

**Fairfax County History Commission
Monthly Meeting**

December 7, 2022, 7:30 p.m.
Fairfax County Government Center, Room 120C
12000 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax, Virginia, 22035

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted an in-person meeting on December 7, 2022.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair called the December 7, 2022 meeting to order at 7:35 p.m.

Roll Call

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

Commissioners Present:

Cheryl-Ann Repetti, *Chair*
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Vice Chair, At-Large*
Mary Lipsey
Subhi Mehdi
Barbara Naef
Anne Stuntz
Phyllis Walker Ford
Barbara Peters
Anne Barnes
Sallie Lyons
Tammy Mannarino
Sue Kovach Shuman
Jenee Lindner
Jordan Tannenbaum**

District:

Sully
Springfield
Braddock
Dranesville
Hunter Mill
Hunter Mill
Clifton
Annandale
Mount Vernon
Colchester
Alexandria
Mantua
Springfield
Springfield

Commissioners Present Virtually (!):

Esther McCullough
Elise Murray*
Steve Sherman,* *Secretary*
Carole Herrick

District:

Sully
Hunter Mill
Franconia
Dranesville

(!) This is a notation that there were overall technical issues throughout the meeting. Due to microphone issues in the meeting room, the Commissioners participating virtually had difficulty hearing the meeting. In multiple instances, the Commissioners were asked to repeat themselves.

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*

***Joined after roll call
(!) Technical difficulties*

Commissioners Excused:

David Meyer
Gretchen Bulova
Robert “Bob” Beach

County Liaisons Present:

Laura Kviklys, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Aimee Wells, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

County Liaisons Present Virtually:

Stephanie Newman, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Stephanie Langton, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

Staff Present:

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

The Chair reminded the Commission that for in-person meetings, Commissioners must request in advance to virtually join the meeting and provide a reason to the Chair.

Cheryl Repetti passed the gavel to Vice Chair Lynne Garvey-Hodge so that she could be heard to make the following motion:

I move that the voices of Commissioners McCullough, Murray, Sherman, and Herrick who are joining electronically can be adequately heard in this location.

Subhi Medhi seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Given that that Commissioners previously stated are participating remotely [either for health reasons or personal reasons] and that pursuant to the History Commission’s Policy for Participation in Meetings by Electronic Communication, I move that they be permitted to participate remotely in this meeting because it comports with the policy we just adopted, and a physical quorum is present here at the Fairfax County Government Center, Room 120C.

The motion passed unanimously. The gavel was passed back to the Chair.

Chair Announcements:

- With regard to future meeting formats, Cheryl Repetti explained that future Commission meetings are expected to be wholly electronically until the County’s emergency declaration is lifted, unless changed at the discretion of the Commission and future Chair. The Chair opened the floor for any motion or discussion regarding changes to future meeting formats, of which there was none.

Minutes

Approval of the November 2, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Subhi Mehdi to approve the November 2, 2022 History Commission Meeting Minutes:

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

Barbara Peters seconded the motion. The floor was opened to discussion of the motion:

- With regard to the roll call vote taken on the motion made by Elise Murray about the suggested change in the discussion process (page 5-6), Esther McCullough asked if it was necessary to record the way each Commissioner voted.
 - Cheryl Repetti clarified that Esther would prefer the vote record be struck and only the vote totals are given.
 - Tammy Mannarino disagreed, stating that the minutes reflect how close the vote was during the meeting.
 - Barbara Naef also advocated that the minutes should remain how they are given that it is the objective of recording the meeting.
 - Cheryl Repetti repeated the conversation to the virtual attendees and asked if Esther McCullough would like to amend the motion to approve the minutes. Esther did not want to amend the motion.

Chair called the question. Motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending November 18 2022. See [Attachment 1](#) for the November report.
 - Sue noted that a payment to Elliot Meyer was missed for the October minutes, the resubmission deadline was missed by one day this past month, but the payment will be corrected in December.
 - Sue requested that any outstanding History Conference expenses must be submitted to Sue for reimbursement immediately due to a new County rule that all receipts must be submitted within 10 days following an event.
 - Sue explained that the History Conference account currently has a remaining balance of \$70, but that additional expenses are still being recorded. She will work to have a final amount that is remaining of the \$5,000 allocated for the Conference.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge commended Sue Kovach Shuman's handling of the conference finances and her duties as Treasurer.

