received in mid-October by DPD-HRB and is under review by DPD-HRB staff. Once finalized, the report will be made available on the project website and the data will be used as a planning tool in development review. 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:** On October 16, the Gum Springs Civic Association, the Gum Springs Historical Society, Commonwealth Preservation Group (CPG) in coordination with Fairfax County, hosted a second community meeting for the Gum Springs Heritage Resources Study. CPG led approximately 35 community members through a facilitated discussion about the past, present, and future of the Gum Springs Community. The participants included of several community members with decades or life-long affiliations with Gum Springs, who were able to share their personal recollections to enhance the larger study. The meeting culminated with several stations provided by CPG to capture stories and memories, which included a scanning station for personal photographs, diaries, family correspondence, etc., and a mapping station where participants marked significant places, both personally and for the larger community. On October 16-17, CPG to conduct oral history interviews with 10 long-time residents of Gum Springs, , which will be used to inform the development of the historic context of the study. To date, the Gum Springs Heritage Resources Study has successfully completed two community meetings, archival research, and an architectural survey of buildings in the study area. The next steps include development of a draft historic context and survey report to be published in early 2025, and a final management document which will be presented to the community by the consultants in October 2025 at a final community meeting. 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

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- **Centreville Suburban Area Study, Historic Resource Survey and Outreach Project:** The architectural survey and data entry have been completed. Draft plan text for the Heritage Resources subsection is currently in development. For more information on the study, please visit: [Plan Amendment 2022-III-BR1 | Planning Development \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#), or contact Laura Kviklys, laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov
- **Updated Historic Overlay District (HOD) Design Guidelines:** 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 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.

Current Development Cases:

- **Misión Evangélica, Sunnyside/DeBell House, (SP 2022-SU-00144, 6321 Old Centreville Road, Centreville), Sully District:** Staff have requested and are awaiting a response from the applicant to fund a historical marker for the DeBell House, to be installed on the property. Staff received a Phase II level documentation which will be submitted to the Virginia Room. The BZA hearing is tentatively scheduled for either December 4, 2024 or February 5, 2025.
- **Judicial Center Complex Plan Amendment and Rezoning (RZPA-2022-PR-00152), Providence District:** On June 11, 2024, the Board of Supervisors voted to approve the associated Plan Amendment for the Judicial Center Complex. The concurrent rezoning case was heard and recommended for approval by the Planning Commission on October 30, 2024. Public hearing of the case will be at the December 3, 2024 Board of Supervisors meeting.
- **Dunn Loring Elementary School (RZ-2023-PR-00018), Providence District:** The application was presented to the Planning Commission at a public hearing on October XX, 2024 and was deferred for decision only until November 13, 2024. The case will be presented at a public hearing to the Board of Supervisors on November 19, 2024. As a reminder, Fairfax County Public Schools resubmitted its revised application materials for the redevelopment of the Dunn Loring Elementary School site which includes the construction of a new elementary school on the parcel, and the demolition of the existing historic Dunn Loring Elementary School building, listed in the Inventory of

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Historic Sites. DPD-HRB Staff are requesting HABS large format photo documentation and a Phase II Intensive Level Documentation Report be completed prior to the demolition of the historic building; an interpretive exhibit about the Dunn Loring School to be installed inside the new school building prior to the opening of the new school, in collaboration with staff and the FCHC; and a wayside or historic marker be installed on the site, in collaboration with staff and the FCHC; and the preservation and conveyance of the PWA period plaque to the Virginia Room, prior to the demolition of the building.

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.
- **DHR Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant - National Register Nomination and Historical Marker for Randall Estates Subdivision:** The public meeting for the Randall Estates National Register nomination project was held on October 7, 2024 at the Hybla Valley Community Center. Consultants WJE, Inc. were chosen to conduct the study, and approximately 25 residents were in attendance. The survey fieldwork is anticipated to begin in mid-November.
- **CLG Grant – NAPC CAMP Training:** Heritage Resources hosted the National Alliance of Preservation Commission’s CAMP training on **October 18, 2024** at the Herrity Building. Topics included legal basics, preservation of the recent past, and developing outreach strategies. Several History Commission members attended this all-day training, joined by many Architectural Review Board members.

