

**Fairfax County History Commission
Electronic Meeting
January 5, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on January 5, 2022.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair called the January 5, 2022 meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the following script:

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically, the History Commission needs to make certain findings for the record to evidence our compliance with all applicable laws. These motions address this compliance.

First, I am going to conduct a roll call and ask each board member participating in this meeting to state your name and your location. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues.

Roll Call

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

Commissioners Present per Districts:

Location:

Cheryl-Ann Repetti, *Chair*
Jordan Tannenbaum
Barbara Naef
Elise Murray
Phyllis Walker Ford
Barbara Peters, *Treasurer*
Mary Lipsey
Carole Herrick*
Anne Stuntz
Anne Barnes
Subhi Mehdi
Sue Kovach Shuman
David Meyer
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Vice Chair*
Sallie Lyons
Esther McCullough**
Robert "Bob" Beach**

Sully
Fairfax
Reston
Vienna
Clifton
Annandale
Braddock
McLean
Hunter Mill
Gunston
McLean
Mantua
City of Fairfax
Springfield
Colchester
Sully
Fairfax

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Gretchen Bulova
Jenee Lindner**

Braddock
Springfield

Commissioners Excused:

Steve Sherman, *Secretary*
Tammy Mannarino

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*

***Joined after roll call*

County Liaisons Present:

Denice Dressel, Heritage Resources and Plan Development Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Dr. Elizabeth "Liz" Crowell, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Laura Wickstead, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library; Megan Leining, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority

Staff Present:

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to Vice Chair Lynne Garvey-Hodge so that she may be heard to make the following motions:

I move that the History Commission certify for the record that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this Board.

The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Need for an Electronic Meeting:

Second, I move that the History Commission certify that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this Commission and the public to physically attend this meeting in person, and the usual procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically. As a result, I further move that the Fairfax County History Commission conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video- and audio-conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling 1-571-429-5982 and entering access code 955 061 040#.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Need to Dispense with FOIA's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations:

Finally, I move that the History Commission certify that the matters on its agenda today relate to the COVID-19 emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County

government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the History Commission's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

The motion was passed unanimously. The virtual gavel was returned to the Chair.

New Commissioners and Assignments

Historian I, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge announced that she has been appointed as Historian I, an at-large position, and no longer represents the Springfield District. She will continue to serve in her existing roles and committees with the Commission.

Approval of the December 1, 2021 Minutes

Sallie Lyons made the following motion:

I move to change my entry in the announcements to "Sallie Lyons thanks the commission for their support the past few weeks following the death of her mother, Allie May Brown, who was known to many on the Commission, and was a Fairfax County History Commission event fan."

Barbara Naef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Jordan Tannenbaum to approve the December 1, 2021 History Commission Meeting Minutes as amended:

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

The motion was seconded by Lynne Garvey-Hodge and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer's Reports for December and provided updates. See [Attachment 1](#) for the December report. Sue noted the following:
 - The Clerk received two payments, one for November and one for a missed payment in September.
 - The ending balance on the FOCUS account in December was \$57,777.82.
 - The History Conference/Park Authority Account carryover was \$1,690.81.

Staff Reports

Archaeology and Collection Branch (ACB)

- Dr. Elizabeth Crowell, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB updates in place of Aimee Wells, who will be taking over this report in the future. See [Attachment 2](#) for the ACB staff report. Specific updates were noted to the Commission, which included:
 - Ongoing work on the project at Riverbend Park;
 - Work on Patriot Park (formerly Lincoln Lewis Vannoy Park);
 - Interpretive projects; and
 - Data collection and app development for county cemetery cataloging.
- Anne Stuntz asked for clarification, and Barbara Naef noted that it should be acknowledged in the written record, that the History Commission provided funding for the ACB's GIS integration in 2021.

Heritage Conservation Branch

- Megan Leining, Fairfax County Park Authority, highlighted program and project updates. See [Attachment 3](#) for the staff report.
- Megan also announced that this will be her last meeting, as she has recently accepted a new job with the City of Fairfax.

Virginia Room

- Laura Wickstead, Fairfax County Public Library, highlighted two collection releases to the Virginia Room. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.
 - Laura also noted the Fairfax County Colored Citizens Association 30th Anniversary booklet (1941) that was provided to the Commissioners in December.
 - Mary Lipsey added this booklet to the list of timelines for consideration by the West Springfield High School applied history class's project "Struggling for Equality."
 - David Meyer noted that West Springfield HS's History Department is consistently producing high caliber students. Lynne Garvey-Hodge suggested that David nominate the lead faculty member for a distinguished service award for 2022.

Heritage Resources

- Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development highlighted updates from the report to the Commission. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report. In particular, Denice highlighted four items of business:
 1. The History Commission's membership to the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) will expire at the end of January 2022. Membership renewal is \$150.

Anne Stuntz made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission renew our membership with the NAPC.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

2. Denice asked Commissioners to let her know if they are in need of business cards, name badges, or nameplates (in preparation for in-person meetings), by responding to the email following this meeting.
3. Denice requested that Commissioners review the contact list that was provided to the Commission to ensure that all contact and committee information is correct.
4. The National Park Service is requesting review and comments on the draft nomination for the Wolf Trap National Historic District. Staff is requesting the Commission to submit any comments by January 17, 2022.

