

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

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

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair called the October 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:

Cheryl-Ann Repetti, *Chair*
Mary Lipsey
Barbara Naef
Carole Herrick
Anne Stuntz
Steve Sherman, * *Secretary*
Phyllis Walker Ford
Barbara Peters
Sallie Lyons
Tammy Mannarino
Sue Kovach Shuman
Jenee Lindner (!)
Esther McCullough
Robert "Bob" Beach* **
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Vice Chair*

Location:

Sully
Springfield
Reston
McLean
Hunter Mill
Franconia
Clifton
Annadale
Colchester
Staunton
Mantua
Springfield
Sully
Fairfax
Springfield

Commissioners Excused:

Anne Barnes

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David Meyer

Gretchen Bulova

Subhi Mehdi

Elise Murray

Jordan Tannenbaum

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*

***Joined after roll call*

(!) Technical difficulties

County Liaisons Present:

Laura Kviklys, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Stephanie Newman, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Megan Riley, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Elizabeth Crowell, 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:

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to Lynne Garvey-Hodge that she might 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 seconded by Sue Kovach Shuman and 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 536 595 022#.

The motion was seconded by Esther McCullough and 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 seconded by Anne Stuntz and passed unanimously. The gavel was passed back to the Chair.

Prioritized Announcements

- Phyllis Walker Ford announced that she will be stepping down at the end of the year to spend more time on her duties at the Laurel Grove School Museum. Phyllis discussed her accomplishments, particularly with the African American History Initiative (AAHI), and expressed her appreciation to the Commission.
 - Barbara Naef, Esther McCullough, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Anne Stuntz and others expressed their appreciation and commended Phyllis for her hard work, dedication, and leadership on the Commission.

Presentation

Jermantown Cemetery Preservation Society, Connie Smith and Linneall Naylor:

- The Jermantown Cemetery Preservation Society gave a presentation about the history and legacy of the Jermantown Cemetery and its descendants to the History Commission. The Preservation Society provided the presentation to spread awareness of the historic significance of the site. See [Attachment 1](#) for the presentation materials.
- Following the presentation, the floor was opened for questions:
 - Barbara Peters asked about the recording of the grave sites. Connie and Linneall explained that all the visible grave markers were recorded by the Preservation Society and that GPR was recently conducted to better confirm how many individuals are buried at the site.
 - Esther McCullough asked what Lodge #4 meant in the presentation. Linneall and Jene Lindner explained that Lodge #4 refers to the Fairfax Station Chapter of the Brothers and Sisters Benevolence Society, which was a national organization to assist African American families. The chapter provided funding and oversight to the founding of the cemetery.
 - Linneall Naylor and Jene Lindner spoke to their family heritages connected to the Cemetery.

Minutes

Approval of the September 7, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Lynne Garvey-Hodge to approve the September 7, 2022 History Commission Meeting Minutes:

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

The motion seconded by Esther McCullough and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending September 26, 2022. See [Attachment 2](#) for the September report.
 - Sue corrected an error in original report that the quantity of the History Conference cards was 100, not 200 as originally stated. The attached Treasurer's Report reflects the corrected amount.

Staff Reports

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Elizabeth Cromwell:

- Dr. Elizabeth Crowell, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB event, project, and program updates.
 - Specifically, Dr. Crowell gave a summary of the Oak Hill event, noted upcoming activities in celebration of Archaeology Month (Centreville Day and cemetery cleanups), project updates at Riverbend Park, and an award for the efforts for the establishment of the Historic Overlay District at Wellington River Farm.
 - Elizabeth added that the ACB welcomed the new Archaeology and Museum Collections Manager, Kelsey Atwood last week.

Heritage Conservation Branch, Stephanie Langton:

- Stephanie Langton, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave program and staffing updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. See [Attachment 3](#) for the staff report.

Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak:

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library gave staff, program, collection, and events updates regarding the Virginia Room. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.