Staff Reports

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB project and activity updates. See [Attachment 2](#) for the staff report.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge clarified that the artifact pictured was a tobacco pipe.
 - Barbara Naef asked about the estimated age of the artifact. Aimee estimated between 1820-1920.

Heritage Conservation Branch, Stephanie Langton:

- Stephanie Langton, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave program and event updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. See [Attachment 3](#) for the staff report.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked about the conditions of Merrybrook buildings and Stephanie said that she could not comment on them since she has not been out to that area in a while.

Virginia Room, Cheryl Repetti:

- Due to Christopher Barbuschak's absence, there was no update from the Virginia Room.
 - Tammy Mannarino announced that Chris shared with her that the book *Fairfax County, Virginia: A History* is now digitized and will be available as a digital resource for the planned book club in 2023.

Heritage Resources, Laura Kviklys:

- Laura Kviklys, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave survey project, program, and staff updates. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.
 - Specifically, DPD discovered a box of negative photographs from the 1980s that were a part of a historic resources inventory. DPD is currently processing the photographs, and Laura distributed a number of photographs for the Commissioners to view during the meeting. Photos were also shared with the meeting materials ahead of the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Coastal Storm Risk Management Feasibility Study Draft Agreement, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti provided a copy of a draft programmatic agreement that was provided to the Commission from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers regarding the Metropolitan Washington, District of Columbia Coastal Risk Management Feasibility Study. In July 2022, the Commission unanimously voted to be a consulting party in the Section 106 process. The project is primarily focused on changing sections of the historic George Washington Memorial Parkway to install flood mitigation measures in anticipation of rising sea levels. Cheryl explained that the letter is for the Commissioner's awareness and no actions need to be considered during this meeting. See [Attachment 5](#) for the draft agreement.

- Aimee Wells raised the concern that the Fairfax County Archaeology and Collections Branch was not listed as a consulting party on page 2. Cheryl Repetti added that the Architecture Review Board was also omitted from the list of consulting parties and that this will be addressed.
- Tammy Mannarino discussed some of the community concerns that have already arisen during preliminary public hearings.

New Business

I-495 SEL Project Section 106, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti discussed the letter from the Federal Highway Administration and the Virginia Department of Transportation that invites the History Commission to be a consulting party for the Section 106 process of the I-495 Southside Express Lanes (SEL) study. The project is to extend the existing express lanes on the southeast direction of I-495, from the I-95/I-395/I-495 interchange (Springfield) to Maryland Route 210 (Oxon Hill/National Harbor). The project does not anticipate widening of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge. See [Attachment 6](#) for the letter.
 - Jordan Tannenbaum asked what historic properties or impacts are expected in this project. Aimee Wells replied that a survey has not been conducted as of yet.

Jordan Tannenbaum made the following motion:

I move that we respond to the Federal Highway Administration by thanking them for their offer and agree to be a consulting party in the I-495 SEL Section 106 Process.

Tammy Mannarino and Jene Lindner seconded the motion.

- The Chair opened the floor for further discussion: there was none.

The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

Advisory Members, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti passed the gavel to Lynne Garvey-Hodge.

Cheryl Repetti made the following motion:

“Our Bylaws state that: Nonvoting advisory members may be appointed by the Commission for a term of one calendar year. They shall be experts in such fields as the Commission's work requires.

“Given that four Commission members are retiring at the end of this year; that these long-serving members have valuable institutional knowledge; and that they are engaged in projects for the Commission that are continuing into 2023; these

Commissioners have expertise important to maintaining continuity in the functioning of the Commission.

“I therefore move that the Commission appoint Mary Lipsey, Phyllis Walker Ford, Barbara Naef, and Barbara Peters as Advisory members to the Commission for the 2023 calendar year.”

Subhi Medhi and Esther McCullough seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Nominating Committee and Elections, Phyllis Walker Ford:

- The Chair passed the gavel to the Nominating Committee Chair Phyllis Walker Ford so she could conduct the History Commission Officer Elections for the 2023 year. The members of the 2023 Nominating Committee were Phyllis Walker Ford, Esther McCullough, and Carole Herrick. See [Attachment 7](#) for the election slate.
- Phyllis Walker Ford read the candidate slate:
 - Chair – Lynne Garvey-Hodge
 - Vice Chair – David Meyer
 - Corresponding Secretary – Anne Stuntz
 - Treasurer – Sue Kovach Shuman

Barbara Naef made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission accept the slate of the officers for the year 2023.

Subhi Mehdi seconded the motion.