Unfinished Business

Lake Anne Letter of Support, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- The History Commission submitted a letter of support to Supervisor Walter Alcorn regarding repairs for the Lake Anne Village Center. The letter affirmed the Commission's support for the ARB's development of a supplemental study and report for the historic restoration of the site. See [Attachment 6](#) for the letter of support.

Capital One Lounge at Dulles Airport, Jordan Tannenbaum:

- Jordan Tannenbaum provided a status update regarding the proposed Capital One Lounge at Dulles Airport. On behalf of the Commission, Jordan and Cheryl responded to the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) request for the History Commission to be a consulting party on the Memorandum of Agreement. The Commission has not received a response from the MWAA regarding this matter, nor the correspondence regarding the Sky Chef Building. See [Attachment 7](#) for response letter to the MWAA. See external attachment for the Assessment of Project Effect, Proposed Capital One Lounge, Dulles International Airport, Loudoun and Fairfax Counties, Virginia by Paula Reed and Tery Harris.

History Marker Project, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates and a timeline for the History Marker Project for all K-12 students in Fairfax County. The website is expected to launch in January and teachers will be able to access resources later this month as well.

New Business

Independent Microsoft Teams Account for the History Commission, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- Cheryl-Ann Repetti explained that the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) offered to give the History Commission a free trial of Microsoft Teams for virtual business. This would enable Commissioners to manage meetings directly, without needing to rely on staff for scheduling and hosting. Cheryl asked the Commission, and particularly Committee Chairs, whether this would be of interest and an open discussion ensued.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge spoke in favor of Microsoft Teams and noted a few advantages of the software. Esther McCullough also spoke in favor of the software, noting the gain for staff.
 - Barbara Peters asked how much this would cost. Cheryl noted that the cost depends on the tier, but it is roughly \$60 a year per user, following the free year-long trial. The Commission would probably look at paying for a handful of user subscription to share.
 - Anne Stuntz noted that this would also mean that Commissioners will be responsible for all the duties and protocols involved with hosting public meetings.
 - Barbara Naef and Gretchen Bulova asked if Commissioners will be responsible for recording these meetings and getting them posted publicly.
 - Denice explained that the recording and public posting of the meeting recording is not required, as long as there is a committee report with the date/time, place, attendees, and meeting summary, including a record of any votes taken. Committee meeting minutes should be recorded regardless of any video recording of the meeting itself and be submitted by the Committee Chairs for inclusion in the Commission's monthly meeting minutes.
 - Gretchen raised the issue of whether the History Commission will be required to return to in-person meetings.
 - Denice noted that she has not received any further information from the County regarding returning to in-person meetings, and that this Microsoft Teams trial is a good indication that virtual formats will continue to be relevant, particularly for committee meetings.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission sign up for the trial version of the Microsoft Teams meeting, as offered by the Department of Planning and Development.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion

- Denice asked how many accounts the commission would be interested in receiving for the free trial. Following a brief discussion, it was agreed to send a poll to the Commission to determine the exact number of accounts.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti called the question. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge discussed the topics for the first meeting on January 27, 2022 at 7:30 PM, including lessons learned from this past conference and goals for the next conference, the book *A Nation of Nations*, and how to handle the keynote speakers situation from 2021.

Awards Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne noted Annie Woo, creator of the Alfred Odrick video, as a potential nominee and encouraged nominations from the Commission.
- In reference to David Meyer's comment earlier in the meeting, he and Lynne agreed to discuss David possibly nominating West Springfield HS history teacher, Brian Heintz, for an award in 2022.

Inventory Committee, Budget Committee, and Annual Report, Elise Murray:

- Nothing to report this month. Elise Murray will provide an update to the Commission in February. She will distribute the 2019 annual report for Commissioners to review and provide updates, as needed.
- Barbara Naef asked if there was any consideration to submitting a combined report for years 2019 and 2020.
 - Elise responded that the 2019 annual report was mostly complete and suggested that the History Commission submit a combined report for years 2020 and 2021.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Markers Committee. See [Attachment 8](#) for Committee Report. Updates included:
 - Mary received a response from VDOT regarding Pleasant Grove marker that the Commission should seek permission from the property owner from Pleasant Grove. Carole Herrick will work with the friends group to get this resolved.
 - The online markers submission form development is underway.
 - The County removed the Civil War at Frying Pan Spring Meeting House marker; it is being prepared for restoration.

Mary Lipsey made the following motion:

I move that \$800 be approved for the repainting of the Civil War at Frying Pan Spring Meeting House Marker.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge seconded the motion.

- Subhi Medhi asked for clarification on how markers and maintenance for markers are paid. Mary and Elise explained that there are separate line items in the History Commission's budget for new markers and marker maintenance.

The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

- Lynne noted a marker that needs repainting; Mary requested that Lynne send her a picture of the marker.
- Regarding the Civil War Trails markers and maintenance, Mary asked Anne Stuntz if volunteers would be permitted to clean the plexiglass plates. Anne acknowledged that this is a good idea, but also clarified that the "maintenance fees" are really membership dues to Civil War Trails.