Heritage Resources, Laura Kviklys:

- Laura Kviklys, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave project, program, and staff updates. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.
 - Stephanie Newman, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, introduced herself and explained her future involvement with the African American Markers Project.
 - Laura requested that any Commissioners who are interested in attending the National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference email her. The Commission approved up to 10 members to attend the conference.

- Laura noted that she is currently working on developing a History Commission display in the Fairfax County Government Center lobby display case. She requested Commissioners to send her ideas, images, or resources for the display.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked and Laura clarified that it's the display case for historic resources.
 - Tammy Mannarino recommended that the display echo what they have already assembled on the History Commission board, as well advertise the History Conference.

Prioritized Committee Reports

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge reviewed the final details of the History Conference, which will be on Saturday, November 5, 2022. Lynne thanked the many Commissioners that have helped her with the final details. In particular, Lynne discussed the estimated attendance, administrative details, lunch, and refreshments. The next meeting will be scheduled for October 26, 2022. See [Attachment 6](#) for the committee report.
 - Esther McCullough reminded the Commission that Commissioners must RSVP and pay to attend the History Conference as well.
 - Additionally, Lynne noted that her thoughts are with Anne Barnes and her family.
 - Sue Kovach Shuman asked Lynne to clarify the attendance. Lynne explained that although only six people have RSVPed, the next two weeks are typically when most of the attendees are confirmed.
 - Carole Herrick asked how many exhibitors will be there and Lynne responded that she believes there are two or three exhibitors.

Awards Commission, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge said that there are no new updates from last month. Lynne did note the awardee for the Mayo Stuntz award could not win two awards in one year, which was an issue raised by Elise Murray. The Awards Committee followed back up with the awardee, who retracted one of their submissions and will resubmit next year.

Unfinished Business

Nominating Committee, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti discussed the organizing of the Nominating Committee, which will begin their duties to select people for committee chair positions next month. Cheryl noted that Phyllis Walker Ford had volunteered to chair the Nominating Committee and Carole Herrick volunteered to serve on the Committee. The Committee needs one more member and Cheryl urged one more member to volunteer.

New/Old Business

Courthouse Updates, Sue Kovach Shuman and Jenee Lindner:

- Sue Kovach Shuman explained that the History Commission was notified regarding a cellular antenna that will be installed within the historic area at the Fairfax Historic Courthouse. Sue reached out to David Meyer and Jordan Tannenbaum to discuss the implications of this in Section 106.
- Sue also noted that funds for the repairs to the Courthouse's brick façade were approved by the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors.
- Regarding the well site, Jenee Lindner explained that the project's scope has been narrowed to an interpretive sign, following the findings by the County staff. Therefore, this will follow the typical markers process.
 - Cheryl Repetti added that the Commission needs to consider a marker for the courthouse itself as well.

Committee Reports

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford and Mary Lipsey:

- Phyllis Walker Ford updated the Commission that George Mason University has signed the MOU and it is now submitted to the County for their approval.

Semiquincentennial Commemoration, Cheryl Repetti:

- In Gretchen Bulova absence, Cheryl reviewed the latest Semiquincentennial Report. See [Attachment 7](#) for the report.
 - Specifically, Cheryl noted the members of the Fairfax County Working Group, which include Gretchen Bulova, Mary Lipsey, Sue Kovach Shuman, and Jordan Tannenbaum.

Advocacy and Annual Report Committees, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz gave updates regarding the activities of the Advocacy Committee, including the Oak Hill event and the upcoming Centreville Day on October 15, 2022.
 - Tammy Mannarino noted that she printed copies of the History Conference registration form and put them at local libraries. The Commission also discussed promoting the conference through different locations and social media channels.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Markers Committee, including two markers that are under development and details about recognition of the Marker Project finalists. See [Attachment 8](#) for Committee Report.
 - Carole Herrick discussed the press coverage for the McLean Volunteer Firehouse Marker Dedication ceremony.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Cemetery Preservation Committee activities, including her research into the Jermantown Cemetery, a potential Eagle Scout Project at Pine Ridge Park, and an upcoming presentation. Additionally, Mary discussed developments with the Northern Virginia Cemetery Consortium. See [Attachment 8](#) for the Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough summarized the Ethnic and Oral History Committee last meeting on September 27. The next meeting will be October 25, 2022 at 7:00 PM.

