

**Electronic meeting
Fairfax County History Commission
August 5, 2020**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on August 5, 2020.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the following script:

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, this Board needs to make certain findings and determinations for the record. It's a bit cumbersome, so I ask you in advance for your patience.

Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair then read the following statement:

First, because each member of this Board is participating in this meeting from a separate location, we must verify that a quorum of members is participating, and that each member's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all of the other members. Accordingly, I am going to conduct a roll call, and ask each board member participating in this meeting to state your name and the location from which you are participating. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues. Following this roll call, we will vote to establish that every member can hear every other member.

Roll Call

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

| Commissioners Present per Districts: | Location |
|---|-----------------|
| Mary Lipsey | Springfield |
| Gretchen Bulova | Fairfax |
| Carole Herrick | McLean |
| Greg Wilson | Great Falls |
| Barbara Naef | Reston |
| Anne Stuntz | Vienna |
| Steve Sherman | Franconia |
| Phyllis Walker Ford | Clifton |
| Tammy Mannarino | Mt. Vernon |
| Michael Irwin | Fairfax |
| Lynne Garvey-Hodge | Fairfax County |
| Jordan Tannenbaum | Fairfax County |
| Esther McCullough | Sully |
| Cheryl-Ann Repetti | Centreville |

Bob Beach
David Meyer

Fairfax
Fairfax City

Commissioners Absent

Anne Barnes
Sallie Lyons
Elise Murray
Barbara Peters

Excused
Excused
Excused
Excused

County Liaisons Present:

Elizabeth Crowell, Stephanie Langton, Fairfax County Park Authority; Laura Wickstead, Virginia Room; Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Dept. of Planning & Development, Winifred A. Clement-Nelson, Clerk to the Board.

Guests Present:

Matthew Knox, Intern
Gwenn Minton, Supervisor Walter Alcorn staff

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to the Vice-Chair so that she may be heard to make a voice vote:

Regarding audibility of members' voices, a motion was made by Commissioner Stuntz, seconded by Commissioner Naef, **that the History Commission satisfies that each member's voice can be adequately heard by each other member of this Board.**

A vote was taken on the motion verifying audibility of History Commission members' voices, and the motion carried unanimously.

Need for Electronic Meeting

The Chair read the following statement:

Haven established that each member's voice may be heard by every other member, we must next establish the nature of the emergency that compels these emergency procedures, the fact that we are meeting electronically, what type of electronic communication is being used, and how we have arranged for public access to this meeting.

Therefore, a motion was made by the Chair, seconded by Commissioner Tannenbaum, **that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this Board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. I further move that this Board may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated telephone line, and that the public may access this meeting by [WebEx Virtual Meeting](#),**
Attendee Call In: 1-408-418-9388
Event Number: 129 035 6425

The motion carried unanimously.

Need to dispense with FOIA's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations

The Chair read as follows:

*Finally, it is next required **that all of the matters addressed on today's agenda must address the State of Emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of this Board's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.*** It is so moved.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner Lipsey.

At this point, the virtual gavel was returned to the Chair.

Chairman's Remarks

- Meeting being recorded and will be posted to History Commission website tomorrow
- Microphone should be kept on mute when not speaking to avoid echo or feedback or hot mike moments
- Any need for technical Assistance – contact Denice Dressel through chat function
- Chat function must not be used for public business
- Wave to be recognized by Chair

Approval of the Minutes – July 1, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Garvey-Hodge,
Seconded by Commissioner McCullough, **to approve the
History Commission Meeting Minutes of July 1, 2020, as
written and to pay the clerk.**

A vote was taken; the motion carried, and the Minutes were approved
unanimously as submitted.

Treasurer's Reports for August 5, 2020

The treasurer's report for the period ending July 31, 2020, was sent prior to the
meeting but was not reviewed. The full Treasurer's report will be reviewed at the
September meeting.

Unfinished Business

Confederate Memorials in Fairfax County – 6.23.20 Board Matter

**The Chair read aloud Board Matter of June 23, 2020, in which the History
Commission and other County agencies were directed to prepare a report**
listing a full inventory of Confederate names of public places in Fairfax County,
including: monuments, street names, Rec Centers, parks, county buildings, and
other county properties. She then asked the Chair of the Confederate Names
Committee (CNC) to give her report on the progress of their work.