Cemetery Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided two updates about an upcoming meeting of the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association and two wreath lying ceremonies. See [Attachment 8](#) for the full Committee Report.
 - Jenee Lindner attended the wreath lying at Pine Ridge Park and provided a short summary of the ceremony.

Semiquincentennial, Gretchen Bulova:

- Gretchen Bulova provided updates regarding the preparations for the Virginia Semiquincentennial. See [Attachment 9](#) for the full report. Updates included:
 - Cheryl Jackson is the new Executive Director of Virginia250.
 - The Fairfax County 250th Commission meeting is planned for the end of January, with the goal to establish a formal committee structure.

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz noted that the next committee meeting will be meeting on Thursday, January 20, 2022.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough noted that the next meeting will be January 17, 2022. Channel 16 has not released available dates for the next round of interviews.

Resident Curator Program, Robert "Bob" Beach:

- Nothing additional to report.

Bylaws Committee, Anne Barnes:

- The County Attorney has reviewed the History Commission's bylaws and it will go before the Board of Supervisors for approval in February.

ARB Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray noted that the application to install Verizon antennas on the Heron House was withdrawn to revise the proposal so that the antennas are less conspicuous. See [Attachment 10](#) for the ARB Report.
- There was also a good presentation on the adaptive reuse of the Old Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS). Denice noted that the presentation can be viewed on the ARB meeting recording and that there is a similar presentation with schematic drawings on the OMVHS project webpage.

Fairfax City, David Meyer:

- David Meyer first gave some background information about Tom Gjelten, author of *A Nation of Nations*.
- The City Council approved \$50,000 for a feasibility study of the Fairfax City Museum (1873) to review future uses.
- The City awarded a \$600,000 contract to restore the façade and porch of Old Town Hall.
- The City also commissioned a new inventory of all structures within the downtown Historic District, to determine what new structures will be eligible to be listed on the National Register.

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford:

- Phyllis Walker Ford provided updates regarding the GMU capstone project. All the final templates will be turned in by Monday, January 10 and the AAHI will meet with the students on the same day as well. The templates are being compiled, edited, and formatted by Phyllis, Mary, and Denice for posting on the History Commission Website by the end of the month.
- The next AAHI Committee meeting will be on January 11. See [Attachment 11](#) for AAHI Committee Report.
- Barbara Naef commended Phyllis, Mary, and Denice for taking on this project, their work, and the effort of everyone who has been involved. Phyllis commends Mary Lipsey for all her work on this project as well.

Announcements


- At the beginning of the meeting, Lynne Garvey-Hodge provide a few brief remarks on behalf of Steve Sherman's absence and the recent loss of his brother.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that a funeral can be a profound historic event. One of the funerals she attended recently was a book drop and swap.

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge also noted the passing of Winifred Meiselman, who was a driving force in the creation of the Resident Curator Program (RCP). Her property will be taken over by the Fairfax County Park Authority and incorporated into the RCP.
- Esther McCullough encouraged her colleagues to sign up for virtual programs through the Fairfax County Library.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti adjourned the meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission


Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 2/15/22

Attachments:

[Attachment 1](#): Treasurer Report – December

[Attachment 2](#): Archaeology and Collections Branch Staff Report

[Attachment 3](#): Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report

[Attachment 4](#): Virginia Room Staff Report

[Attachment 5](#): Heritage Resources Staff Report

[Attachment 6](#): Lake Anne Facility Repairs Letter of Support

[Attachment 7](#): Capital One Lounge at Dulles International Airport Correspondence Letter

[Attachment 8](#): Markers Committee and Cemetery Committee Reports

[Attachment 9](#): Semiquincentennial Report

[Attachment 10](#): Architectural Review Board Report

[Attachment 11](#): African American History Inventory Committee Report

**Fairfax County History Commission
Treasurer Report January 5, 2022**

FOCUS Account as of December 22, 2021

Beginning balance: November 30, 2021 \$ 58,994.23

Revenue:

11/30/2021 Budget adjustment ? \$ 1.22

11/30/2021 Interest \$ 1.22

Expenses:

12/3/2021 Minutes Sept, 2021 - Meyer \$ 450.00

12/3/2021 FICA & Medicare \$ 34.42

12/17/2021 Minutes Nov, 2021 - Meyer \$ 450.00

12/17/2021 FICA & Medicare \$ 34.43

12/22/2021 National Trust Historic Preservation \$ 250.00

Ending balance: December 22, 2021 \$ 57,777.82

Park Authority/History Conference Account

Balance carryover \$ 1,690.81

**Submitted by: Barbara Peters, for Sue Kovach Shuman
FCHC Treasurer**

Attachment 2



FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY



Date: 29 December 2021
To: Fairfax County History Commission, Cheryl Repetti, President
From: Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist
Subject: January 2021 Staff Report

Dear Commissioners-

As December is often a quiet time for us at the Archaeology and Collections Branch, I thought I'd take a few moments for this first meeting of 2022 to recap our accomplishments for the year previous, as well as provide a look ahead to our goals in the New Year.