Resident Curator Program, Robert "Bob" Beach:

- Bob Beach did not have anything additional to add to the program update.

Website Coordination, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti stated that there is nothing new to report about the website.
 - Mary Lipsey pointed out that the website still states that the History Commission is meeting at the Fairfax City Library. Cheryl noted that there might be a location change for the History Commission meetings when in-person meetings resume. Cheryl agreed to address the location issue on the website.

Announcements


- Anne Stuntz noted that the Friends of the Virginia Room will be meeting in-person at the Fairfax City Library on October 30, 2022 and that Sue Kovach Shuman will be presenting her book. Anne also shared a stanza from the work of Mayo Stuntz.
- Christopher Barbuschak noted that he took photos of Red Barn, the fast-food restaurant in Fairfax City, as it was being demolished to make way for a Taco Bell. Chris also discussed preservation efforts for the sign of the Breezeway Motel, which is another establishment slated for demolition in Fairfax City.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti adjourned the meeting at 9:12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer

Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 11/10/22

Attachments

[Attachment 1](#): Jermantown Cemetery Preservation Society Presentation (External Attachment)

[Attachment 2](#): October Treasurer's Report

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

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

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

[Attachment 6](#): History Conference Committee Report

[Attachment 7](#): Semiquincentennial Commemoration Report

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

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Attachment 1

Please see the external attachments for the Jermantown Cemetery Preservation Society presentation files. The files are too large to include here.

**Fairfax County History Commission
Treasurer Report Oct. 5, 2022**

Fairfax County Account as of Sept. 26, 2022

Balance reported by county Sept. 26: \$71,217.27

Expenses:

8/31/2022 Pooled Interest \$58.82

9/16/2022 Printing order (100 History Conference cards--reimbursed to CR) \$176.

9/23/2022 Minutes for August 2022 - Meyer \$450.

9/23/2022 FICA & Medicare \$27.90 and \$6.53 = \$34.43

Budget adjustment \$58.82 (the interest)

Reply on August adjustment: "The \$35.23 budget adjustment is from DMB for revenue appropriations. DMB reviews the budget including incoming revenues and adjusts throughout the fiscal year."

Ending balance on Sept. 26, 2022 \$70,674.48 as reported by county

Park Authority/History Conference Account

Interest earned since last month: \$2.79

Available for 2023 conference: \$2,025.61

**Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman
FCHC Treasurer**

Attachment 3

Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division
History Commission Updates
October 2022

Location: Winchester

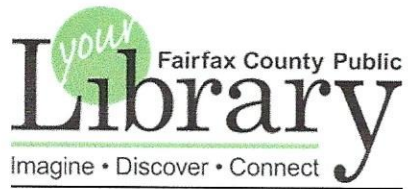
Operations and Maintenance

- Work continues at **Dranesville Tavern** to repair termite damage. Updates are posted on the Resident Curator website. [Resident Curator Program | Park Authority \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

Resident Curator Program Updates

- EHT Traceries continues work on Union Farm's HSR & Treatment Plan.