CNC Report – Barbara Naef, Chair Reported:

The Confederate Names Committee met July 10 and 22. Another meeting is
scheduled for August 19. The work group provided the following report through
Chair, Barbara Naef:

- Development of template for recording information for recording information
- Some of the research materials now available:
 - Confederate names parks - FCPA
 - Common Confederate names and & terms
 - Confederate military comprehensive names list
 - Fairfax County Cemetery CW Burials list
 - Confederate political leaders
 - Markers: CW Trails, HC, State, PA
 - Fairfax County Facilities Maintenance Dept. maintained bldgs.
 - Street names by magisterial district
 - filtered by Confederate Names – thanks to Matt Knox.
- Research partners status
 - 3 towns: one in; one in progress; one no response as yet
 - 13 organizations:
 - 4 individuals: 6 positive as they can.

After her report, Commission Naef turned the table over to Denice Dressel to give her report on work being done so far.

**Department of Planning and Development (DPD) – Denice Dressel Reported:
CNC Report**

Ms. Dressel recognized Matt Knox and Gwenn Minton from Supervisor's Alcorn's office and then proceeded to give the Commission an overview of the progress that has been made since the last meeting as follows:

- A media plan has been created for addressing press and public inquiries.
- A webpage has been set up for the Confederate Names Committee which will be updated regularly as the Committee moves forward in its work.
- Staff has begun to gather information on the identification of the responsible agencies as well as the processes for renaming streets, and/or places, if the Board so chooses, which includes, so far, the Commonwealth Transportation Board and the Park Authority Board.
- A draft priority list of approximately 55 "well-known or locally significant" Confederate names has been created. Also, for consideration are 10 Confederate, or Confederately-associated terms, such as "Confederate," and "rebel" which was distributed this weekend. Ms. Dressel noted that she was happy to discuss any item or name on the list. It is meant to be used as a guide to prioritize their research.

After her report, Ms. Dressel introduced Matthew Knox (Matt) a rising 4th year student of government at UVA. He volunteered on Supervisor Alcorn's election campaign last year and has been interning at the Supervisor's office this summer. Matt will be working with staff on the History Commission Confederate Names project through August 14th. He is here tonight to discuss the work he has been doing for the Commission.

Report on CNC Committee - Matthew Knox Reported:

- The Confederate Names Committee provided staff with a list of approximately 645 Confederate names (after eliminating duplication) to use as the basis for the filtered sort.
- A list of County-owned or leased buildings, 236 and 200, respectively, was generated, sorted by magisterial districts, and filtered by the list of 645 Confederate names. This filtered list was distributed this weekend, along with a filtered list of Civic Association Names.
- A list of all County street names, 17, 22, by magisterial district, was generated, filtered by the list of Confederate names, and distributed this afternoon to the Commission.
- Lists have been generated for the 7883 subdivisions, 1418 Civic Associations, 253 shopping centers, 164 golf courses and non-FCPA parks, and 559 general place names. These will be filtered by the Confederate Names lists and provided to the Commission in the coming week.

The Commissioners thanked Matt for his work with the CNC research and wished him well in his future endeavors.

Commissioner Naef provided the following recommended guidelines for the renaming/replacement process:

- Have received Preservation Virginia Check List
- Park Authority will provide their policy
- Pulling Alexandria City Task Force details from their webpage
- Denice working with Susan Grey for Fairfax City approach
- ARB has issue on their August 13th meeting agenda
- National Trust Historic Preservation June 2020 Statement.
- The Commission needs a vote on endorsing the NTHP statement.

June 2020 National Trust Statement Regarding Confederate Memorials
Commissioner Naef read the following statement:

As was noted at the History Commission July 1st meeting, in September 2017, the History Commission formally accepted as its policy on the matter, the Statement on Confederate Memorials and Monuments that had been issued by the National Trust in response to the violent demonstrations in Charlottesville.

This June the Trust reexamined that statement and “determined to be more clear about the importance of removing these monuments from public spaces when they continue to reinforce racial injustice.”

The updated National Trust Statement issued in June was provided to the Commissioners prior to its July meeting for consideration prior to voting to again accept the National Trust position as one of the public history guidelines advocated by the Commission. At Commissioner Wilson’s request The Commission held the motion until this meeting so that commissioners could read and review the statement.