First, after many years as staff correspondent to the History Commission, I will be replacing Dr. Liz Crowell in that role for at least this coming year. If you don't know me, I'm Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist with the Archaeology and Collections Branch. In December I celebrated my 15th year with the Branch. I look forward to working with you all.

If I were to choose a single word to describe 2021 for the Archaeology and Collections Branch it would be "change." In 2021 we saw new job roles for long-time staff with promotions or turnover in literally every merit role except for Branch Manager, and of course we lost our dear friend and colleague John Rutherford last fall.

With so much change, the branch has embraced the opportunity to try new things, to cross-train staff, and to re-invent the ways in which we work. With generous support from the Commission, the Branch has moved to fully online data collection. We have intensified efforts to cross-train field crew in lab, collections, and GIS projects.

Projects in 2021 included:

Continuation of Phase I survey at Riverbend Park- this comprehensive park survey will allow park staff to better care for the extensive cultural resources in the park which date from the Clovis-period (~12,000 years ago) to Depression Era fishing camps, to interpret the park's unique history for visitors, and to assist planners and staff as they work to mitigate ongoing trail issues caused by seasonal flooding of the Potomac Heritage Trail.

Phase III mitigation at the Ash Grove kitchen. This project was conducted to mitigate any potential impacts to archaeological resources that could occur as the colonial period kitchen underwent conservation and stabilization. Though the project was relatively brief, it provided insight into construction methods and repairs at the kitchen site.

Additional Phase I testing at Green Spring Gardens. This project was conducted to assist park staff and planners as they work to site a new garden area at Green Spring Gardens Park that would not impact cultural resources surrounding the house and historic gardens there.

Deaccession of non-county property. Over the last 30 years, the Park Authority has held artifacts from other jurisdictions. This year, major progress was made in the return of these artifacts and their documentation to their home jurisdiction or agency. In addition, plans have been made to return 2 headstones from family cemeteries to their proper locations in the new year.

GIS integration. This year has been huge for the integration of GIS into all aspects of our work. From field data collection to development review tracking, to our new cemetery survey program, none of it would be possible without a concerted effort to build on our existing GIS data and expand the functionality of GIS in all aspects of our day-to-day work. **We thank the History Commission for their continued support of this important work.**

Looking forward in 2022

In 2022 we should finish the project at Riverbend Park including all field and lab work as well as a full technical report and recommendations for further work where necessary.

The cemetery survey will move forward in 2022, beginning with all Park Authority or county owned cemeteries. Location data will be updated with the state and county GIS databases and plans for roll-out of a public cemetery app and accompanying GIS will begin.

Plans for Phase I survey at the newly acquired Fairfax Arms property in Colchester will be made. The park will be surveyed in a way that is compatible with the work that has already been completed at Old Colchester. Before work can commence, previous archaeology conducted on the property by George Mason University as well as a PhD researcher in the 1970s and 1980s will need to be reviewed, and a scope and budget will be created.

As I'm sure you know, supply chain issues have slowed work on Park Authority projects. As the Planning and Development Branch works to re-evaluate the timelines for projects, the ACB will also shift priorities as needed.

Additionally, we hope to have an announcement of a new Resource Management Division Director in the first quarter of 2022. This position is responsible for the operations of the Archaeology and Collections Branch, the Heritage Conservation Branch, and the Natural Resources Branch. RMD has been without a division director for over a year.

The coming year promises to be a busy one for the Branch. I look forward to sharing our progress with you each month, and am happy, as always, to answer any questions you may have.

Aimee Wells, M.A.
Senior Archaeologist
Fairfax County Park Authority
Archaeology and Collections Branch

Attachment 3

**Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division
History Commission Updates
January 2022
Location: Fairfax, VA**

Museum Collections

- The Museum Collections Manager met with the new Site Manager of Colvin Run Mill on December 6 to discuss Collections Management activities.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- Two applications for the curatorship of **Margaret White Gardens** are currently under financial review through the County Department of Finance.



**Fairfax County Public Library's Virginia Room
Staff Report to the Fairfax County History Commission
January 5, 2022**

Fairfax County Dance Coalition Records

Now known as the Virginia Dance Coalition, these records date from the coalition's founding in 2008 and consist of meeting minutes, membership info, and event information.

Herbert O. Blunt Collection

Consists of 31 notebooks containing newspaper bylines written by Herbert Blunt as the Fairfax County news editor for the *Alexandria Gazette*. Dates from 1929-1946. Blunt represented the Mount Vernon District on the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors from 1943-1947.

Staff Report: DRAFT

Administrative

- **National Alliance of Preservation Commissions membership renewal** – The History Commission's NAPC membership will expire at the end of January 2022. Membership renewal is \$150.
- **History Commission Member onboarding/housekeeping** – Please respond to staff's email (that I will be sending out tomorrow) if you need business cards, a name plate for in-person meetings, or a name badge.
- **Membership Contact List update** – A contact list was distributed earlier today. Please take a look at the information and let me know if any changes are needed. If you would confirm your committee membership, particularly, that would be helpful.