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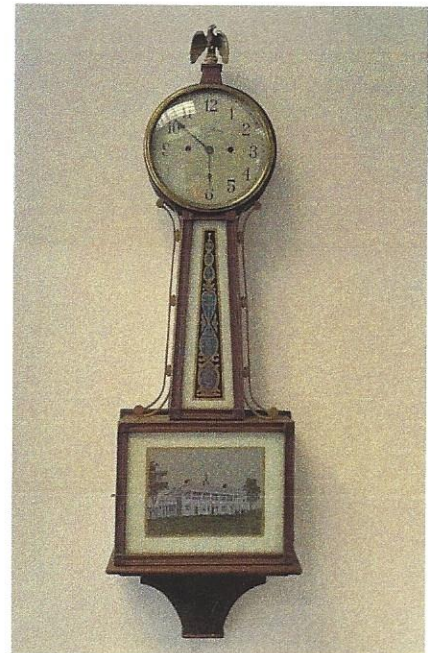
Fairfax County Public Library's Virginia Room
Staff Report to the Fairfax County History Commission

October 2022

- We're excited to announce that on October 24th, Jenna Wolf will be joining the Virginia Room staff as the new Virginia Room Librarian I. She comes to us from the Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library in Frederick, MD.
- Staff provided tours of the Virginia Room for the Fairfax Library Foundation board on Saturday 9/10; and to Fairfax County Youth Leadership students on 9/14.
- October 2022 is the 50th anniversary of the opening of Kings Park Library. There will be a mini display chronicling its history in the branch.
- The Friends of the Virginia Room used book sale will be held on November Thursday 11/10 & Saturday 11/12, 10am-4pm both days. Library is closed on Friday 11/11. Grocery Bag Sale will occur on Sunday, 11/13 from 10am-3pm. There are tons and tons of local history and genealogy books for sale!

Newly Acquired Collections

A c. 1920s pendulum clock featuring Mount Vernon from the estate of Ross and Nan Netherton was bequeathed to us by their son, David Netherton. It once hung in their home and now hangs in the Virginia Room's staff meeting room.



Attachment 5

Staff Report:

Historic Overlay Districts

- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Mason District** – Staff has received poll data and are in the QC process. An in-person community outreach meeting has tentatively been planned for October 20th at the Woodburn Elementary School; if the space is unavailable a virtual meeting will be held, date TBD. More information can be found on the [Holmes Run Acres HOD project webpage](#) or by contacting [Denice Dressel](#).
- **Gum Springs Study, Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE.** Working with a small group of community leaders, staff has prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a consultant to conduct a cultural resources study for the Gum Springs Community. The RFP is under review and should be released for response in the near future. **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

- **Modern Architectural Survey, County Wide – NO UPDATE.** Staff received notification last week that our request was fully funded through Virginia Department of Historic Resources' (VDHR) Cost Share Grant program. The survey should get underway sometime in early fall 2022. **Background:** On April 1, 2022, staff submitted the application to the (VDHR) to their Cost Share grant program for a county-wide selective survey of mid-century architectural resources. This application was truly a team effort, with the History Commission supporting the required matching funding along with the ARB; the Virginia Room assisting in the identification of the resources to be surveyed; and the Virginia Chapter of the AIA assisting in drafting the background context and scope for the survey. A total of 18 districts and 167 individual resources were identified, bringing the total estimated cost down to \$42,200. Staff thanks the History Commission for its continued, generous support of \$7500 in matching funds. The Architectural Review Board also pledged \$7500. The Department of Planning and Development will contribute \$15,000. Our final request to DHR for funding amounted to \$16,200. This will also include DHR's support in administering the survey.
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide** - Staff received an updated draft of the final survey report in September 2022. The new report will be reviewed internally and sent for comments to the HC and ARB in late 2022. A public information meeting is planned for early fall to share the results of the survey with the community, date TBD. **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** - Reston Area Comprehensive Plan Update- During the month of September, staff held community outreach meetings to gain community input about all draft sections of the Reston Area Comprehensive Plan. Public input is being sought on the draft from September 6 through October 28. On September 29, the Planning Commission held a workshop review the proposed changes with Task Force members and staff; on October 4th, the proposed changes will be presented to the Board's Land Use Committee for discussion. The proposed changes include text and a map of the resources surveyed during the 2020 Reston Historic Resources Survey. Public Hearing have not yet been scheduled. Please reach out to Denice for additional details **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

