

**Fairfax County History Commission
Monthly Meeting**

September 3, 2025, 7:00 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center
Conference Room 4/5
12000 Government Center Parkway
Fairfax, Virginia 22030

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted an in-person meeting on September 3rd, 2025. The meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Call to Order and Attendance

Commissioners Present per Districts:

Gretchen Bulova, *Chair*
Subhi Mehdi, *Vice Chair*
Tammy Mannarino, *Secretary*
Brian Heintz, *Treasurer*
Anne Barnes
Anne Stuntz
Cheryl-Ann Repetti
David Meyer
Jen MacPherson
Margo Coleman
Philip Wilkerson
Sue Kovach Shuman
Todi Carnes**

District:

Braddock
Dranesville
Mount Vernon
Braddock
Mount Vernon
Hunter Mill
Sully
Fairfax City
Franconia
Mason
Braddock
Providence
Franconia

Commissioners Excused:

Carmen Powell, Hunter Mill
Holly Irwin, Mount Vernon
Jenee Lindner, Springfield
Jordan Tannenbaum, Springfield

County Liaisons Present:

Laura Kviklys, Heritage Resources Branch, Department of Planning and Development
Stephanie Newman, 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

Staff Present:

Barsha Parajuli, History Commission Clerk

Special Guests Present:

None

***Joined after roll call*

Minutes

Vice Chair Mehdi moved, and was seconded by Commissioner Mannarino, that the History Commission accept the August 6, 2025, minutes, and pay the Clerk, Barsha Parajuli with minor changes from Commissioner Kovach Shuman.

The motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

Commissioner Heintz reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending August 31, 2025. The Treasurer's Report can be found as **Attachment 1**.

- Commissioner Heintz shared that there were expenditures for the minute taker fees, FICA, and Medicare.
- The ending balance is \$60,609.57.

New Business

Welcome new History Commissioner – Philip Wilkerson

- Commissioner Wilkerson introduced himself, noting that he was working at George Mason University while pursuing his Ph.D. in Communications. He shared that he had been a history major as an undergraduate and had maintained a lifelong interest in history.

October 28 Presentation to the Board of Supervisor's meeting

- Chair Bulova reported that the presentation would highlight the Commission's work over the past year. She encouraged all Commissioners to attend and arrive by 9:30 a.m.

Call for Nominating Committee

- Chair Bulova reminded the Commission that officers for the next year would be elected at the December meeting. She stated that a nominating committee with a chair and two additional members would need to be appointed, as outlined in the bylaws. She asked for interested commissioners to contact her.

Old Business

Annual Report

- Commissioner Mannarino briefed the Commission on the Annual Report, covering January 2024 to June 2025. She explained that the report would be shared with the Board of Supervisors and printed for outreach tables. She stated that the report includes projects such as the Franconia Center naming, the Black and African American Marker Project, and committee activities. She added that the Advocacy Committee, including Commissioner Repetti and Vice Chair Mehdi, was finalizing the design and biographies.

FY27 budget due Friday, September 19, 2025

- Vice Chair Mehdi reported that the surplus had largely been spent and that final reconciliations were being conducted. She noted that the Commission had not yet received the full FY26 \$21,000 allocation. Commissioner Repetti clarified, with confirmation from Laura Kviklys, that County cash flow processes were responsible for the delay. Commissioner Repetti further explained that although a reduction in surplus had been anticipated by FY27, expenditures would need to be monitored closely in FY26. She assured the Commission there was no concern of a shortfall. A draft of the budget can be found in the Egnyte folder.

Consulting Party, IAD Terminal Concourse Redevelopment and Associated Development

- Chair Bulova reported that the Commission submitted a letter regarding the Dulles Airport renovations communicating that the History Commission had no comments or questions at that time. The letter sent to the planning department of the IAD Terminal Concourse Redevelopment and Associated Development by the History Commission can be found as **Attachment 2**.

Staff Reports

Planning and Development, Laura Kviklys:

- Laura Kviklys, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave projects, program, and staff updates including notice of:
 - The Randall Estates National Register Nomination which had a public meeting August 12 with positive feedback.
 - Briarwood Farmhouse inventory site which will go in front of the development review board.
 - The Inventory listed site, Bowman House/Sunset Hills, which is slated for rezoning from commercial to residential, replacing existing office buildings with a single-family attached (“townhome”) community. The proposal retains historic buildings, gazebo, and landscape features but noted that it does not include the NRHP and Inventory Listed Bowman Distillery.
 - No updates regarding on Clifton Elementary, likely due to the start of a new school year.
 - The recent Gunnell’s Run Inventory Site work request has been initiated after approval by the History Commission.