Historic Overlay Districts

- **Hollin Hills Potential HOD, Mount Vernon District** – Supervisor Storck requested the community be polled about the potential establishment of the HOD before the staff report is published. The neighborhood poll has been completed and the survey results are being processed. On December 6, 2021, the community poll results were presented to the workgroup. The presentation is posted on the website, for more information. The majority of the community members supported the Historic Overlay District. Timeline for next steps:
 - Board Authorization for Advertisement of the public hearings - January 25, 2022
 - Staff Report Publication - Early February
 - Presentations to History Commission, ARB and Park Authority Board - February
 - Public Hearing Dates (Anticipated)
 - Planning Commission- February 23, 2022, at 7:30pm
 - Board of Supervisors- March 8, 2022, at time TBD

Further information on the study and community meetings can be found here: [Hollin Hills HOD webpage](#) or by contacting [Laura Arseneau](#).

- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Mason District** – Holmes Run Acres subdivision has been redistricted to the Mason District. Due to this change, Barbara Peters will be replacing Sue Kovach Shuman on the workgroup. The workgroup met on December 15, 2021. Chris Daniel, ARB Chair joined the meeting for a discussion of the ARB's review process. EHT Traceries was also on hand to answer questions about the revisions to the Design Guidelines. The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for January 19 at 6:30pm via WebEx. Public hearings for this plan amendment have not been scheduled. More information can be found on the [Holmes Run Acres HOD project webpage](#) or by contacting [Denice Dressel](#).
- **Gum Springs Study, Mount Vernon District** – Staff continue to meet and work with the Small Group to identify consultants to solicit with the Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete a comprehensive survey for the Gum Springs community. **Background:** This project is being funded by a carryover budget request made by Supervisor Storck last year. If you would like additional information, please contact [Denice Dressel](#).

Survey Efforts

- **Lorton Visioning Study (Plan Amendment 2021-IV-LP1), Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE.** Staff has completed the archival review and conducted a windshield survey of the study area in October. We are in the process of compiling and analyzing our findings and will report to the History Commission once complete. Thank you to the Mount Vernon History Commission representatives for their input. **Background:** The County is undertaking the Lorton Visioning 2040 study to bolster the sense of place within the Lorton community over the next 20 years. More information about the project can be found on the project's webpage, [Lorton Visioning Study](#), or contact [Denice Dressel](#).
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide – NO UPDATE.** Staff met recently with representatives from VDHR and the consultants selected to conduct the survey, Hanbury Preservation Consulting. This is the same group that conducted the Reston architectural survey, which was very well received. Archival research followed by field work will begin soon. **Background:** DHR will provide \$9,650 to match the county's offer of \$20,500 for a project budget of \$31,150. Heritage Resources' staff would again like to thank the History Commission for their support - through their monetary pledge of \$7,500, letters of support, and individual member's reviews of the research. Staff would like to note the Architectural Review Board's support of a monetary pledge of \$5,000 and letters of support, as well as DPD's support of \$8,000 towards the survey. Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) for more information about the project.
- **Reston Architectural Survey, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE.** The draft of the Heritage Resources section of the Comprehensive Plan text from the Task Force is still under review. It is staff's understanding that the History Commission will have an opportunity to review the draft at some point in the future. **Background:** Chris Daniel, Chair of the Architectural Review Board, is a member of the Reason Master Plan Task Force. Staff has been working with Mr. Daniel to craft language and draft maps to include in the Reston Master Plan update. The results of the [Reston Architectural Survey Report](#) were presented to the Reston Master Plan Task Force on May 10th. The task force is now working with staff to incorporate this information into the Comprehensive Plan where it can be used as a planning tool. More information can be found on the [Reston Area Study webpage](#). Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) if you have any questions.

National Register Nominations

- **Pride of Fairfax National Register Nomination, Mount Vernon District –** On December 9, 2021, the Virginia Board of Historic Resources & State Review Board approved listing the Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298 in the Virginia Landmarks Register and recommended the nomination to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. Staff was unable to give public comment in support of the nomination due to technical difficulties. Thank you to the History Commission members who supported the nomination. **Background:** This project is being partially funded by a Certified Local Government Grant DPD received from the state. Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) with any questions.
- **Wolf Trap National Park Historic District, Dranesville District –** The draft National Register nomination for the Wolf Trap National Park Historic District was distributed to the History Commission and Architectural Review Board on December 23, 2021. The National Park Service is requesting review and comment on the nomination and a signature of concurrence from the BOS Chair by February 3, 2022. In order to accommodate this timeline, staff is requesting all comments be submitted by **January 17, 2022**, to allow enough time to compile comments and provide them to Chair McKay for his information.