The National Trust Statement is being included per the Board Matter Motion that asks the Commission for “recommended guidelines for the renaming/replacement process of Confederate Monuments, Street Names, Rec Centers & Parks & Additional Public Space”

Motion to accept the National Trust for Historic Preservation Statement on Confederate Monuments

A motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commissioner Tannenbaum **that the History Commission accept the June 18, 2020 National Trust for Historic Preservation Statement on Confederate Monuments as one of the Public History guidelines advocated by the Fairfax County History Commission.**

After a vote, the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Naef now turned the meeting over to the Chair.
The Chair next called each magisterial district representative to make a progress report.

- **Hunter Mill – Commissioner Stuntz** - The Chair reported that they will have a report in September
- **Sully – Commissioner Repetti** reported they have identified all street names and one subdivision traced to Mosby. They are making progress.
 - Commissioner Naef commended Commissioner Repetti for her work, especially with GIS layering of streets, even though she is not officially on the CN committee.
- **Braddock – Commissioner Bulova and Lipsey** – Commissioner Bulova deferred to Commissioner Lipsey
 - Have identified approximately 100 markers
 - Questions came up regarding monuments or markers to Confederates in cemeteries in Fairfax County. Commissioner Lipsey noted she found three and is in the process of setting up templates for each of them.
- **Dranesville – Commissioner Herrick** reported she is almost done with Dranesville.
- **Commissioner Wilson** noted that he has been working from the master list and will use the input provided by Matt and report at the next committee meeting.
 - Commissioner Naef suggested that information be submitted to Ms. Dressel as they are completed. Ms. Dressel concurred.
- **Lee District – Commissioner Walker Ford** reported that she and **Commissioner Sherman** had been working on their list and found out that most of the streets have had long-term family names.
 - Commissioner Sherman noted that Robert Street is a family name and not confederate.
 - Van Dorn is a confederate name.
 - Robert E Lee High School name was recently changed to John Lewis High School.
- **Mt. Vernon – Commissioner Mannarino** reported that she found 12 possible names but that more research is needed. She noted that she needs to do a template for 3 definite names, and that the short list is a very helpful tool.

- She added that she came up with 3 categories that can be used to eliminate actual candidate names:
 - Physical Description
 - A different Reference
 - Partial Name
- **Providence – Commissioner Irwin** noted he did not have time to do much, although he went through the list. At this point, Commissioner Irwin announced that he will be resigning from the History Commission and this was his last meeting. He added that he enjoyed working with the Commission and noted he intends to remain associated with the History Conference.
- **Springfield – Commissioners Garvey-Hodge and Tannenbaum:**
Commissioner Garvey-Hodge said she received a letter from the Mayor of Clifton, informing that after a review of street names, monuments, etc., it has been determined there are no streets with confederate names in the Town of Clifton.
- **Commissioner Tannenbaum** reported that he reviewed his list of street names in North Hills; there are no confederate street names.
- **Braddock – Commissioner Beach**, is in Braddock District but is At-Large
 - Madam Chair asked Commissioner Beach to look at his particular District, Braddock, first before reviewing other areas. He agreed.

Fairfax City Approach – Commissioner Meyer Reported:

- Fairfax Court House Region - Ground zero for many Civil War activities.
- Burke Place of the Confederate Battle Flag has already been removed
- Peyton Anderson, first soldier to shed blood for the confederacy was taken down.
- Fairfax High School Mascot – Name changed from Rebels to Lions and street name changed from Rebel Run to Lion Run.
- Mosby Woods Neighborhood – 27 streets in neighborhood. Except for a few, most streets have confederate names.
- Pending are streets like Stone Wall, Lee highway and Old Lee Highway.
- In September, will be establishing a commission called Street Names and Neighborhood Names. Will be looking at the following:
 - Street Names and Neighborhood Names
 - City Seal and Markers and Monuments
- Will be taking a complete new look at how history in the city can be promoted to expand interpreted materials to include the African American experience
- Massey complex is a part of Providence District. Is willing to assist with Providence District, if needed. Susan Gray is coordinating with the County,
- Will be addressing some of these issues at its next virtual meeting September 8

In conclusion, Commissioner Naef suggested, and it was agreed, that the Commission go through Ms. Dressel to make a request of Deputy County Executive, Rachel Flynn, to use under-utilized librarians in this CNC process.