- All are invited to attend the African American History Marker unveiling at Louise Archer Elementary School on September 6, 2025, at 11am.

- See **Attachment 3** for the Planning and Development staff report.

Fairfax County Park Authority (Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), and Heritage Resources Conservation Branch), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Senior Archeologist, provided ACB program and project updates to the Commission in addition to the Heritage Resource Conservation Branch updates.
- She described a project being undertaken by Helping our Land Heal, which is an invasive species management project happening in places like Old Colchester that have historical significance. Commissioner Repetti noted that Historic Huntley is also part of the project.
- Wells updated the History Commission on the completion of the swimming pool demolition and the development of a new training program in partnership with DPD staff and Virginia Room staff named “Unearthing the Past, Reshaping the Future.”
- Wells stated that an application for curatorship has been received for the Lahey Lost Valley historic house and that a financial review is still pending. The public meeting will be posted soon. She also noted that FCPA is also accepting Resident Curator Applications for Dranesville Tavern and Fairfax Arms, which can be found on their website. Commissioner Mannarino encourages History Commissioners to attend the public meetings to be more in touch with the applications and process.
- See **Attachment 4** for the ACB staff report and **Attachment 5** for the Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report.

Fairfax County Public Libraries, Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak:

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library, provided staffing, program, collection, and archive updates. He briefed that they will be acquiring files on houses built on acreage lots and also historical commercial building permit applications.
- He announced a new exhibit “From Barriers to Ballots—The Fight for Equal Voting Rights in Virginia” and collection additions which include the Henry Clay chapter scrapbooks, Fairfax City newspapers, Daughters of the American Revolution donated scrapbooks, photo albums and other club records from 1958-2025.
- See **Attachment 6** for the full Virginia Room staff report and for more details.

Committee Reports

Advocacy, Anne Stuntz

- Commissioner Stuntz reported that Oakton Day was held on August 24. She announced upcoming events such Taste of Annandale on September 20, with participation by Commissioners Coleman and Kovach Shuman and Oak Hill Day on September 20.

Cemetery, Jenee Lindner

- There was no Cemetery Report shared with the Commission due to Commissioner Lindner's absence.

Conference, Sue Kovach Shuman

- Commissioner Kovach Shuman reported ongoing planning for the History Conference. She reported that a conference committee was still being put together with help from DPD Staff member Stephanie Newman. She noted that meetings would likely be held on the second Thursday of every month. She updated the Commission on efforts getting more panelists, booking rooms, and coordination on food vendors for the History Conference. She asked who to reach out to for help in registration for the Conference, and Commissioner Repetti clarified that registration would need to be managed using a tool like Eventbrite rather than through the Park Authority.

Oral History, Sue Kovach Shuman

- Commissioner Kovach Shuman reported no meeting in the past month but noted that she and Vice Chair Mehdi would meet with Channel 16 to discuss a docuseries. Vice Chair Mehdi explained the series would focus on revolutionary ideas our founding documents and encouraged commissioners to suggest and reach out to Commissioner Kovach Shuman and Vice Chair Mehdi on potential interviewees, noting that they wanted more county residents (~6 or so more people) from all demographics.

Inventory, Tammy Mannarino

- Commissioner Mannarino reported that the next meeting was scheduled for October 1 and would address proposed changes to Little Ballantrae.

Markers, Cheryl-Ann Repetti

- Commissioner Repetti reported that the Marker Committee met in May and approved the marker for the First Baptist Church of Merrifield conditional to updated citations. The Marker committee report held on the subject can be found as **Attachment 7**.
- Commissioner Repetti read the proposed text of a new marker as follows: "In the early 1870s, oral history indicates African Americans of many faiths worshipped in a log cabin on Graham Road in Falls Church. Some parishioners moved to Mills Crossroads, later called Merrifield, where central to their lives was establishing a church home. In 1892, Robert Bradley, an African American landowner, sold property to trustees John Coates, Joshua Pearson, and Joshua Ball for one dollar to establish a worship space, dedicated as First Baptist Church of Merrifield. In 1894, a revised deed added trustees Albert Dixon and William Stewart. The original building was demolished in the 1980s. The current church was dedicated in 1967."

Commissioner Repetti moved, and Commissioner Kovach Shuman seconded, that that the History Commission allocate up to \$2,200 to produce and install the First Baptist Church of Merrifield marker to be placed on church grounds.