NHPA Section 106 Reviews

- **Soapstone Connector/Association Drive Office Complex, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE.** Staff received draft Memorandum of Agreement from FHWA/FCDOT to respond to the adverse effects of the federally-funded project on the historic district. Staff feels that the MOA is a good start, but that the public history component of the proposed mitigation is insufficient. **Background:** During the Consulting Parties meeting, staff suggested HABS documentation of the buildings and HALS documentation of the cultural landscape, interpretive signage, and a public history interpretative display such as a website, or a traveling library display. Responses are due back to FCDOT by Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Other Items

- **History Commission Bylaws Revisions** – The Office of the County Attorney has finished reviewing the revisions to both the History Commission bylaws and the Architectural Review Board bylaws. The bylaws are scheduled to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for approval at their February 22, 2022, meeting.
- **Historic Courthouse, Providence District – NO UPDATE.** Staff met with representatives from Capital Facilities to discuss the demolition of the non-historic wings of the courthouse. At that time, Capital Facilities representatives indicated that they were aware of issues that had been identified and were a concern and they were looking for a funding source to address the issues. Staff recommended that they present the demolition proposal to both the ARB and the History Commission. The History Commission will be updated as staff receives information to share. **Background:** A tour was being planned for the History Commission and ARB for some time in the future, once in-person meetings have resumed, to learn about the history and the resources at the Courthouse, and to discuss some of the pressing repair and interventions the building needs. Heather Bollinger, Historic Records Manager, and I discussed scheduling the tour the day of a regularly scheduled meeting, prior to the meeting start time and wanted to get the Commission's input. Dates TBD.

Development Reviews

- **SEA 880V-064-05 Original Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon District** – This is the first application received under the new Zoning Standard: Alternative Use of Historic Buildings which allows the Board to consider a special exception to allow certain nonresidential uses in historic structures listed on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites. All applications that include exterior modifications to the structure or site are to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The proposed uses for the project include Early Childhood Education Center, Gymnasium, Teen and Senior Center, non-profit programs with a focus on education, career and workforce development, and financial literacy, education, culinary incubation, business incubation, visual and performing arts, commercial kitchen for education and to serve building uses, and flexible community use spaces. **Update/correction:** This project will be using only state Historic Tax Credits, not state and federal tax credits.

Attachment 6



Fairfax County History Commission

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December 21, 2021

Walter L. Alcorn,
Hunter Mill District Supervisor
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
1801 Cameron Glen Drive
Reston, VA 20190

Dear Supervisor Alcorn:

At the request of the History Commission, Christopher Daniel, Architectural Review Board (ARB) Chair, attended the Commission's December 1st meeting to explain ARB concerns over the findings of the Lake Anne Infrastructure Cursory Assessment Report completed in September 2020.

The Fairfax County History Commission acknowledges the historical significance of Lake Anne Village Center, listed on the county Inventory of Historic Sites, the National Register of Historic Places, and designated as a Historic Overlay District. Recognition of Lake Anne Village Center extends nationally and internationally as a renowned mid-20th century cultural resource.

Lake Anne's period of significance is the mid-1960s and its aging infrastructure is in dire need of repairs. Because those repairs to the historic structures that comprise Lake Anne Village Center must be performed in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties, the ARB is seeking support for the development of a supplemental study and report prepared within the context of historic preservation protocols.

The History Commission fully supports this critical ARB initiative.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Cheryl-Ann Repetti
Chair, Fairfax County History Commission

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Cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Christopher Daniel, Chair, Fairfax County Architectural Review Board
Elise Murray, ARB Liaison
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Attachment 7



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December 26, 2021

Thomas Wasaff, Environmental Planner
Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority
Office of Engineering, Planning Department (MA-32)
45045 Aviation Drive, 3rd Floor
Dulles, Virginia 20166

Dear Mr. Wasaff:

Thank you for the opportunity for the Fairfax County History Commission to participate as a consulting party and to review and comment on the Capitol One Lounge project. The project should be a great improvement in returning the former restaurant space to a similar function and esthetic of the original. However, we agree with the EAC/A Assessment that the proposed terrace and signage will have an adverse effect. We strongly urge that the terrace be eliminated, and the pier signage redesigned. We also urge that the decorative wooden slats on the windows be removed, and other aspects of the interior design reconsidered.

THE TERRACE

We agree with the EAC/A Assessment that the terrace will have an adverse effect by obstructing the intended view and penetrating the original western glass wall. The terrace is not a terrace in the usual sense of the word. It must have walls for security reasons and thus it has 3-dimensional mass and reads visually as a room appended, barnacle-like, onto the original massing. As the proposed walls are security mesh, the computer renderings may show the walls as more transparent than they may appear when built. Photographs, shown below, of mesh security walls may give a more accurate understanding of the appearance.



We are not persuaded that the color of the paint will mitigate these adverse consequences. We are similarly not persuaded that, because the intended view has been compromised by previous additions, this somehow mitigates the interference of the proposed terrace. Better to preserve what remains of the viewshed and support future development that might restore the original concept.

We question whether the need for the proposed terrace function overrides historical preservation concerns. The Commission believes the balance here should favor preservation and that the terrace should be deleted from the design.

SIGNAGE-PIERS

The signage on piers outside the lease area, on either side (and thereby framing) the Bertioia Wall, is advertising not wayfinding. We agree with the EAC/A Assessment that this adversely affects the Bertioia Wall and that it does not comply with current Dulles wayfinding standards. The positioning of the two signs, with fake wood grain surfaces, at the size they are, the typeface and use of color, all competes for attention and detracts from the Bertioia wall.