Electronic Meetings Policy:

Brief discussion was held regarding History Commission policy for electronic meeting participation. Concerning previous discussion to ensure that electronic meeting policy is consistently administered, the History Commission proceeded as follows:

A motion was made by Commissioner Tannenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Peters, that the History Commission adopt the policy for electronic participation as included in a recent electronic communication.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Brimstone Hill Monopole Update – Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

- This is a project to put up a 165 ft. monopole near Burke Lake Park, near Brimstone Hill.
- The property appears to be eligible although not determined officially to be eligible for the National Register.
- FCC Nationwide Programmatic Agreement sets out the area that constitutes area of potential effects of a tower, depending on their height. This particular monopole is .65 mile and is outside the area. Therefore the FCC initially determined there was no effect. After receipt of History Commission letter that there might be potential visual effects, and asking for balloon test and visuals, the State Agency withdrew its conclusion and now wants a review.

The original determination could be changed. The SHPO is looking at pictures, and they will determine whether to change their original determination that there was no need for a 106 process or not.

In response to Chair's question as to whether there are any actions the Commission needs to take before next meeting, Commissioner Tannenbaum replied that the Commission should wait for a response from the SHPO.

Ms. Dressel added that staff's position is there is no adverse effect.

Commissioner Lipsey mentioned that the area where the monopole is located appears to be on the Inventory of Historic Sites. Ms. Dressel will confirm and report to Commissioner Tannenbaum. Commissioner Bulova clarified that this is not the same Church with the monopole.

McLean Fire House – Commissioner Herrick Reported:

There have been meetings to save the Firehouse. The firehouse is in the way of plans of a redevelopment committee which would like to get rid of it. Another group wants to keep the firehouse. The firehouse was placed on the Inventory a few years ago. The marker went up but dedication stalled due to COVID-19. Looking for support from the History Commission.

Concerning a request for History Commission's support of the preservation of the McLean Fire House, a motion was made by Commissioner Herrick, seconded by Commissioner Mannarino, **that the History Commission write a letter to the McLean Central Business District Chairman of the Committee in support preservation of the Fire House** to include consideration of creating a park-like area around the firehouse.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Ms. Dressel read her report on the McLean Firehouse, as recorded under bullet #1 of her staff report.

McMillen Farm, Dranesville District Consulting Party:

Ms. Dressel gave a report on McMillen Farm. Information for the report is included as a part of her staff report, under bullet #2 - McMillen Farm Section 106. Detailed discussion follows:

Commissioner Wilson reported that the History Commission will be sending a separate letter to the Army Corps of Engineers by this Monday, requesting a meeting to discuss History Commission concerns on McMillen Farm MOA.

Commissioner Tannenbaum offered some suggestions and noted that he will be willing to work with Commissioner Wilson in writing the letter.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Tannenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Beach, **that the History Commission send a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers expressing the Commission's disappointment that, as a Consulting Party, its concerns were not considered in the preparation of the most recent draft Memorandum of Agreement.**

The motion carried unanimously after a vote.

Staff Reports

Fairfax County Park Authority – Elizabeth Crowell Reported: Archaeology and Collections Branch

- ACB Staff has been working with the Department of Public Works Environmental Services (DPWES) on projects associated with Stream Shield. Staff is involved in the planning of a multi-year major stream restoration project. Archaeology is being conducted on these projects prior to stream restoration.
- The Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB) is working in coordination with the Natural Resource Branch to clear areas that require invasive plant removal and will be subject to reforestation.
- The Archaeology and Collections Branch staff has been updating Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that reflect changes in procedures as a result of COVID.
- Archaeology staff continues to develop public outreach materials to be published on the County Archaeology Research Team (CART) blog, the Park Authority website, the FOFA website, for Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and other media outlets.
- Archaeology and Collections Branch staff and staff from the Heritage Conservation Branch are working with the Planning and Development Division of the Park Authority and the consultant on the conceptual design of the Collections Facility. When this stage of the project is complete staff will be coming to the History Commission and the ARB to give a progress report.
- ACB staff is part of the team for the Fairfax County Judicial Complex Master Plan (aka Courthouse). The property has a high potential for the presence of archaeological resources.
- Staff has participated in webinars offered both by state agencies and professional organizations regarding making historic preservation more inclusive equity.
- ACB staff has been working with the Confederate Names Committee. Two more names should be added Quartermaster General William L. Cabell and Peyton Anderson
- On a sad note: A vocational archaeologist, Jack Hranicky, former president of the Archeological Society of Virginia and of the Northern Virginia Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Virginia passed away on Monday. He was 79 years old.