Discussion on the motion included concerns about the budget noted by Vice Chair Mehdi but her concerns were eased as Commissioner Repetti stated that the marker was already included in the budget.

The motion passed unanimously.

250th Anniversary, Gretchen Bulova

- Chair Bulova reported on recent events such as:
 - The Virginia 250 mobile was a raging success in Vienna and was again present at the George Mason's Gunston Hall over Labor Day weekend.
 - Partnering with the Fairfax County Park Authority for a display and to provide content for the "Signature Experience."
 - Activities at outreach tables such as a bingo card which will be at different events, and participation in the different events and activities will help fill it out where then a prize can be redeemed at the library (will be a sticker).
- Chair Bulova also noted the need to reprint more Fairfax Resolves.

Chair Bulova moved, and Commissioner Meyer seconded, that the History Commission print 1000 copies of the Fairfax Resolves at a cost that does not exceed \$3,750.

Discussion on the motion included pooling the remaining copies of the Fairfax Resolves to consolidate and account for the inventory.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Chair Bulova also announced that on September 21 from 1- 4pm, The commission is holding an event at the Courthouse recognizing the soldiers who fought and died in the American Revolution on behalf of Fairfax County. She noted that the names of the soldiers can be found on the monument out front, and brochures would be handed out as well.
- The History Commission 250 report can be found as **Attachment 8**.

Commission Reports

ARB Liaison, Cheryl-Ann Repetti

- Commissioner Repetti highlights that there will be 8 projects pending approval. She noted that there was a submission for the relocation of a public art sculpture to the Workhouse Arts Center that was followed with a donation from Supervisor Alcorn's Office. The placement would be just before the entrance to the Workhouse in an area that currently has a collection of murals. The full ARB report can be found as **Attachment 9**.

City of Fairfax, David Meyer

- Commissioner Meyer stated that there were no updates for the City of Fairfax.

Sully Reimagined, Subhi Mehdi

- Vice Chair Mehdi described a recent field trip to the Riversdale House Museum which was historically a plantation and highlighted that the ways in which they interpreted and reshaped the narrative of the museum's history.
- She announced one final trip as part of the program to President Lincoln's Cottage.

News to Share

- Commissioner Coleman shared that Shiloh Baptist Church would like to have a marker for their cemetery.
- Commissioner Kovach Shuman announced that on behalf of the Historical Society graduate student Andrew Snowman would present on slave patrols and policing in 19th-century Fairfax and their connection to the current Fairfax County Police force on September 27 at 11:00 a.m. at the City of Fairfax Library.
- Commissioner Carnes shared successes of the preservation and the renovations of Historic Huntley and passed out a souvenir Cat's Meow of Historic Huntley to all who were interested.
- Commissioner Stuntz announced a ViennaVA 250 event, Chillin' on Church, scheduled for September 19 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.
- Commissioner Mannarino noted that Former Commissioner Glenn Fatzinger would give a talk at Sherwood Library on Lafayette's Return on September 9th at 7p.m.
- Commissioner Mannarino announced an upcoming presentation at Greenspring Senior Living on Fort Belvoir history.

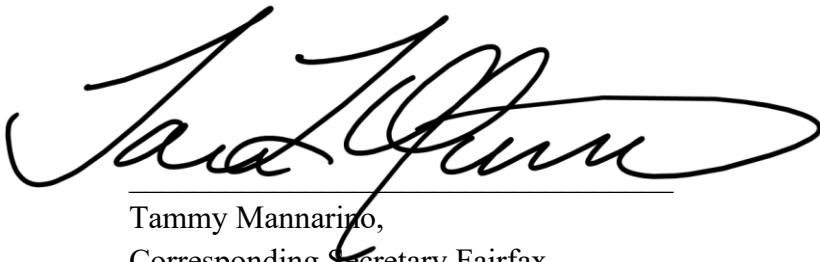
Adjournment

Chair Bulova closed the meeting at 8:30 p.m. at the conclusion of the agenda items.