The EAC/A Assessment notes that the lounge requires signage for costumer wayfinding. We believe the signs can be much, much smaller, and less intrusive and still serve this purpose. We suggest:

1. No ersatz wood grain panels as this are outside the Dulles architectural vocabulary.
2. Much smaller pier signs. Limit the square footage rather than trying to control the letter heights or use the logos etc.

SIGNAGE-WALL SIGNING OUTSIDE THE LOUNGE

Limit the size of the signage surfaces on the outside wall of the lounge itself. Right now, it reads as a billboard and is not at all in keeping with the aesthetics of Dulles.

The wood graining of the wall is also problematic. Here, real teak is proposed, which may be subject to the abuse of people passing by and not wear well. There was teak on the back walls of the original Dulles ticket counters, but these were back walls.

LOUNGE INTERIOR DESIGN

The interiors of a lounge are generally left to the club operator as they have their own images to project and try to have the member know he/she is in one of their club spaces anywhere in the world. However, there is the precedent at National Airport of having an interior that captures the look and feeling of an interior design consistent with the historic era of the building as Continental did in its club in the former Dining Room of the 1941 terminal (Terminal A). The hotel in the TWA Terminal at John F. Kennedy Airport similarly captures the feeling of its era by restoring the original Saarinen design in its lobby and effectively using Mid-Century design of the 1960s in the hotel rooms. In these examples interior design

complements the historic character of the buildings and creates an appealing destination for travelers (and their Instagram posts).

We applaud the intent to create an interior that reflects the design of the original Dulles restaurant. Overall, however, the interiors shown in the renderings do not have the distinct feeling of Mid-Century design. This can be seen by comparing the historical photographs of the restaurant with the renderings of the lounge. The difference is not just that the original restaurant used Saarinen's iconic tulip tables and chairs, but that these furnishings were used in a manner that contributes to the creation of an interior space that minimizes mass, simplifies forms, and supports the viewer's experience of a space that extends to the outside.

The lounge design, in contrast, includes elements that directly contradict these principles of modern design. It egregiously proposes to add wooden slats with a wave pattern to be fixed onto the original glass wall in the bar area. This obscures the view, confines the feeling of space, and is not consistent with the Dulles Design Manual which calls for large surface windows that are "continuous or nearly continuous bands." (We could not tell if there is a purpose to these slats. If they are sun control devices, then we strongly suggest the designers try to find something less intrusive, such as translucent shades that have a neutral impact on design.)

Similarly, though some of the furnishings selected are successful, some are not. The wood chairs with four legs in a pyramidal shape, for example, contrast jarringly and seem out of place. The barrel-shaped seats in bar area are too massive as are the mushroom stools in the family area. Saarinen's chair designs, like other architects of the period, reflect architectural concepts. The delicately thin stem of Saarinen's tulip chair, the slender legs of the womb chair, support the weight of the seat and the person while minimizing the mass of the supporting structures.

Overall, the sheer variety of furnishings (there are at least 10 different types of seating, multiple surface treatments, and a miscellany of plants, paintings, etc.) veers toward visual clutter rather than the simplicity of forms typical of Mid-Century design. We suggest that the designers should be mindful that "less is more."

SUMMARY

Airports are often centers of good design. Dulles stands out among them as the work of a modern master. The History Commission has taken the time to carefully review the proposal for the Capitol One Lounge because we strongly believe in the value of preserving the integrity of Saarinen's vision as the airport grows and changes.

We applaud the intent of the Capitol One Lounge to revitalize the historic function of this space and its mid-twentieth century design esthetic. But we agree with the EAC/A Assessment that the proposed terrace and pier signage will adversely affect the historic district. We urge the deletion of the terrace and that the signage be downscaled and changed so it does not compete with the Bertoia wall. We also believe that the proposed interior window slats are not consistent with the Dulles Design Manual and should be removed. Overall, we recommend that the interior design should be simplified to create a unified design with the distinctive feeling of Saarinen's Mid-Century interiors.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Cheryl-Anne Repetti, PhD
Chair, Fairfax County History Commission

Cc: Jeffery McKay, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Kathy Smith, Sully District Supervisor, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Barbara Byron, Director, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development
Denice Dressel, Senior Heritage Resources Planner, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development
Elizabeth Crowell, Cultural Resources Branch Manager, Fairfax County Park Authority
Christopher Daniel, Chair, Fairfax County Architectural Review Board
Heidi Siebentritt, Loudoun County Preservation Planner
Susan Stafford, Environmental Protection Specialist, Federal Aviation Administration
Sonia Ingram, Preservation Virginia
Marc Holman, Virginia Department of Historic Resources
Jamie Loichinger, Assistant Director Federal Permitting, Advisory Council for Historic Preservation

See external attachment for the Assessment of Project Effect, Proposed Capital One Lounge, Dulles International Airport, Loudoun and Fairfax Counties, Virginia by Paula Reed and Tery Harris.

History Commission January 5, 2022

Marker Project- Committee is finalizing the guidelines, submission form on line, voting committee procedures etc.

Website should be on line mid January.

Marker project will be presented to teachers January 24.