- The floor was opened for discussion:
 - Tammy Mannarino commended the Nominating Committee on an excellent job.
 - Subhi Mehdi asked and Cheryl Repetti clarified that the City of Fairfax is a voting member and can serve in an officer capacity, in accordance with the Commission’s bylaws.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge discussed her deliberation and discussions with David Meyer regarding her decision to serve as Chair and their agreement to assist one another with leadership responsibilities.
 - Elise Murray and Esther McCollough were not able to hear the discussion and the discussion was summarized for Commissioners attending virtually.

The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.

Budget and Inventory, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray provided brief remarks on the progress of developing the budget. The Budget Committee will begin its formal work next month.

- Subhi Mehdi asked about the updates for the 2019 and 2020 annual reports. Elise replied that she is still working on the 2019 annual report and that the 2020 annual report will not be complete due to minimal input.
- Barbara Naef noted she has submitted a report for 2020.

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge gave summary of the 2022 History Conference and gave thanks to the assistance and support from the Commission. Lynne announced that Tom Gjelten, the author of *A Nation of Nations*, will be the 2023 History Conference keynote speaker. See [Attachment 8](#) for photos from the conference.
 - Jenee Lindner and Esther McCullough commended Lynne for her leadership and coordination of the History Conference.
 - Esther McCullough encouraged the Commission to read the book *A Nation of Nations* this year ahead of the 2023 Conference.

Awards Commission, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge commended the awards ceremony. Lynne specifically acknowledged the AAHI awards to the George Mason University Capstone students who built the inventory database.
 - Tammy Mannarino asked about the proposed changes to the Commission's bylaws that allow monetary awards, which is under review by the County Attorney's Office. Cheryl Repetti noted that there was not a response from the County Attorney by the time of the conference, so there was no change in the proceeding.
 - Cheryl Repetti asked Laura Kviklys to check on the status of the bylaws review by the County Attorney's Office.

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

- Phyllis Walker Ford and Mary Lipsey announced that the MOU between George Mason University and Fairfax County was signed. GMU is still working on who will be responsible for updating the inventory going forward.
 - In light of Phyllis and Mary's retirement from the Commission, Subhi Mehdi asked what happens to a committee when both chairs step down.
 - Cheryl Repetti noted that this was one of the duties and roles of advisory members.
 - Barbara Naef explained the role of advisory members in providing institutional knowledge to committees and the work of the Commission as a whole, but do not have voting privileges.
 - Subhi then asked about the process to sunset a committee.
 - Mary Lipsey discussed future AAHI-related work will involve continued collaboration with George Mason University and her anticipated involvement as an advisory member.

- Barbara Naef further clarified that the work of the AAHI Committee was complete and the Committee is formally dissolved. The work relating to the Inventory will continue into the foreseeable future, but the work of the committee, which was primarily to build the inventory, is complete.
- Carole Herrick asked for the Commissioners to repeat the discussion because it was difficult to hear on online. Mary Lipsey repeated the discussion to the Commissioners joining virtually.
- Tammy Mannarino asked about the responsibilities for managing the flyer that promotes the AAHI database. Cheryl Repetti and Esther McCullough noted that the Commission will assist with future work, whether it would be through the Ethnic and Oral History Committee, the Advocacy Committee, or another committee.
 - Mary Lipsey asked Tammy Mannarino to send her a copy of the AAHI flyer that the Advocacy Committee developed.
 - Phyllis Walker Ford noted that the instructions on the website for public inventory submissions request that citizens contact their local Commissioner.
- The Commission thanked Phyllis Walker Ford and Mary Lipsey for their work with the AAHI.

250th Commemoration, Carole Herrick:

- Carole Herrick did not have any further updates. Subhi Mehdi noted that the County Commission formally adopted the name “250th Commemoration.”

Advocacy Committee and Annual Report, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz reminded the Commissioners to promote the work of the History Commission at holiday events throughout the next month. In January, the Committee’s next task will be developing the 2022 Annual Report.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey discussed the transition of duties for the committee. Mary discussed the progress of current marker projects. The next Markers Committee meeting will be on Tuesday, December 13, at 7:00PM. See [Attachment 9](#) for Committee Report.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Cemetery Preservation Committee activities. [Attachment 9](#) for the Committee Report.
 - Cheryl Repetti noted the upcoming African American Markers Committee meeting on December 21.
 - Jenee Lindner thanked Mary Lipsey for her work on the Jermantown Cemetery storyboard.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough explained that the Ethnic and Oral History Committee only had a few members attend the last meeting. Esther is looking for a new time and day to meet that is best for everyone.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge saw Kate Hanley who requested to see the oral interview she gave. The electronic copy was forwarded to her. Former commissioner Naomi Zeavin and former Virginia Librarian Suzanne Levy are yet to be interviewed. Esther is checking for a date from Channel 16.