Attachment 3

November Archaeology and Collections Branch Update

71 vessels or partial colonoware (pottery made by and for enslaved individuals) vessels from the Accotink Quarter (Mt Vernon District) site are now on loan with Monticello. Archaeologists there will enter the catalog information into the Digital Archaeological Archive of Comparative Slavery, an online publicly accessible database. They will be conducting elemental testing to create a model of the differences in manufacture and marketing of these vessels that may reflect identify, social position, and relationships between producers and users. The National Science Foundation is funding the project.

We had a fantastic FIRST annual ArctoberFest at Sully historic site. We welcomed archaeologists and the interested public from all around the county. We surpassed our attendance goals with 150 registered visitors as well as their guests and had wonderful feedback including a glowing review from VA state archaeologist Dr Elizabeth Moore.

This week began ground penetrating radar study of the Mount Gilead property at Historic Centreville Park. Contractors will assist in finding buried anomalies (utilities, outbuilding foundations, etc) as well as delineating and identifying individual burials in the Jameson Family Cemetery.

Archaeologists are down in Williamsburg for the 80th annual Southeastern Virginia Archaeological Conference next week and will be representing Fairfax County as part of the public archaeology day celebrating 50 years of the Council of Virginia Archaeologists. We will be sharing the ways in which county archaeologists harness technology in their fieldwork.

Attachment 4

Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division

History Commission Updates

November 6, 2024

Historic Sites Volunteer Corps

- The Historic Sites Volunteer Corps hosted their September event at historic Ash Grove, 9 volunteers signed up and dedicated 42 hours to the event!
- The Historic Sites Volunteer Corps will host its final event for 2024 in November, the property location will be decided later this week by staff.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- RCP staff have received one application for the Ash Grove property. It is currently under evaluation team review, with a public hearing held on Monday, October 28th. For a meeting recording and additional information, including the redacted application package, please visit: engage.fairfaxcounty.gov/ash-grove
- 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.
- On October 22nd, BOS approved the resident curator lease for Mount Gilead house. Roof replacement work is ongoing. Staff is moving forward with preparations for demolition of the carriage house. A lease signing will be coordinated with the completion of these projects.

Attachment 5



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

November 2024

Book Sale!

The Friends of the Virginia Room will be having their annual used book sale in the library on Friday and Saturday, Nov. 8-9, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. and Sunday, Nov. 10, (Bag Sale) 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Programs

- The Friends of the Virginia Room had their annual meeting on Sunday October 27th. Chris Barbuschak gave a presentation on the history of the Virginia Room from its founding in 1953 to the present.
- On December 15, Paul McCray of NOVA Parks will be giving a lecture on the history of the Washington & Old Dominion Railroad. It will be from 2-3:30 p.m. in the library.

New Finding Aids Published

Dunn Loring, Virginia Slide Collection, 1988

This collection consists of 299 color photographic slides dating from 1988. Students from Martha Williams' Junior history class at George C. Marshall High School conducted the survey. The slides feature houses, both contemporary and historic, in Dunn Loring, Virginia. From 2023-2024, volunteers and staff assisted with identifying the majority of the unidentified houses photographed in this collection.

Digitization Efforts

56 yearbooks from the collection have been sent off to Princeton, New Jersey for digitization. Included in this batch are yearbooks from Annandale, Edison, Madison, Mount Vernon, Fairfax and Falls Church high schools.

Centreville, VA Civil War Drawings

The 4 sketches of Centreville drawn by R. Holland, a member of the 9th Mass. Battery, in 1863, were picked up at the end of the month. Thank you very much to the History Commission for funding this rare acquisition!

Donations

- NOVA Parks celebrated the 50th anniversary of the Washington & Old Dominion Rail Trail on Monday October 7th. At that event, they donated a photo archive of 2,000 photographs they have collected on the railroad to the Virginia Room. It will be processed and made publicly available next year.
- Lewis Leigh Jr. donated a collection of handwritten sermon notes from Rev. William G. Hammond (1836-1923) of Dranesville, Virginia.