- **Wolf Trap National Park Historic District, Dranesville District – NO UPDATE.**

NHPA Section 106 Reviews

- **Soapstone Connector/Association Drive Office Complex, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE.** FCDOT had a public information meeting on Monday July 11, 2022. They presented the draft MOA with comments due August 1, 2022. Staff and the History Commission both provided comments back on the draft MOA. **Background:** 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. During the Consulting Parties meeting, staff suggested HABS documentation of the buildings and HALS documentation of the cultural landscape, interpretive signage, and a public report that provides detailed research information about the Association Drive complex.
- **DC Area Coastal Storm Risk Management Study, Mount Vernon District- NO UPDATE.** The proposal includes the construction of flood walls in the Belle Haven area. The impacted heritage resource would be George Washington Memorial Parkway, on the NRHP. While this is not in Section 106 review yet, it will be upcoming. Staff and History Commission comments were submitted to the US Army Corps of Engineers on July 29, staff is awaiting their response.

Other Items

- **Limited Term History Commission Program Staff** – We are pleased to announce that our new Planner II, Stephanie Newman began with DPD on September 26th. Stephanie will work exclusively on the African American Historical Markers Program. Welcome to Stephanie!
- **Architectural Review Board position (Heritage Resources Planner II)** - The duties of this position include support to the ARB and ARB Administrator as well as creating and writing staff reports for ARB cases. This the positing for this position will reopen in October 2022.

Historic Courthouse, Providence District – NO UPDATE. DPWES and their consultant, Whitman, Requardt & Associates, LLP presented the planned demolition of the Historic Courthouse (non-historic) wings and masonry repair at the August ARB meeting. The masonry repair and repointing project is fully funded and is being included with the wing demolition project. The tentative timeline for both projects begins in fall 2022 and runs through summer 2024.

- **Administration-** DPD staff is working with the Fairfax County Clerk's Office to identify opportunities to streamline communications and financials based on how other BACs operate (P-card, Teams accounts, etc.).
- **National Trust Conference Registration-** The National Trust will be holding its annual conference virtually from November 1-4. The History Commission can receive up to 10 registration spots for \$285 if submitted by October 25. **The Commission must vote to allocate monies for registration.** All Commissioners interested in attending can contact Laura Kviklys: laura.kviklys@fairfaxcounty.gov.
- **Outreach-** DPD has a display case in the Government Center for showcasing Heritage Resources in Fairfax County. Past exhibits have included an exhibit of the work of the History Commission for its 50th anniversary. The current exhibit was installed by FCPA Archaeology Branch in 2020. Commissioners are encouraged to develop ideas to promote current projects and celebrate the victories of previous years.

Attachment 6

Hello, everyone – I apologize for the tardiness here – some of this info. just came in this afternoon. The 9/28/2022 Committee meeting was electronic in nature & via Teams – although there was some confusion at the onset.

Laura & Megan have agreed to a "Day of" Reminder to the Committee in order that we are all on the same wave-length in terms of date/time & meeting link information.

Present were: Mike Irwin, Phyllis Walker-Ford, Liz Crowell, Esther McCullough, Sue Kovach Shuman, Cheryl Repetti & Megan Riley.

The major topic of discussion remains that of food & we are in a challenging situation as Jason's has new staff - & staff much less focused on our needs than their prior store manager. We discussed a per diem for the presenters coming in from out of town.

NEW UPDATES:

- * As of two days ago Liz passed on that none of the out of town people would need paid-for lodging, so we are left, then only with honorarium monies in that regard.
 - * Printing of the brochures has been done & they have now been distributed – approx. 400 of them. The cost came in at \$352.00 for Printit Printing in Mosaic.
 - * Food – confirmed: Bagels/Lox (Jordan to p/u & deliver) – does he need assistance??
 - * Shamrock shortbread: Lynne has secured – will come in tins or boxes – will need distribution for lunch
 - * Pasta/Salad/morning/lunch beverages from Jason's (still a question)
 - * Possible Irish Shepherd's Pie choice from Auld Shebeen
 - * Need to have room set-up for both recipe drop-off & "Drop & Swap" a history book
 - * We are hoping to stay within our financial framework of \$5,000.00
 - * Valerie Bey & Albee will be our Channel 16 contacts for the LiveStream – Valerie & I will connect sometime next week.
 - * Presenter bios/trivia questions are still needed for several presenters
 - * Finalization with Congressman Connolly & Jeff McKay for in-person or pre-taping still needs to be confirmed
 - * We are still waiting on the actual **contact person's name for the Sherwood Community Center** who we will be working with
 - * We have minimal registrations for in-person attendees – so will need to stay on top of this with Cindy Jordan & Liz – as food orders will depend on those responses.
 - * Tablecloths & stage flowers still need to be procured.
- Our next meeting is scheduled for Wed., 10/26/2022 – in order to finalize all details
If I have left anything significant out here, please Reply directly to me.
THANK YOU!!!
See you soon!
All good things,

Lynne Garvey -Hodge

Fairfax County History Commission, Vice Chairperson,
Historian I, At-Large Commissioner &
Annual Conference & Awards Chairperson
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/events>

Attachment 7

History Commission
Semiquincentennial Report
October 5, 2022

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair

State Commission

1. The state commission now has four staff members, recently adding a Director of Marketing.
2. There will be at least three grant opportunities made available through the state commission. One will be a partnership with the Virginia Tourism Corporation, which will focus more on marketing; one in partnership with Virginia Humanities, which will focus more on program content; and one that will be directly from the state commission. It is anticipated that these will be awarded annually through 2026.
3. The state commission is partnering with the Omohundo Institute of Early American History, Colonial Williamsburg, and the College of William & Mary to hold a series of conferences. The first event is planned for October 28-29, 2022.
4. The state commission website is www.VA250.org, and its kickoff event is scheduled for March 10-12, 2023, in Williamsburg. There is an opportunity for each jurisdiction to link to the state commission website, which is sponsored by the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation.
5. The next meeting is planned for January 6, 2023 at 10 a.m. in Richmond at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. All meetings are open to the public.

Fairfax County Workgroup

1. Meeting took place on September 28, 2022 at the City of Fairfax Regional Library.
2. Meeting included:
 - a. Approval of the Slate of Officers
Scott Stroh, Chair

Elliot Bell-Krasner, Vice-Chair

Nancy Simmons, Secretary

- b. 250 Commission Budget Request to the Board of Supervisors
 - c. Discussion of committee membership and participation
3. Topics for November meeting include:
 - Infrastructure – actions to help organize the commission, such as a document sharing system, establishing social media platforms, and forming a website
 - Partnerships - identifying partners, people, and sites in Fairfax with which we need to collaborate
 - Promotion & awareness – actions to start getting the word out about the commission

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.

Attachment 8

History Commission Marker Committee report October 2022

Working with applicants for two markers - history of Merrifield
And at Belle Haven Country Club for John West longest member of House of Burgesses
Met with Laura about marker and cemetery committee

History Marker Project

All marker submission participants are receiving certificates of appreciation.
Plans are to recognize finalists with a presentation with the Board of Supervisors.
Met with Laura and Stephanie Newman concerning researching and writing text for markers.

Cemetery

1. Researching info on Jermantown Cemetery burials for an on line story map.
2. Working with a scout about Eagle Scout Project at Sons and Daughters Pine Ridge Park. Brush removal and mapping the gravestones.
3. Presenting to NoVA LLI about the history of county African American cemeteries.

Consortium has met twice. Northern Virginia Cemetery Consortium new name
Aimee Wells presented info about county surveys of cemeteries.

Aimee is scheduling several cemetery surveys for October.

Consortium is constructing a directory and list of resources.

Next meeting in December will discuss the possibilities of establishing a website
And a Facebook page.

A member will present info about challenges that his group has faced with cemetery
preservation.