Respectfully submitted:

Barsha Parajuli

Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Tammy Mannarino,
Corresponding Secretary Fairfax
County History Commission

Date: 10/28/25

Attachments

Attachment 1: FCHC Treasurer's Report

Attachment 2: FCHC Comments to the IAD Renovations

Attachment 3: Department of Planning and Development/Heritage Resources Branch Report

Attachment 4: Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB) Report

Attachment 5: Heritage Conservation Branch Report

Attachment 6: Virginia Room Report

Attachment 7: Marker Committee Report

Attachment 8: FCHC 250 Committee Report

Attachment 9: ARB Liaison Report

Attachment 1:

**Fairfax County History Commission
Treasurer's Report for September 3, 2025 Meeting**

August

Beginning balance: \$61,091.79

Minute Taker Fee (6/13/2025) - \$450.00

FICA (6/13/2025) - \$26.11

Medicare (6/13/2025) - \$6.11

Ending Balance: \$60,609.57

Submitted by Brian Heintz

FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 2:



Fairfax County History Commission

10360 North Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2514
fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/



August 22, 2025

Colleen Regotti
Planning Department
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
1 Aviation Circle
Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport
Washington, DC 20001-6000

Dear Ms. Regotti,

Thank you for the opportunity to participate in the review process for the proposed Terminal/Concourse Redevelopment and Associated Projects at Washington Dulles International Airport (IAD). We appreciate the materials and presentations that were made to fully describe the project and studies completed to date.

At this time, the History Commission has no project comments or questions.

We look forward to the next review opportunity for this project.

Sincerely,

Gretchen Bulova, Chair
Fairfax County History Commission

cc: Fairfax County History Commissioners and staff liaisons
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (Chairman McKay and Supervisor Smith)

Attachment 3:

September 03, 2025, History Commission Meeting
Department of Planning and Development/Heritage Resources Branch (DPD-HRB) Update
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Ongoing Surveys and Studies:

- **Gum Springs Heritage Resource Study (Mount Vernon District): NO UPDATE.**
Commonwealth Preservation Group (CPG) delivered the draft historic context, historic resource survey report, and draft entries for the state database (VCRIS) to County staff and the Community Leadership Team (CLT), for review and comment. These materials were developed from archival materials provided by the Gum Springs Historical Society and Museum and other sources, and the pedestrian field work completed last summer and fall. The management document, which will analyze the feasibility of several preservation tools, will be submitted prior to the final report and public presentation. 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.
- **Post-Modern Historic Context and Directed Survey (County-wide):** DPD-HRB staff have received the final draft of the historic context and survey report from Robinson and Associates. The project included the development of a historic context for Post-Modern era resources in Fairfax County, and a directed survey of approximately 40 pre-selected buildings constructed between 1970 and 1995. This project was funded by DPD in partnership with the state through the VDHR Cost Share Grant Program. The final report and a summary video of project findings will be linked on the DPD-HRB website once completed this Fall. Contact Laura Kviklys, laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.
- **Centreville Suburban Area Study Historic Resource Survey (Sully District) : NO UPDATE**
The draft plan text for the Heritage Resources subsection of the Centreville Suburban area is complete and is currently under review. 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
- **National Register Nomination for Randall Estates Subdivision (Mount Vernon District):**
DPD-HRB, VDHR, and consultants WJE held the final public meeting on August 12, 2025, at the Martha Washington Library. The nomination will go before the State Review Board on September 18. This project is being funded by DPD, with support from the History Commission and a Certified Local Government Grant administered by VDHR. Visit the project website, [Randall Estates National Register Nomination](#) or contact Stephanie Newman, Stephanie.Newman@fairfaxcounty.gov with any questions.

Development Review Items

- **RZPA-2024-PR-00033, S.T. Terrett Sr./Briarwood Farmhouse (Providence District):** The S.T. Terrett Sr./Briarwood Farmhouse was listed on the Inventory of Historic Sites in 2020 as part of 2006 rezoning application. DPD staff received an application to amend the 2006 Final Development Plan to permit construction of an attached addition and relocate an already approved detached garage. The applicant participated in a workshop with the Architectural Review Board (ARB) on July 10. The ARB provided recommendations addressing siding on both the addition and garage, as well as design elements, size, and scale of the addition. The application will go before the Planning Commission on December 3 and the Board of Supervisors TBD.