Attachment 6

**Fairfax County History Commission
 Financial Statement
 as of June 30, 2024**

	FY 2023 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2024 <u>Actual</u>	FY 2025 <u>Estimate</u>
Carry Over from Previous Year	56,216.18	\$57,187.48	\$68,690
<u>Income</u>			
Fairfax County	\$21,013.00	\$21,013.00	\$21,013
Marker Proffer Funds		0.00	5,000
Interest/Other	<u>(1,420.31)</u>	<u>1,270.37</u>	<u>--</u>
Total Income	\$19,592.69	\$22,283.37	\$26,013
Total Available	\$75,808.87	\$79,470.85	\$94,703
<u>Operating Expenses</u>			
Minutes Recording & Transcription	\$5,810.81	\$3,388.83	\$6,779
Copying, Postage & Supplies	165.48	22.72	200
Memberships and Subscriptions	400.00	400.00	400
Conferences & Meetings	265.00		
Preservation, Education & Related			1,000
Preservation Consultants	7,500.00		7,500
Archeology Consultants			15,000
Historical Marker Program			10,000
Historical Marker Maintenance	800.00	2,945.00	5,000
Awards Programs	300.00	400.00	1,100
Publications Grants			
History Conference	2,358.56	3,624.53	6,500
Pocket Fairfax Resolves			8,020
Advocacy/Activity Book	<u>1,021.54</u>	<u> </u>	<u>1,000</u>
Total	\$18,621.39	\$10,781.08	\$62,499
Carry Over	\$57,187.48	\$68,689.77	--

Note: All funds carried over are committed to current and future programs and projects.

November 1, 2024

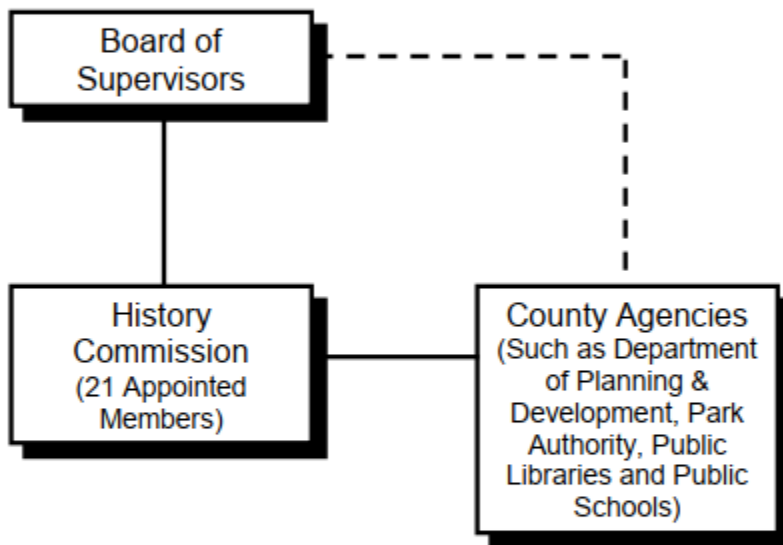
**Fairfax County History Commission
FY 2026 Budget Request**

Submitted By: Lynne Garvey Hodge,
Chairman

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- Schedule 5. Personnel Services Summary—not applicable
- Schedule 6. Operating Expenses
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Schedule 1

**History Commission
Organizational Chart**



Schedule 2

**History Commission
 Fund Statement**

	FY 2024 Actual (1)	FY 2025 Adopted Budget Plan (2)	FY 2025 Estimate (3)	FY 2026 Request (4)
Beginning Balance July 1	\$57,187	\$0	\$68,690	\$0
Revenues:				
Fairfax County	\$21,013	\$21,013	\$21,013	\$21,013
Marker Proffer Funds			5,000	
Interest/Other	1,270	--	--	--
Total, Revenues	\$22,283	\$21,013	26,013	\$21,013
Total Available	\$79,471	\$21,013	\$94,703	\$21,013
Expenditures:				
Operating Expenses	\$10,781	\$21,013	\$62,499	\$21,013
Total Expenditures	\$10,781	\$21,013	\$62,499	--
Ending Balance June 30	\$68,690	\$0	--	--

Between January and May 2016 the History Commission's finances were shifted to FOCUS. The Park Authority administers the annual History Conference, while the Department of Planning and Development handles all other transactions.

As a part of the County government, the Commission cannot receive outside revenue.

Commission employs one part time clerk who prepares the minutes. The

The FY 2024 ending balance is \$68,690. These funds have been committed to current and future programs and projects:

An independent audit is not required for the Commission

Schedule 3

**History Commission
 Agency Summary**

Agency Goal: To advise the County Government and generally to promote public interest in all matters bearing on the history of Fairfax County.