Resource Management Division - Stephanie Langton: Museum Collections

The Collections Manager and Sully staff completed the unpacking of Sully Historic Site. Reusable supplies including Hollinger boxes, boxes special ordered for specific objects, polyethylene, etc. were moved to Frey House.

- The Collections Manager conducted a final inventory and began reconciling locations for object records from Sully in the database.
- The Collections Manager attended meetings about the Collections Facility Schematic Design on July 9th and 27th and continues to provide subject matter expert information to the project.
- The Collections Manager provided a photo of Emma Millard for the National Trust for Historic Preservation's "Where Women Made History" campaign.

Operations and Maintenance Projects

- Staff is starting production for the virtual tour of Oak Hill Day 2020.
- Staff is working with WJE for treatment plans for the outbuildings at Sully Historic Site.
- Staff is also working with WJE on a treatment plan and historic structure report (HSR) for Mount Gilead.
- Staff is working with DPMM to proceed with the Ash Grove Kitchen Stabilization project.

Volunteers-HSVC

The July HSVC event with the Young Mens Service League was rescheduled for Wednesday, August 5th.

- The next volunteer event will be on Saturday, August 22nd at Ash Grove House in Vienna.

Virginia Room report – Laura Wickstead Reported:

- It has been a quiet month in the library as we opened up. There has been very light visitation by the public.
- Staff continues to work on archival projects and research requests.
- We appreciate the recent donation from Commissioner Garvey-Hodge of a box of Nan Netherton's Clifton research materials.
- We are glad to be able to assist on the Confederate Names Project.
- Liz Milner, our administrative assistant has submitted her resignation. Her contributions will be greatly missed.

Department of Planning and Development (DPD) – Denice Dressel Reported:

The Old McLean Firehouse

- As staff has made the Commission aware, the McLean Community Business Center has been undergoing a study which will result in new Comprehensive Plan recommendations for future development. Staff has carried forward language from the previous Comprehensive Plan which calls out the Old Firehouse for preservation. Some members of the task force believe that including language about the preservation of the firehouse will hinder redevelopment in the CBC. Staff was asked to attend the last McLean Community Business District Task Force meeting to discuss Heritage Resource's

recommendations but did not have an opportunity to address the members. The next McLean task force meeting is Monday, August 10 at 6:30 pm. when staff is anticipating this discussion to take place. The McLean Historical Society has written a letter in support of the preservation of the Old McLean Firehouse.

- McMillen Farm Section 106 – Staff will be providing comment on the second draft MOA from the Army Corps of Engineers for the loss of McMillen Farm in Herndon. In addition to the documentation previously stipulated in the MOA, staff requested that the loss of the historic farm be mitigated through an area set aside for a memorial interpreting the site's history. The second draft MOA does not include consultation with the History Commission as requested for the design elements, completeness, and accuracy of the memorial including the educational interpretive panels or markers. Staff has met with the Chair and Commissioner Wilson and reached out to SHPO and will be reaching out to Army Corp tomorrow regarding the omission of the History Commission.
- Civil War Monuments at the Judicial Complex – A public hearing on the potential removal, relocation, contextualization or covering of the Marr monument, the two Howitzer cannons, and the DHR marker located on the courthouse grounds will be held on September 15 at 4:30pm. The advertisement for the public hearing should be posted by the end of next week. Staff believes the hearing will take place in person. There will be opportunities for the public to respond by video or phone. That information should be posted on the Board's website.
- Wiehle Avenue Pedestrian Overpass at W&OD Trail – The Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) will be constructing an overpass over Wiehle Avenue for the W&OD trail. Staff first learned of the project during our review of the Isaac Newton Square redevelopment which is adjacent to the W&OD at approximately the same location. The overpass bridge will be using the berm that the bridge trail is now on as a landing point for the bridge. When staff requested information about the review of the overpass, we were told that no comments were submitted and that SHPO had concurred with the determination of No Adverse Effect on April 4th, 2016
- Soapstone Connector Section 106 – There was a recent article in the local periodical "Reston Now" which discussed FCDOT's efforts to obtain additional funding through the Commonwealth Transportation Board's "Smart Scale" program for the project. FCDOT is seeking additional funding for the project in addition to addressing comments from FHWA from the Section 106 Determination of Effect letter. Since FCDOT continues to address comments, the reviews are not complete and a new alignment has not yet been determined. Although, we, meaning staff and the History Commission as Consulting Parties, in the course of our review and consultation, have seen potential alternative

alignments, the last image released to the public, and found on the project's website, is the one that was reproduced in the article.