Resident Curator Program:

- Bob Beach was absent and there were no further updates.

Bylaws Committee, Anne Barnes:

- Anne Barnes had nothing to report regarding the bylaws.

Architecture Review Board, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray reported that the last meeting consisted of two consent items and a workshop and she will provide more details next month.
 - Sue Kovach Shuman raised the issue that the Dunn Loring School is slated to be demolished and not repurposed. This announcement came as a surprise to the ARB and the History Commission. Sue explained that she became aware of this during a public community meeting regarding the property. The building is currently on the County's Historic Inventory.
 - Anne Stuntz expressed her dismay that the County would make a decision to demolish their own historic asset, rather than develop an exemplary alternative, like adaptive reuse.
 - Barbara Naef and others urged the Commissioners to reach out to their school board members.
 - Jordan Tannenbaum asked if the property was listed on the National Register of Historic Places, which it is not. Jordan also urged that the History Commission consider going to the press about this story.
 - Esther McCullough asked for the discussion to be repeated for the Commissioners joining virtually. Cheryl Repetti summarized the discussion.
 - Sue Kovach Shuman requested that this issue be included as a formal agenda item next month.

Website Coordination, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti had nothing to report regarding the website.

Fairfax City, David Meyer:

- Due to David Meyer's absence, there was nothing to report regarding Fairfax City.

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge commended David Meyer's leadership and service as Mayor with Fairfax City.

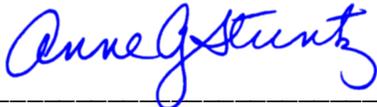
Announcements and Additional Comments

- Carole Herrick and Bob Beach have been working with the property owner of Little Ballantrae in McLean to add a small house to the Inventory of Historic Sites.
- Esther McCullough was asked to speak about the earliest African-American churches and their communities in Fairfax County, but due to social distancing precautions, she was unable to attend. Lynne Garvey-Hodge recommended Esther refer people to the recording of the History Conference on the website for Esther's presentation.
- Steve Sherman did not have any announcements and was given birthday wishes.
- Salle Lyons announced that the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology will be sponsoring a symposium on the archaeology of cemeteries on March 4, 2023, at Gunston Hall. The event is co-sponsored with Gunston Hall and the Archaeology and Collections Branch.
- Tammy Mannarino gave a presentation at Gunston Hall and the connections of connections with Louis Hertle. Additionally, Chris Barbuschak spoke to the Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society about the history of McDonalds franchising in Fairfax County.
- Barbara Naef expressed her appreciation to her colleagues and gave her farewell to the Commission.
- Jenee Lindner gave updates regarding the Black Lives Matter project at George Mason University.
- Jordan Tannenbaum announced that the Section 106, Appendix C process was rescinded and will be required to follow the standard Section 106 process. Jordan also thanked Barbara Naef, Phyllis Walker Ford, Mary Lipsey, and Barbara Peters for their service to the Commission. Jordan also thanked Cheryl Repetti for her leadership as Chair.
- Sue Kovach Shuman noted that the Historical Society of Fairfax County had a high school student present on the Oakton Schoolhouse, as a part of her Gold Award.
- Anne Stuntz expressed her appreciation and gave her farewells to the departing Commissioners.
- Barbara Peters expressed her gratitude to her colleagues and gave her farewell to the Commission.
- Subhi Mehdi gave updates to the Commission regarding personal travel.
- Mary Lipsey expressed her gratitude to her colleagues and said her farewell to the Commission.
- Phyllis Walker Ford expressed her appreciation to her colleagues and said her farewell to the Commission.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge expressed her appreciation to her colleagues who are stepping down. Lynne encouraged fellow Commissioners to reach out to the incoming Commissioners to assist newcomers with learning about the Commission. Lastly, Lynne gave a tremendous thank you and farewell to Cheryl Repetti for her leadership as Chair.
- Cheryl Repetti expressed her appreciation to the Commission for their collaboration and assistance over her time as Chair. Cheryl also thanked the four Commissioners who are leaving for their service to the Commission.