- **Potential Demolition, Clifton Elementary (Springfield District): No update.** DPD-HRB staff were made aware of the potential by-right demolition of the Inventory Site, Clifton Elementary through a local news article. Staff have reached out to FCPS and are awaiting a reply. We will keep the Commission updated as more information becomes available.
- **RZ/FDP-2025-DR-00016 Beverly Road (Dranesville District):** DPD staff received an application to rezone the subject property to allow for mixed use development. Extant is a ca. 1934 Colonial Revival style house owned until 1988 by Charlotte Troughton Corner, 7th grade teacher and the first principal at Franklin Sherman School. Franklin Sherman School was the first consolidated school in Fairfax County. The application will go before the Planning Commission on February 25 and the Board of Supervisors on March 17.
- **RZ-2025-HM-00018, Bowman House/Sunset Hills, 1850 Old Reston Avenue (Hunter Mill District):** The Applicant proposes to rezone the parcel containing the Inventory Listed site, Bowman House/Sunset Hills from commercial to residential, replacing existing office buildings with a single-family attached (“townhome”) community. The proposal retains historic buildings, gazebo, and landscape features; the proposal does **not** include the NRHP and Inventory Listed Bowman Distillery. The Inventory site file and staff site visit photos are available in Egnyte. To date, no PC or BOS presentation has been scheduled.

Outreach and Interpretation

- **Black/African American Historical Marker Project (Hunter Mill District):** The dedication ceremony for the final marker, which honors educator Louise Archer, is scheduled for Saturday, September 6, 2025 at 11AM at Louise Archer Elementary School, 324 Nutley Street, Vienna. For more information contact Stephanie Newman, Stephanie.Newman@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- **African American Communities in Fairfax County Map, 2026 VDHR Certified Local Government (CLG) Grant Application - (County-wide):** DPD-HRB was awarded the full grant amount requested, \$15,000. Staff will be meeting with DPD finance the week of September 1 to discuss next steps. DPR-HRB appreciates the History Commission’s support in providing up to \$10,000 as match funding for this project. Neighborhood and Community Services have also committed funding support for this project. Contact Stephanie Newman, Stephanie.Newman@fairfaxcounty.gov, for more information.

Other Items

- **Gunnell’s Run Inventory Site Research Work Request:** Staff have begun reviewing documents as part of the Gunnell’s Run Inventory Site research Work Request from the Inventory Committee. Work is on track to be completed by the October end date.

Attachment 4:



**FAIRFAX COUNTY
PARK AUTHORITY**
MEMORANDUM



Date: August 29, 2025
To: Fairfax County History Commission
From: Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Stewardship and Planning Division
Subject: September Staff Report

The Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB) appreciates the support from History Commissioners old and new as we gathered to send off outgoing Branch Manager Elizabeth Crowell a few weeks ago.

ACB is working collaboratively with our counterparts in the Natural Resources Branch to control non-native invasive species at Old Colchester Park and Preserve. Due to the sensitive archaeological resources in the park, NRB and ACB have partnered to create methods that allow both branches to achieve their stewardship goals. This includes using smaller machines piloted by specially trained staff, using construction matting to avoid ruts and/or compaction, and nurturing of existing native species rather than new plantings. The teams met onsite to test the proposed method with positive results.

Additionally, at the Fairfax Arms property, the swimming pool demolition has been completed and site clean-up has begun. This project was another great example of Park staff cooperation as ACB staff, Park Operations staff, and Development Division staff worked together to create a plan to do a relatively straightforward job in a very careful way.

ACB, the VA Room, and DPD have collaborated to create a training opportunity for County staff called Unearthing the Past/Shaping the Future during the Equity track for this year's county Learning Week. Staff from all three agencies will highlight how our individual agencies preserve and document Black History in Fairfax County and provide insight and tips into conducting Black History research.

On September 8, ACB will welcome Ellia Benchouk as our new Archaeology Collections Assistant. Ellia recently graduated from Mercyhurst University in Erie, PA with a BA in Anthropology/Archaeology and a Minor in Public History & Museum Studies. Ellie brings extensive archival, curation, field, and research experience. She's also a certified Open Water SCUBA & Research/Science Diver. We are excited to have Ellia join us. Thank you again to the History Commission for funding salary dollars for this vital role as we begin our inventory process.



Fairfax County Park Authority
Archaeology and Collections Branch
www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/archaeology

Attachment 5:

Heritage Conservation Branch Stewardship and Planning Division

History Commission Updates

September 3, 2025

Resident Curator Program Updates

- An application for curatorship has been received for the **Lahey Lost Valley** historic house. The application period closed on August 30, 2025. A preliminary administrative review of the application has been completed. Financial review will begin early September. The public meeting schedule will be posted on the resident curator program website once it is finalized.
- FCPA is also accepting Resident Curator Applications for **Dranesville Tavern** and **Fairfax Arms**. Submissions will be open until an application is received. Once Resident Curator Program staff receives an application, a deadline for additional applications will be set for 30 calendar days following the date the initial application was received. Applications can be found on the resident curator program website.
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/resident-curator-program>

Attachment 6:



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

September 2025

Historical Street File Acquisition Continues

We've completed the transfer of all the single-family subdivision names of the county's street files from the Department of Planning & Development's Zoning Office. It was 704 banker-boxes in total! We will next be acquiring the files on houses built on acreage lots (about 45 boxes). We're still picking up historical commercial building permit applications and now have over 1,100 files for individual commercial properties.