Marker Committee - Several markers are in the pipeline.

Pleasant Grove is in a queue with VDOT to get land permit for installation.

Dranesville, Contraband Camps, Annandale United Methodist,. Wiley's Tavern, and Odd Fellows Hall

Working on getting marker submission forms on line

Civil War at Frying Pan Spring Meeting House marker text section has been readied by the Park Authority for shipping to Sewah Studios.

I would like to make a motion that \$800 be approved for the repainting of the marker. There is no charge for shipping and delivery.

License agreement has been updated with approval by county attorney.

Applicant can be asked to pay the entire cost of the marker and installation.

There is still an understanding that if there is money in the budget that the History Commission can be asked to pay half of the marker and installation.

Sewah Studios indicates that marker production cost will increase May 2022.

Cemetery Committee-

Wreath laying ceremonies occurred at Jermantown and Sons and Daughters of Liberty Cemetery at Pine Ridge Park on December 18th.

Descendants, church members, Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation members, a boy scout and his family, etc. attended. Both were very meaningful and special ceremonies.

Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association is planning a virtual meeting of members of preservation organizations in the Northern Virginia area to discuss how each can support the other. The discussion will include a plan to form a consortium of preservation organizations.

Attachment 9

History Commission
Semiquincentennial Report
January 5, 2022

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair

State Commission

1. The Commission has hired Cheryl Jackson as the Executive Director of Virginia250. She has previously served as the Virginia Sesquicentennial Executive Director.
2. The Commission is requesting \$15M from the 2023 State budget.
3. The next meeting is planned for January 14 at 10 a.m. in Richmond.

Fairfax County Workgroup

1. A meeting is planned for the end of January.
2. All Supervisors have selected an appointee to the workgroup.
3. With a larger group in place, the next step is to establish a formal committee structure.

History Commission Committee

The Committee Members for the Commission will include Gretchen Bulova, Mary Lipsey, Sue Shuman, and Jordan Tannenbaum. This Committee has not met.

Architectural Review Board Report
December 9, 2021 Webex Meeting

Consent Items: None

Action Items

The applicant withdrew the application in order to devise a plan more in keeping with the architecture of the Heron House. Verizon Wireless antenna installation, located at 11400 Washington Plaza West, in the Lake Anne Historic Overlay District. The applicant is proposing to install 6 concealed antennas with accessory equipment and cabinets on the roof at Heron House. Rick Novak of Site Link Wireless represents the application. Hunter Mill District.

Approved: TESLA Solar Roof, located at 9105 Power House Rd., Lorton in the Lorton Correctional Complex. Applicant is submitting for workshop of TESLA Solar Roof system, roof vent pipe, and fan exhaust upgrade. Daniel Halstead represents the application. Mount Vernon District.

Approved: Screened porch with deck, stairs, and stone patio, located at 9393 Quadrangle St., Lorton, in the Lorton Correctional Complex. Applicant is submitting for workshop of screened porch, deck, stairs, and stone patio in the Liberty subdivision. John Burton represents the application. Mount Vernon District.

Workshops

Demolitions of Tenant House at Mount Air, located at 8600 Accotink Road, Lorton, in the Mount Air Historic Overlay District, tax map number 99-4 9A, 10B. The applicant is proposing to demolish the tenant house, previously approved for demotion by the ARB in 2003. Dr. Elizabeth Crowell represents the application. Mount Vernon District.

Renovations plan for Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS), located at 8323 and 8333 Richmond Highway, 4100 Mohawk Lane, 8345 Reddick Avenue and 8405 Mount Zephyr Drive in Alexandria, tax map numbers 101-4 ((1)) 5A and 57; 101-4 ((7)) 1 and 39; 101-4 ((8E)) 1. The applicant, the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, seeks a Special Exception (SEA 88-V-064-05) to allow for alternative uses of historic buildings for the Original Mount Vernon High School. The ARB has authority to review and provide recommendation over exterior renovations to historic structures with the new Alternative Structures in Historic Buildings Special Exception in the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant proposes the demolition of portions of the buildings that have not been deemed historically significant and the addition of a welcome center to the rear of the building. Proposed uses to be added include early childhood education, gymnasium, teen and senior center, non-profit programs and other community uses. OMVHS is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the applicant is proposing to use rehabilitation tax credits to help fund the project. Ms. Ipek Aktuglu and Kim Callahan of Fairfax County Capital Facilities represent the application. Mount Vernon District

Presentation: None

Attachment 11

AAHI

GMU Capstone Meeting December 13

Students reported that they received good feedback on their project from the review judges.

They are working with GMU's Fenwick Library as possible host for the website.

A Graduate tech assistant would be available as the IT person to handle updates to the website.

The library would have a "brand" on the website and also cite the History Commission. The History Commission website would link to the Fenwick Library website.

It is possible that the HC and the Fenwick Library establish an MOA.

Next meeting January 10, 2022.

Commissioners Ford and Lipsey met with Denice Dressel to discuss getting the AAHI templates for each district on the HC website. All templates will be formatted to PDFs after editing and sent to Denice.

We decided to add a table of contents by district.

The goal is to have everything on line by January 17, 2022.