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: 1/31/2023

Attachments

- [Attachment 1](#): Treasurer's Report, December
- [Attachment 2](#): Archaeology and Collections Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 3](#): Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 4](#): DPD Heritage Resources Staff Report
- [Attachment 5](#): Coastal Management Feasibility Study (external file)
- [Attachment 6](#): I-495 SEL Project Section 106 Process Letter
- [Attachment 7](#): Nominating Committee Election Slate
- [Attachment 8](#): History Conference Photos
- [Attachment 9](#): Markers and Cemetery Preservation Committee Reports

Attachment 1

**Fairfax County History Commission
Treasurer Report Dec. 7, 2022**

Fairfax County Account as of Nov. 18, 2022

Beginning balance: \$70,797.02

Expenses:

10/31/2022 Pooled Interest \$67.94

11/7/2022 National Trust for Historic Preservation Conference \$265.

11/18/2022 Pay the clerk for September minutes \$450.

11/18/2022 FICA and Medicare for clerk \$34.42

Ending balance: \$70,183.48

(Note: Missing clerk payment to be made in next county pay period)

Park Authority/History Conference Account

Revenues:

Carryover from FY2022 \$2,022.82

Conference Registrations \$1,345.

Pooled Interest 6.53

Revenue Total: \$3,374.35

Expenses:

Printing \$66.44

Awards \$402.73

Honorariums \$200.

Decorations \$244.40

Food \$2,038.25

(No Security or Rental fee)

Expenditures total as reported by Park Authority: \$2,951.82

Available balance: \$422.53**

**Note: Flyers cost \$352; first \$176 payment made from Fairfax County account. Total conference expense was \$3,303.82, therefore \$70.53 remains (not \$422.53)

**Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman
FCHC Treasurer**

Attachment 2

History Commission December Update Archaeology and Collections Branch

ACB Archaeologists completed shovel testing at Spring Hill Park for an area planned for geothermal wells that will eventually heat the recreation center and pool. Nothing of note was found, which is sometimes just what we want. The geothermal project will move forward through Park Planning's Energy branch. It is currently still in design phase.

ACB contracted with RK&K's archaeology team to conduct mitigation-level archaeology surrounding the house at Lahey Lost Valley prior to waterproofing work on the foundations. A total of 18 units were hand dug around the house, and though laboratory analysis has not yet been completed, the archaeologists did define a small section of the original builder's trench, though it had been impacted by utilities in some segments. Artifacts identified included two quartz projectile points, which gives us insight into Lahey's more distant past as well as several coins, buttons, and ceramics. One artifact of note is a Pamplin pipe with a face/effigy pictured below. Once laboratory analysis is complete, I will share further findings with the commission. Pamplin pipes were produced at the Pamplin Pipe Factory out of distinctive local clay. The factory is now an archaeological preserve in Appomattox County, VA. See below for more information:

<https://www.archaeologicalconservancy.org/visit-pamplin-pipe-factory/>
<https://www.dhr.virginia.gov/SlideShows/Pamplin/pamplinTitleSlide.html>



Attachment 3

Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division
History Commission Updates
December 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 \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)

Historic Sites Volunteer Corps

- HSVC had its final event for 2022 at **Merrybrook** with over 20 volunteers dedicating 100 hours to the property's landscape clean-up.
- Staff are working on outreach for local colleges and high schools for HSVC 2023.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- Preparations for interior renovation at **Ellmore Farmhouse** are underway.

Attachment 4

Staff Report:

Survey Efforts

DPD staff continue survey efforts countywide:

- **Modern Architectural Survey, County Wide** – Staff met with representatives from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to discuss the process for moving forward with this survey effort. A preliminary list of 186 potentially historic resources were identified and are being evaluated for architectural and historic significance to be included as part of the study. The survey is tentatively slated to begin in late-2022/ early 2023.
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide** – Staff met with representatives from DHR to discuss comments on the second draft of the African American Context Study. Comments will be submitted to the consultant and a final version of the report is expected in early 2023. A public input meeting is planned for the release of the report.
- **Gum Springs Study, Mount Vernon District** – In the coming weeks, staff will be moving forward with the RFP process for the Gum Springs survey. If you would like additional information, please contact [Denice Dressel](#).
- **Centerville Architectural Survey-** Staff has begun preliminary planning for an inclusive documentation effort in Centerville. All properties build ca. 2000 and earlier will be documented and entered into the Fairfax County built environment GIS layer.