- Commissioner Tannenbaum discussed his concerns that the article in "Reston Now" did not mention the 106 review. He did not feel the alternative is being seriously considered or analyzed.

Concerning discussion regarding Soapstone Connector, a motion was made by Commissioner Tannenbaum, and seconded by Commissioner Naef, **that the History Commission send a letter to the Federal Highway Administration, with copies to the other consulting parties asking for a status update on the status of the Section 4(f) review of alternatives to the proposed alignment.**

- Historical Marker Program – Staff continues to work with Mary Lipsey, FMD, Zoning Administration, and the County Attorney's Office on an ownership agreement document to clarify ownership of County Historic Markers when the donating party is not the landowner. Staff continues to research old proffers for Historic Markers which remain outstanding where the cost of the marker has now exceeded the contribution of the proffer as well questions about the content of the history for the marker proffered.
- National Register Nomination for Bois Dore – The Commission was sent the National Register Nomination for Bois Dore in McLean, for review and comment. The house was designed in 1950 by Thomas Tileston Waterman, a prominent architectural historian and preservationist in Williamsburg, and William Max Haussmann, the chief architect of the National Park Service (NPS) Capital Region between 1952 and 1963. The house site is directly adjacent to the Inventory Site Bull Neck Gold Mine. Please forward your comments to me by August 23, 2020. The Nomination is scheduled to go before the Virginia State Review Board and the Virginia Board of Historic Resources on Thursday, September 17, 2020.
- **A reminder to Commissioners to continue and always to use bcc to avoid FOIA complications with public meetings.**

Committee Reports

Inventory Committee – Commissioner Murray:

There was no Inventory Report for the night as Commissioner Murray was absent from the meeting. The Committee needs to meet. There are four nominations to consider.

Consulting Parties Task Force – Commissioner Beach:

Commissioner Stuntz asked Commissioner Beach to prepare a report on the Consulting Parties Task Force regarding meeting held July 15 and send the information to the Commissioners so they can see the two motions that were passed and recommendation of added phrases to the bylaws.

Marker Committee – Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- The Marker committee met in July via conference call and discussed outstanding marker proffers. In the process, several questions about the proffer procedures and conditions were brought up. Chair Commissioner Lipsey has passed the questions on to Denice Dressel. Committee members volunteered to work on specific proffers. Commissioner Lipsey suggested that the committee members make a progress report to the History Commission at October's meeting
- The President of the William Watters Foundation contacted Commissioner Lipsey with a request to shorten the pole for the William Watters History Commission Marker to make it easier to read. Commissioner Lipsey shared pictures of the marker and information about the request with the committee members. After measuring the pole, Commissioner Lipsey determined that the pole is the correct height as stated in the guidelines. Subsequently, she explained to the president of the foundation that the request is denied. She advised that the foliage around the marker be trimmed to allow for better visibility.
- Commissioner Lipsey was contacted by the Braddock District Supervisor's office to help respond to a county resident's request. The request involved correcting the text of the Huldah Coffe Marker located at intersection of Downeys Wood Court and Wards Grove Circle in Burke. Commissioner Lipsey provided to and discussed with Ann Sharp at the supervisor's office the primary sources and documentation that was used when writing the text of the marker. Ann Sharp stated she would organize the information and share it with Chairman Jeff McKay's office who had received the initial request.
- Commissioner Lipsey discussed questions surrounding History Commission sponsoring an Eagle Scout project.
 - Ms. Dressel asked Commissioner Lipsey to send her some information regarding History Commission responsibilities so she can start making inquiries whether the History Commission can take up this project or not.
 - Commissioner Tannenbaum offered to work with Ms. Dressel on the project.
 - Commissioner Bulova clarified that Commissioner Lipsey needs the following:
 - Whether the History Commission is allowed to be a sponsor on this project
 - Can the Commission use both Android and Apple Apps
 - Can the Commission fund the project

Ethnic and Oral History – Commissioner McCullough Reported:

The next committee meeting is scheduled for August 20 via conference call at 7:00 p.m.