New Exhibit

August 2025 marked the 60th anniversary of the Voting Rights Act. Arlington Public Library partnered with us to host a banner exhibit entitled "From Barriers to Ballots—The Fight for Equal Voting Rights in Virginia." It tells the stories of activists in Arlington and Fairfax County who fought for voting rights, including Annie Harper in Gum Springs. The display will be in the library from September 3-November 4.

Programs

Late Night in the Virginia Room will return on Friday September 26th from 5:30-11 p.m. Join fellow researchers and genealogists for after-hours research in the Virginia Room. Staff will be on hand to connect you with resources. Research independently or attend a class on how artificial intelligence (AI) can assist with genealogical research. Researchers will enjoy complimentary pizza and drinks. Attendees MUST register and arrive before the library closes at 6 pm, but may leave at any time: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/15092400>



1952 Town of Fairfax boundary survey.

Attachment 7:

Marker Committee Report for Sept 3, 2025

Anne Barnes. Tammy Mannarino absent; Brian Heintz, Sue Kovach Shuman, Barbara Peters and Cheryl Repetti all present for a virtual meeting in May.

The marker committee met in May and reviewed a proposed marker for the First Baptist Church of Merrifield. A revised text and a request to finalize the citations was sent back to the applicants.

The applicant accepted the committee's revisions to the text and the updated citations.

The following is the text of the marker:

First Baptist Church of Merrifield

In the early 1870s, oral history indicates African Americans of many faiths worshipped in a log cabin on Graham Road in Falls Church. Some parishioners moved to Mills Crossroads, later called Merrifield, where central to their lives was establishing a church home. In 1892, Robert Bradley, an African American landowner, sold property to trustees John Coates, Joshua Pearson, and Joshua Ball for one dollar to establish a worship space, dedicated as First Baptist Church of Merrifield. In 1894, a revised deed added trustees Albert Dixon and William Stewart. The original building was demolished in the 1980s. The current church was dedicated in 1967.

On behalf of the Marker Committee, I move that the History Commission allocate up to \$2200 to produce and install the First Baptist Church of Merrifield marker to be placed on church grounds.

Attachment 8:

History Commission
Semiquincentennial Report
September 3, 2025

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair

State Commission

1. Next meeting Oct 21 at 10 a.m. at the Virginia General Assembly Building
2. VA250 Mobile was at George Mason's Gunston Hall over the Labor Weekend Holiday.
3. Commission emphasis on promoting local committee work.

Fairfax County 250 Commission

1. The Commission is partnering with the Fairfax County Park Authority to provide content for the "Signature Experience."
2. Holding monthly virtual meetings for history organization stakeholders to provide FX250 updates.
3. FX250 presence at the PARC in Tyson's home to Celebrate Fairfax, to showcase

History Commission Committee

1. Working with Channel 16 and the Oral History Committee to identify and record oral histories.
2. Reprint 1000 copies of the Fairfax Resolves, not to exceed \$3750

Attachment 9:

SEPT ARB LIAISON REPORT

UPCOMING MEETING SEPT 11

Eight projects will be reviewed for approval and one project will be workshopped.

Of interest – relocation of public sculpture to Workhouse Arts Center. Requires

Submission for consideration by the ARB during the September 11, 2025 meeting.

Submitted by Keith Gordon, President & CEO, Workhouse Arts Foundation

Donation from Supervisor Alcorn's Office for relocation to Workhouse Arts Center

"Mutual Respect/Mutual Understanding" Sculpture by m.i. duffy

Site Location Proposal for Placement at the Workhouse Arts Center

The proposed location for the public art installation would be just before the entrance to the Workhouse on the Northbound traffic side of Rt 123 approximately 1,000 ft before the stoplight at Rt. 123/Workhouse Rd. The area currently has a collection of murals on the grassy hill, as indicated in the subsequent photos provided (see next page).



"Mutual Understanding/Mutual Respect (Installation)" 2016. Hand bent Wire Rod
Materials: Steel, LED's. Ruston, Virginia. 99 x 22ft x 10ft. Photo Courtesy
of PWR. <https://www.pwr.com/artist/mutual-understanding-mutual-respect>