Other Items

- **Staff Positions- Denice Dressel**, former History Commission liaison has been promoted to the Planner V position (Branch Chief). Congratulations Denice! The Architectural Review Board support position closed October 28, 2022 and applicants are being reviewed.
- **African American Markers Program:** Preliminary text for four markers has been submitted to staff for review. Outreach materials have been compiled and will be distributed to recipient sites.
- **Site Specific Plan Amendments (SSPA):** DPD staff are reviewing approximately 80 received SSPA applicants for adverse effects to historic resources. The SSPA process is a way that anyone can propose a change the land use recommendations in the Comprehensive Plan for a site or collection of parcels. More information can be found on our SSPA website: <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/plan-amendments/sspa> or by contacting Graham Owen, graham.owen@fairfaxcounty.gov or 703.324.2771.
- **Advocacy Moment:** DPD staff uncovered negatives and a photo log from a 1980 countywide survey of Fairfax County. Staff are working to scan the images and provide them to the History Commission.



Attachment 5

See external attachment (file too large to include in document).

Attachment 6



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
140 EAST BROAD STREET RICHMOND, VIRGINIA 23219-2000

Stephen C. Brich, P.E.
COMMISSIONER

November 9, 2022

Cheryl Repetti
Chairman, The City of Fairfax Regional Library
Fairfax County Historic Commission
10360 North Street
Fairfax, VA 22030

Route Number: I-495

Project Number: not assigned

UPC: 117217

County: Fairfax County, VA, City of Alexandria, VA, and Prince George's County, MD

Project Description: I-495 Southside Express Lanes (SEL) Study

Proposed Action: Identification of Section 106 Consulting Parties

Dear Chairman Repetti:

The Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), in cooperation with the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) for the I-495 SEL project. The proposed action intends to extend the existing Express Lanes (High Occupancy Toll [HOT]) along a section of the I-95/I-495 (Capital Beltway) from the I-95/I-395/I-495 interchange in Fairfax County, Virginia, north approximately 11 miles to MD 210 in Prince George's County, Maryland.

It is anticipated that the proposed project will be implemented largely within the Capital Beltway's existing right of way. No widening of the Woodrow Wilson Memorial Bridge is anticipated. The I-95/I-395/I-495 and MD 210 interchanges provide logical termini for the study; however, it is assumed that improvements could extend beyond these points to ensure property connections to the systems, except at localized areas where ramp access points may be considered.

The purpose of the proposed action is to extend the Express Lanes Network on the I-95/I-495 Capital Beltway from the I-95/I-395/I-495 Springfield Interchange in Fairfax County, Virginia to the I-495/MD210 (Indian Head Highway) Interchange in Prince George's County, Maryland. The proposed project is needed to 1) provide Express Lanes system continuity, 2) reduce congestions and improve travel reliability, 3) provide additional travel choice, and 4) maintain consistency with local plans on the Capital Beltway.

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An important component of the environmental studies for this project will be VDOT's efforts to take into account during project development any historic properties (buildings, structures, sites, districts, or objects listed on or eligible for listing on the National Register of Historic Places) that may be affected by the project. Because the FHWA has oversight over the interstate highway system and the federal funding of this project, VDOT's efforts to take historic properties into account will be conducted in accordance with the requirements of Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. 306108) and its implementing regulations, 36 CFR Part 800. An overview of the Section 106 process is attached for your reference.

The Section 106 regulations (§800.2(c)(3)) entitle a representative with jurisdiction over the area in which the effects of an undertaking may occur to participate in the Section 106 process as a "consulting party." Consulting parties are those governmental agencies, Indian tribes, organizations, and individuals with a demonstrated interest in a proposed project who provide comment to the applicable federal agencies and its agent (VDOT) on their efforts to identify and assess potential project effects on historic properties and identify appropriate means to avoid, minimize, or mitigate any adverse effects.

I would appreciate your responding by letter or email, within thirty days of receipt of this letter, indicating whether the George Washington Memorial Parkway wishes to participate in the I-495 SEL project as a consulting party to the Section 106 process. If you have any questions or would like additional information about the project, please don't hesitate to contact me directly at (804) 347-5825 or by email at Sarah.Clarke@vdot.virginia.gov.

Thank you for your assistance on this project.