Summary by Character:

	<u>FY 2024 Actual</u>	<u>FY 2025 Current Adopted</u>	<u>FY 2025 Estimate</u>	<u>FY 2026 Request</u>
Operating Expenses	\$10,781	\$21,013	\$62,499	\$21,013
Total Expenditures	\$10,781	\$21,013	\$62,499	\$21,013

Program Description:

The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors officially created the Commission in 1969. It grew out of the Landmarks Preservation Committee established in 1965.

There are 21 members, who are appointed by the Supervisors for three-year terms and may be reappointed.

The Commission meets on the first Wednesday of each month.

All meetings are open to the public and an independent contractor prepares minutes.

The Commission employs one part time clerk who prepares the minutes.

In addition to the regular meetings, members put in many volunteer hours each month on the Commission's committees.

For more information about the how the Commission fulfills the Board of Supervisors charge, please see the 2023 Annual Report (attached).

Schedule 6

**History Commission
 Summary Of Operating Expenses**

	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Adopted Budget Plan	FY 2025 Estimate	FY 2026 Request	Change (4)-(2)	Percent Change (5)/(2)
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Minutes Recording & Transcription	\$3,389		\$6,779			
Copying, Postage & Supplies	23		200			
Memberships and Subscriptions	400		400			
Conferences & Meetings						
Preservation, Education & Related			1,000			
Preservation Consultants			7,500			
Archeology Consultants			15,000			
Historical Marker Program			10,000			
Historical Marker Maintenance	2,945		5,000			
Awards Programs	400		1,100			
Publications Grants						
History Conference	3,625		6,500			
Pocket Fairfax Resolves			8,020			
Advocacy/Activity Book			1,000			
	<u>\$10,781</u>	<u>\$21,013</u>	<u>\$62,499</u>	<u>\$21,013</u>	<u>\$0</u>	<u>0 %</u>

Schedule 7

**History Commission
 Budget Share Calculation**

Fairfax County is sole source.

Attachment 7

**Fairfax County History Commission
250th Committee
Wednesday, October 22, 2024
Government Center Room 8
7 – 8:30 p.m.**

Attending: Gretchen Bulova (Chair), Brian Heinz, Tammy Mannarino, Subhi Medhi

1. Committee Support for FX250
 - a. Fairfax Resolves 250th anniversary, with publication of the pocket Fairfax Resolves (completed)
 - b. Compiled a list of history organizations in Fairfax County to use as the marketing base for the commemoration (completed)
 - c. Fairfax County 250th signature experience content curators
 - d. Oral History technology and collecting process
 - e. Channel 16 video content (52 episodes)
 - f. Historical content for monthly 250th newsletter (four in 2025, twelve in 2026)
2. Review of assignments from September 18 Committee meeting
 - a. Brian: Discussed using America250's "America's Field Trip" as a guide. This program is based on artistic and verbal submissions. The History Commission could run a parallel contest based on Fairfax History. Prizes could be museum tickets, "Chairman for a Day", etc. Additional conversation included collaboration with the existing Virginia History Day program.
 - b. Tammy: Tried to connect with Liz Mauer and Daniel White about the FX250 newsletter. More follow up needed.
 - c. Subhi: Provided a proposal for the Channel 16 video series, including interview questions and guiding principals. Strong desire to focus on people rather than historical events. Looking to identify 52 people – one video per week.
 - d. Tammy and Subhi: A group from FX250 met to talk about the oral history component for the outreach program. This needs more research as well as a discussion with the VA Room about storage.
3. Assignments for next meeting
 - a. Tammy: Meet with Supervisor Storck's team about Fairfax County Youth Leadership Program and how to identify 3 students to participate in Channel 16 videos
 - b. Gretchen: Schedule meeting with Channel 16, Dec 2 at 2 p.m. This meeting should include Potts (Channel 16), Patrick, Ashley, Subhi, Tammy, and Sue.
 - c. Gretchen: Follow up with Liz Mauer and Daniel White about status of list serve and newsletter for FX250.
 - d. Brian: Follow up on contest details and propose a name for the contest that is specific to Fairfax County (based on America250's "America's Field Trip" concept.
 - e. All: Think about individuals that would be great to interview for the Channel 16 series and send ideas to Subhi
4. Next meeting date: December 10, 2024 at 7 p.m., Government Center Room TBD

Attachment 8

Fairfax County 250th Commission

Semi-Annual Report, Presented to the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors

In recognition of the upcoming 250th anniversary in American Independence in 2026, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors established the Fairfax County 250th Commission in July 2021. The compelling justification and rationale for doing so, following on the Commonwealth of Virginia's creation of the Virginia American Revolution 250th Commission, was that Fairfax County can and should be a leader in creating and hosting appropriate events associated with the 250th, as well as supporting the Commonwealth's efforts to commemorate the 250th.