Resident Curator Program Updates – Commissioner Beach Reported:

- The curator's upcoming projects at the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property include updating fixtures, preparing walls for paint and repairs to the Enyedi studio.
- The final meeting of the Lahey Lost Valley Evaluation Team will be held virtually via Zoom on September 2nd, at 10AM. This meeting will be used to score the application and determine the selection outcome. The meeting will be available for public viewing, via a forthcoming link. Public comment on the application will be collected in writing through Wednesday, August 26th via parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov. For more information on the application under review visit the Resident Curator Program website.
- The process for ServiceSource's submission of a Special Exception application for the Ellmore Farmhouse in advance of an FCPA lease is under review with County Zoning.
- The curator's upcoming projects at Turner Farmhouse include repairing and refinishing the hardwood floors in the farmhouse.
- The RCP annual inspection at the Stempson house was held on July 22nd. Upcoming projects include master bathroom renovation, and exterior improvements to siding and deck once weather gets cooler.
- Staff is working with Park Operations to install electricity at the Barrett House later this summer. A specialized septic system installation will occur later this month.

Budget Committee – Commissioner Murray:

There was no budget report for the night, in the absence of Commissioner Murray

Bylaws Committee – Commissioner Barnes:

There was no bylaws report for the night, in the absence of Commissioner Barnes.

History Conference Committee – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Had WebEx meeting last Thursday evening, July 30, 2020 – 7:30pm
- Proposed dates for virtual conference is
 - Saturday and Sunday, November 14 and 15
 - Saturday will run from 10 – 11:30 a.m.
 - Sunday, it will run from 1:30 – 3:00 p.m.
- Program is still in Draft form

- Tentative topics include Kick off and History Overview including Virginia Suffrage Movement.
- Will include Paul Gilbert, Alex Ragan and others
- Afternoon, African/American Presence in the suffrage movement
- Number of questions turned in to Denice for the County Attorney's advice
- Logistical questions include registration, music, limit on participants, breaks, limits on participants, videos, etc.
- Word is out that Channel 16 could be doing the conference live from its studios at the Government Center

A motion was made by Commissioner Garvey-Hodge, seconded by Commissioner McCullough, **that the History Commission approve the 16th Virtual Annual History Conference, which would be devoted to the Suffragists receiving the right to vote through the 19th Amendment. The conference will be held on Saturday, November 14, 2020 morning and afternoon and on Sunday November 15, 2020, in the afternoon.**

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Update on Suffragist Memorial

Commissioner Beach gave a brief update on the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

- August 26 would have been ribbon cutting ceremony.
- Other funding sources did not come through, are delayed or have changed previously scheduled dates because of COVID-19.
- Some construction and planting of trees have been delayed.
- A section of actual White House fence from 1917 protest will be displayed during the celebration.
- May be finished by November but not sure of the exact celebration date or how it will be done yet. Will keep the Commission abreast
- May have virtual ribbon cutting on the 26th.

Awards Committee - Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Two distinguished service awards were submitted by Commissioner Wilson:
 - Katrina Krempasky, former Office Manager, Historic Records Center, for her years of public service managing Fairfax County's Historic Records Center.
 - Heather Bollinger, current Office Manager, Historic Records Center, for publishing the monthly historical newsletter, "Found in the Archives".
- Submission from Commissioner Herrick, recognizing John Ryan, Mary Anne Hampton & the Shouse Village 50th Anniversary Committee
- Self-nomination for the Mayo Stuntz Prize by Todi Carnes

Cemetery Preservation - Commissioner Lipsey:

Commissioner Lipsey had nothing to report on Cemetery for the night.

Annual Report – Commissioner Murray:

Chair noted that Commissioner Murray appreciates what she has received so far but she has not heard from everyone yet.

Advocacy – Commissioner Herrick:

There will be no advocacy report until after COVID-19.

ARB Report – Commissioner Murray:

There was no ARB report for the night in the absence of Commissioner Murray from the meeting.

Website – Commissioner Repetti:

Commissioner Repetti had nothing to report for the night.

Announcements

- Commissioner Garvey-Hodge did a news piece that aired on Channel 16. It was nicely done
- On 20th of August she will be a part of an hour-long webinar celebration with Loudoun County.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the August 5, 2020, History Commission Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

Winifred A. Clement-Nelson
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 9/14/20