Sincerely,

Sarah M. Clarke
Preservation Program Planner
Virginia Department of Transportation

Enclosures: Project Study Area Map; Overview of Section 106 Process

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OVERVIEW OF SECTION 106 PROCESS

NATIONAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION ACT OF 1966, as amended

16 U.S.C. 470f (Section 106, former title), 54 U.S.C. 306108 (Section 106, new title); 36 CFR 800 Protection of Historic Properties [Section 106 process]; 36 CFR 60 [National Register of Historic Places]

MAJOR PROVISIONS: Section 101 authorized the Secretary of Interior to maintain a **National Register of Historic Places** “composed of districts, sites, buildings, structures, and objects significant in American history, architecture, archeology, engineering, and culture.” **Section 106** requires **federal** agencies to “take into account the **effect** of the undertaking on any district, site, building, structure, or object that is included in or eligible for inclusion in the National Register.” Title II of the Act created the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP) and specified its membership and duties. The Advisory Council on Historic Preservation must be afforded a “reasonable opportunity to comment.”

EFFECT ON HIGHWAY PLANNING: For federal-aid highway projects, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) must consider the effect of the project on historic properties that are in or eligible for the National Register of Historic Places (the official list of historic properties deemed worthy of preservation). Section 106 also applies to projects that are not federally funded, but which require Corps of Engineers permits. In these cases, the Corps considers the effects of the project on historic properties. For projects that are not federally funded, but which require right of way or easements from federal lands, the federal landowner considers the effects of the project on historic properties (e.g., Blue Ridge Parkway, federally owned battlefield parks).

TIMING OF REQUIRED ACTIONS: Consideration of effects and required consultations must occur prior to project approval or issuance of a license or permit for an undertaking, and preferably early in the planning stages when the widest feasible range of alternatives is open for consideration. Generally, this is done concurrently with the process of complying with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). NEPA is the “umbrella” legislation under which federal agencies document the environmental consequences of their proposed actions.

SECTION 106 PROCESS (conducted concurrent with NEPA process):

STEP 1: IDENTIFY AND EVALUATE HISTORIC PROPERTIES

The Federal agency (or its agent):

- Determines area of potential effects (APE) - “the geographic area or areas within which an undertaking may cause changes in the character or use of historic properties.”
- Consults State Historic Preservation Officer’s (SHPO) records for previously recorded historic properties- in Virginia the SHPO is the director of the Virginia Department of Historic Resources.
- Collects data to establish historic and architectural context - cultural themes, geographical and chronological limits, patterns of development, etc.
- Conducts identification survey - record buildings, structures, objects, districts, and sites that may be potentially eligible for the National Register; (see *Secretary of Interior’s Standards and Guidelines for Archeology and Historic Preservation*).
- Evaluates for National Register Eligibility - eligibility criteria (36 CFR 60.4)
 - Criterion A - Associated with important historical **events** (e.g., Civil War battle).
 - Criterion B - Associated with important historical **persons** (e.g., George Washington).
 - Criterion C - Embody **distinctive characteristics** of a type, period, or workmanship (usually architecture).
 - Criterion D - Contains **information** important in history or prehistory (e.g., archaeological sites).

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- Reviews/consults with SHPO - SHPO concurs, or not, with eligibility recommendations; silence is presumed to be affirmation (upon expiration of 30-day review period, see 36 CFR 800.3(c)(4); Secretary of Interior (Keeper of the National Register) is arbiter of disputes.

STEP 2: ASSESS EFFECTS

Federal agency applies Criteria of Adverse Effect (36 CFR 800.5(a)) - An adverse effect is found when an undertaking may **alter characteristics** of the property **that qualify it for the National Register** (e.g., features of the location, setting, or workmanship of the property) in a manner that would **diminish integrity** of the property's location, design, setting, materials, workmanship, feeling, or association (e.g., physical destruction, isolation from setting, visual, audible, or atmospheric elements that are out of character with the property).

- If no effect: notify SHPO and other consulting parties; if no objections within 30 days, proceed.
- If no adverse effect: submit finding and supporting documentation to SHPO and other consulting parties; if SHPO and consulting parties concur or offer no objections within 30 days, proceed.
- If adverse effect: consult with SHPO, other consulting parties, and ACHP (if appropriate) and prepare Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) stipulating mitigation measures to be implemented to avoid, reduce, or mitigate the adverse effects.