Furthermore, in Virginia, and particularly in Fairfax County, the revolutionary movement was conceived and born, and Fairfax County is uniquely positioned to lead this effort on a local, regional, and national level. From our founders and revolutionary history, through ensuing decades of struggle for human, civil, educational, and environmental rights, our County and its distinctive places, stories, and people embody this history and this promise. Our County is also home to signature organizations championing these causes and telling these stories, and together with the Board's leadership through the One Fairfax initiative, the 250th anniversary offers a compelling opportunity to teach, inspire, connect, and to help each resident and each community in our County reach their full potential.

As such, the purpose of the Fairfax County 250th Commission (Commission) is to implement the preferred approach for organizing and leading County-wide efforts for an inclusive observance, celebration, and commemoration of the Semiquincentennial anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the independence of the United States of America.

Presently, the Commission is comprised of 20 members representing all the magisterial districts within Fairfax County and a diverse number of community, cultural, and civic organizations. Officers of the Commission include Scott Stroh, Chair, and Elliot Bell-Krasner, Vice-Chair. The work of the Commission is ably supported by staff in the Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, and in particular the Heritage Resources and and Development Branch.

Additionally, the Commission is organized and most of the community-based activity of the Commission is facilitated by the following standing committees: Finance, Inclusion, Outreach, Activity, Marketing, Signature Event, and Youth and Family Engagement. The Commission generally meets on the fourth Wednesday of every other month, and the Committees of the Commission meet more frequently or as needed.

Concurrent with inception, the Commission established and adopted a number of strategic goals. These goals were divided into four core categories: Commemoration Themes, Approach, Goals and Objectives, and Accountability and Transparency. The following paragraphs of this Report will document activity and progress related to each of these strategic goals, as well as other outcomes associated with the work of the Commission.

Themes:

In 2021, the Commission identified the following goals related to the themes of the Commission:

1. Adopt the VA250 themes as an important and powerful expression of the meaning, value, and importance of the semiquincentennial commemoration in Fairfax County.
 - a. The Commission adopted the VA250 themes and continues to engage and work closely with the VA250 Commission as Commonwealth-wide plans and activities evolve and occur. Importantly, two members of the Commission serve on the VA250 Commission and other members of the VA250 Commission represent signature cultural organizations in Fairfax County. As such, there is very close alignment between the work of the Commission and VA250
2. Articulate and adopt sub-themes that more specifically describe and relate to the distinctive history, culture, people, stories, and places in Fairfax County.
 - a. Based on extensive Commission and community conversations, the Commission ultimately decided that it preferred to focus more specifically on identifying people, stories, and partners central to its work than specific and perhaps static sub-themes. By focusing on living stories and traditions, the Commission remains focused on that which characterizes both the history and present vitality of the County and its citizens. This work is ongoing, and the work of the Commission is also guided by a thematic approach, but to date, this focus on people, stories, and partners, is proving beneficial.

Approach:

1. Adopt the term “commemoration” as the key identifying term and philosophical foundation for the semiquincentennial.
 - a. Complete.
2. Transition the existing Work Group to a planning entity that will remain in existence through June 30, 2027. Increase and diversify the composition of this group.
 - a. Complete.
3. Adopt the committee structure proposed above.
 - a. Complete.
4. Create and convene an advisory council to support the planning entity and ensure broad and inclusive community awareness and participation. The planning entity will recommend advisors to the Board of Supervisors for appointment.
 - a. At the time of inception, the Commission engaged in discussion about the best way to engage the community and to benefit from the diverse insights, perspectives, and ideas of its citizens. At that time, and as also based on consultation with the County, it was

decided to not create a formal advisory body, but rather to create other more accessible pathways for the community to participate in planning and implementing the 250th commemoration.

For example, individuals not formally serving on the Commission have been invited to serve on the standing committees of the Commission and they are collectively doing so in important and meaningful ways. Additionally, the Commission has facilitated community-based Town Halls in several magisterial districts for the purposes of listening to and learning from diverse constituencies. More efforts such as these are planned for the coming months, and this work is ongoing, but steady progress towards engaging and benefiting from the expertise of the County's diverse citizenry is underway and has been successful.

