

**Electronic meeting
Confederate Names Committee of the
Fairfax County History Commission
September 9, 2020**

The Confederate Names Committee of the Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on September 9, 2020.

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Barbara Naef, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the required emergency procedure script, conducted a roll call confirming the audibility of members' voices, and confirmed the need for an electronic meeting.

Committee Members Present:

Barbara Naef, Chair
Anne Stuntz
Liz Crowell
Denice Dressel
Chris Barbuschak
Greg Wilson
Mary Lipsey
Carole Herrick
Tammy Mannarino

Location:

Reston
Vienna
Staff, PA-ACB
Staff, DPD-HR
Staff, Virginia Room
Great Falls
Springfield
McLean
Mount Vernon

Committee Members Absent:

Phyllis Walker Ford

Commission Members in Attendance:

2. Chairman's Comments

As recommended by CNC member Greg Wilson, the CNC will include a recommendation in the Confederate Names Report that all research materials resulting from this project be placed in the Virginia Room as a collection.

There have been questions by one or two CoW commissioners concerning the need for staff help in managing the required research. In fact, we have had seven staff working with and for us. Supervisor Alcorn's intern, Matthew Knox, worked full time for four weeks. Chris Barbuschak has our research as his first priority.; Virginia Room staff are on call. Denice continues and now has a Planning Tech who is beginning to enter data; Liz Crowell is contributing. We also have some community research partners.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Committee accepted the August 19th CNC meeting draft minutes as final with no further changes.

4. Discussion and Approval of Narratives to be included in the Report

The Chair introduced the Civil War in Fairfax County narrative that was approved with agreement that consistency throughout in use of terms such as Union and Confederate.

The Chair introduced a discussion of the draft paragraph, "County Historical Family Names in the Civil War Years." Committee members discussed the inclusion of examples at the end. They concluded that examples were helpful to the reader, but that well-known families with Confederate ties would make the best examples (e.g. Fairfax and Lee). The paragraph was approved with this modification.

The Chair then moved the discussion to the draft paragraph, "Interpreting Civil War History as It Happened in Fairfax County: A Brochure and Interpretive Markers." Committee members thought it would be helpful to determine the exact date that the brochure was created to emphasize its nature as an artifact rather than a current publication. The committee approved the paragraph with this change.

5. Committee Member Progress Reports

Greg Wilson reported that his work is complete unless there are any questions.

Mary Lipsey reported that she is working her way through the Braddock District filtered name lists. This began a discussion of when templates are used. The committee agreed that a template will be completed only if a resource is confirmed to be named for a specific Confederate individual. Resources where the Confederate link is uncertain will be highlighted or marked to indicate this.

Chris Barbuschak indicated that his work on the Springfield District is nearly complete. He hasn't received anything more on Lee District at this point. He and Mary will meet to discuss Providence District. The plan is to divide the street names in thirds between Chris, Mary and community volunteer Susan Shuman. He is willing to help with Mason District if needed.

Anne Stuntz has been working on Hunter Mill District. She expressed the difficulty of finding conclusive evidence within our limited time. She is including details on non-Confederate relationships in the notes.

Carole Herrick is including Union names in her notes so that we can decide later what to do with this information.

Tammy Mannarino reported that she is working on the 2 remaining Mount Vernon District lists: Subdivisions and Streets. She is discovering many Family names in the Lorton area.

Denice Dressel shared that she now has the assistance of Kyra Davis to consolidate the report. She asks that committee members turn in work as it is finalized rather than holding it all to the end. She is performing quality control and ensuring consistency across Districts.

During her report, two additional issues were discussed regarding the notations used in analyzing and annotating the Filtered names lists for each District. The first issue was the handling of inconclusive resource names. Committee members felt that it was important to retain this information even if it isn't contained in the final report. Denice reported that the background data for the report will be housed in the Virginia Room at the end of this project. In addition, Committee members discussed that the designation N/A is problematic because it is not readily apparent what that means (e.g. was the name proven to be unrelated, was it inconclusive, or was it not addressed).

6. Next Meeting

Committee members agreed to hold their next meeting on September 30th at 2p.m.

7. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the September 9th, 2020, Confederate Names Committee of the History Commission Meeting at 4:08 p.m.