CONSULTING PARTIES:

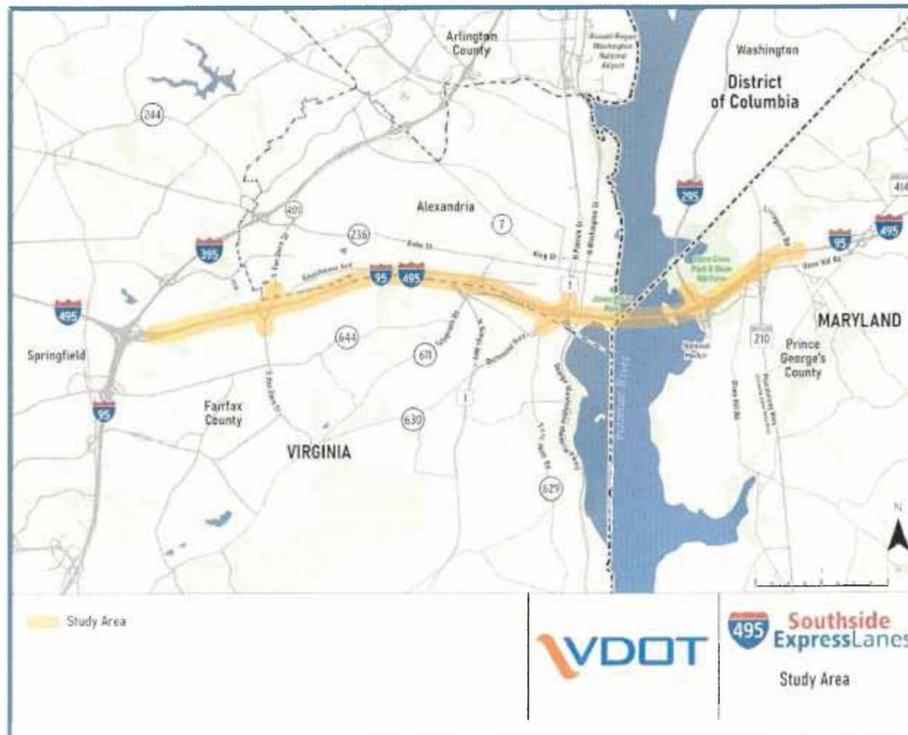
Who can be a consulting party - organizations and individuals who may be concerned with the possible effects of an agency action on historic properties, including the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, which is the federal agency that oversees the national historic preservation program; the State Historic Preservation Officer (SHPO), who reflects the interests of the state and its citizens in the preservation of their cultural heritage; applicants for federal assistance, permits, licenses, and other approvals, such as VDOT; representatives of local governments with jurisdiction over the area in which the effects of an undertaking may occur; and individuals and organizations with a demonstrated interest in the undertaking due to the nature of their legal or economic relation to the undertaking or affected properties, or their concern with the undertaking's effects on historic properties.

Roles and responsibilities of consulting parties - consulting parties are entitled to receive documentation as detailed under 36 CFR 800.11 (i.e., the same documentation that is provided the SHPO) that is appropriate to the step in the Section 106 process for which consultation is occurring. Consulting parties are invited to public meetings regarding the project as they occur (a public meeting is defined as a meeting about which the general public as a whole is notified and permitted to attend). Consulting parties have the right to provide comments on findings and determinations applicable to the step of the Section 106 process for which consultation is occurring.

Link to most current version of Section 106 regulations:
<http://www.achp.gov/regs-rev04.pdf>

Additional guidance on the Section 106 process:
<http://www.achp.gov/usersguide.html>

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Attachment 7

FCHC 2023 Nomination Slate

Chair Lynne Garvey Hodge

Co-Chair David Meyer

Corresponding Secretary Anne Stuntz

Treasurer Sue Kovach Shuman

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Attachment 9

History Commission Marker Committee report December 2022

1. Marker-- History of Merrifield

Marker Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, December 13 at **7:00 PM**

2. Working with applicant for marker honoring the West Family.

New Chair will need to schedule a meeting with the marker committee and the applicant, James Bish.

3. Chair Mary Lipsey is preparing a three-ring binder of forms, marker text procedural information, and ordering procedures etc. for the new chair.

History Marker Project

Letters were sent to property owners to obtain permission for future installation of county student proposed markers. The six markers will be reviewed before ordering.

Cemetery

1. Wreath Laying Ceremonies are planned for Saturday December 17
Sons and Daughters of Liberty Cemetery on Woodburn Road at 11 am and at Jermantown Cemetery in Fairfax City at 2 pm.
2. Working with a scout about Eagle Scout Project at Sons and Daughters of Liberty at Pine Ridge Park. Brush removal and mapping the gravestones. Tentatively scheduled for Monday January 16, Martin Luther King birthday.
3. Will be scheduling marker clean up at Pohick Church in the spring.

Consortium's next meeting

Monday December 12, 2022

Increased interest from other localities