5. Identify an appropriate fiscal agent by September 1, 2021.
 - a. The achievement of this goal presented challenges and took longer than anticipated, but I am pleased to report that pursuant to an MOU between the County and VISIT Fairfax ratified in 2024, VISIT Fairfax is now serving as the purchasing agent and fiscal partner for the Commission. In navigating this process, it is, however, important to note that this MOU does not include or allow activity associated with soliciting or expending privately raised dollars. Conversations with County staff continue about this possibility, but at present the Commission is reliant on County support to fulfill its mission.
6. Develop an organizational structure, business plan, and preliminary multi-year commemoration budget by December 31, 2021.
 - a. This work is complete, and budgets and business plans have been updated on a regular, and no less than annual basis. Additionally, the Commission appreciates and is thankful for the \$320,000 (inclusive of initial carryover allocation, FY24, and FY25) allocated by the County to its work.
7. Create and implement a community based, county-wide survey of residents specific to opportunities and ideas associated with the commemoration by December 31, 2021 (also consider other similar surveys in years leading up to the commemoration).
 - a. The survey was tabled pending resolution of the fiscal agent negotiations and the ability of the Commission to expend resources. Now, with this question resolved, the Commission is prepared to reconsider this possibility.
8. Collaborate with VISIT Fairfax for the purpose of learning more about travel and tourism trends specifically associated with the commemoration by December 31, 2021 (this will also be ongoing).
 - a. Complete and ongoing.
9. Develop and implement a marketing and promotion plan to build awareness and affinity for the commemoration by April 20, 2022. Consider applying for a grant from the Virginia Tourism Corporation for this purpose as part of their fall 2021 grant cycle.

- a. A marketing plan is complete, and the Commission is proactively moving forward with its implementation. Specific to VTC grant funding, this possibility is associated with ongoing discussions about the Commission's ability to solicit grants and/or private dollars. As such, any grant application is presently tabled.

Accountability and Transparency:

1. Present a semi-annual report of planning entity activities to the Board of Supervisors and the County Executive.
 - a. Complete and ongoing.
2. Present monthly financial reports to the County entity, department, or individual designated by the Board of Supervisors.
 - a. Ongoing.

Beyond these goals, the Commission has achieved other relevant and important outcomes. These outcomes include:

1. Commencement of regular meetings of all Commission Committee Chairs to ensure clarity of purpose and alignment of associated work.
2. Creation of partnership with Celebrate Fairfax and addition of Celebrate Fairfax's CEO to the Commission.
3. Preliminary planning for a signature event and experiences including plans for an interactive mobile experience that will travel the County.
4. Preliminary planning for a series of engaging and informative educational experiences in partnership with FCPS and multiple community organizations.
5. Identification of key dates, events, and stories to commemoration and coordination with associated program planners and partners.

In closing, building off work to date and with clarity about procurement roles secured, the Commission is excited about more comprehensively focusing on community engagement, programs, education, and events in the coming months. There is already a strong foundation for this work and exciting plans are in development that the Commission believes will resonate with and provide value to all in Fairfax County and to all those visiting Fairfax County for the commemoration.

Finally, and on behalf of the Commission, I would like to thank the Board of Supervisors and County staff for their leadership, public service, and support. I would also like to thank the dedicated work of all those serving the Commission and extend my personal appreciation for their service, ideas, perspectives, and expertise.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Muir Stroh III, Chair, Fairfax County 250th Commission, July 2024

Attachment 9

ACTION AGENDA

October 10, 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) **ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
2. Public comment time limitations – The ARB needs to determine how long each member of the public will be able to speak during the public comment periods. The public will be allowed to comment after the consent agenda items and after each action item, as is standard ARB practice. **ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED 3 MINUTES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**

NOTIFICATION OF MEETING RECORDING

This meeting is being recorded, and the recording will be posted online within 10 days.

Statement of Purpose and Intent of Historic Overlay Districts

Historic Overlay Districts are created for the purpose of promoting the general welfare, education, economic prosperity, and recreational pleasure of the public, through the perpetuation of those general areas or individual structures and premises that have been officially designated by the Board of Supervisors as having historical, cultural, architectural, or archaeological significance.

Regulations within such districts are intended to protect against destruction of or encroachment upon such areas, structures, and premises; to encourage uses which will lead to their continuance, conservation, and improvement in a manner appropriate to the preservation of the cultural, social, economic, political, architectural, or archaeological heritage of the County; to prevent creation of environmental influences adverse to such purposes; and to assure that new structures and uses within such districts will be in keeping with the character to be preserved and enhanced.

The order in which items will be heard will be set at the meeting. Additional items may be added to the agenda at the discretion of the Chair. Applicants for initial or follow-up presentations will mail drawings and other documentation as appropriate to the ARB prior to the meeting at which a project will be reviewed. If members have not received such documentation, an application may be postponed until a subsequent meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA- Chair ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED [The placement of cases ARB-24-LOR-12 and ARB-24-HOL-24 were changed from the draft agenda]

APPLICANTS, PLEASE LIMIT PROJECT PRESENTATION TIME TO 8 MINUTES FOR A FIRST SUBMISSION AND 3 MINUTES FOR A RE-SUBMISSION

INTRODUCTION/RECOGNITION OF GUESTS- Staff

CONSENT CALENDAR ACTION ITEMS: None

ITEMS FOR ACTION:

1. **ARB-24-LOR-18 – 9519 Workhouse Way Landscaping** located at 9519 Workhouse Way Lorton, tax map 1064 01 0058, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District. The applicant is proposing the planting of trees in three locations on the south side of the Workhouse Arts Campus. Todd Nelson represents the application. **PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00041. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
2. **ARB-24-HOL-24 – 2200 Glasgow Rd Solar** located at 2200 Glasgow Rd Alexandria, tax map 0933 04 0085, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing the installation of twenty-one (21) roof-mounted solar panels. Paul Wicks Represents the application. **PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00046. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
3. **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. Dan Tarabek represents the application. **PLUS # ARB-2024-MV-00026. Mount Vernon District. ARB ACTION: DEFERRED [unanimous]**
4. **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]**

ITEMS FOR WORKSHOP SESSION:

1. **ARB-24-HUN-03WS – 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 # ARBWK-2024-FR-00018. Franconia District.**
2. **ARB-24-LOR-19WS – 8475 Reformatory Way Alterations** located at 8475 Reformatory Way Lorton, tax map 1071 09 A, in the Lorton/Laurel Hill MOA Eligible District. The applicant is proposing interior and exterior alterations to the Chapel Building (R-44) to make the property compliant with code and usable for a new tenant. The applicant is using historic preservation tax credits from VDHR to help finance the proposed work. Jack Perkins represents the application. **PLUS # ARBWK-2024-MV-00017. Mount Vernon District.**

PRESENTATIONS: None

BOARD AND STAFF ITEMS:

- **Review and action on approval of previous months minutes: September 12, 2024 ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
- **Treasurer's Report:** Ending balance as of September 30, 2024 – \$27,815.38
- **Administrative:**
 - Approval of FY2026 Budget Request **ARB ACTION: UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED**
 - Nominating committee
- **Discussion/Update Reports:** None
- **Correspondence, Announcements: (Staff)**
 - Heritage Resources Branch Update
 - NAPC CAMP Training Registration
 - BAC Demographic Survey
- **Old Business:**
 - Staff Report project
- **New/other business:** None

The ARB Administrator will stamp and sign copies of approved drawings or other application documents following the meeting at which approvals are granted, or at such time as drawings amended to reflect ARB actions are received by the administrator. Applicants may be required to submit additional copies of approved drawings or other application documents. Applicants may request copies of meeting minutes within 2 weeks of the meeting at which the ARB approved the minutes. Stamped drawings, letters from administrator documenting ARB action or copies of relevant minutes are required prior to projects being approved by county review and permitting agencies.

For further information contact ARB Administrator, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development (DPD), at (703) 324-1380.

Attachment 10

The Black National Anthem

The Black national anthem “Lift Every Voice and Sing” was written as a poem by James Weldon Johnson, a prominent civil rights activist and NAACP leader and set to music by his brother, Jay Rosamund Johnson.

It was first publicly performed by a choir of 500 school children, in Jacksonville, FL on February 12, 1900, to celebrate Abraham Lincoln's birthday while Johnson was principal of the segregated Stanton School there.

The song's lyrics suddenly address the struggles of American African Americans during the Jim Crow era and expressed hope for freedom, making it a powerful symbol within the black community.