

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
August 7, 2019

On August 7, 2019, the Fairfax County History Commission held its regular monthly meeting at the Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Commissioners Present:

Anne Barnes	Esther McCullough
Bob Beach	Elise Murray
Glenn Fatzinger	Barbara Naef
Phyllis Walker Ford	Barbara Peters
Carole Herrick	Cheryl-Ann Repetti
Lynne Garvey Hodge	Steve Sherman
Michael Irwin	Anne Stuntz
Mary Lipsey	Jordan Tannenbaum
Sallie Lyons	Greg Wilson

Commissioners Absent:

Gretchen Bulova	Excused
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County Liaisons Present:

Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning & Development;
Elizabeth Crowell, David Buchta, Fairfax County Park Authority;
Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax City Regional Library.

Guests Present	Organization	Area of Interest
Todi Carnes	Friends of Historic Huntley	Historic Preservation
Andrew A. Painter	Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley & Walsh, P.C.	Isaac Newton Square redevelopment
Michael Saale	Walsh, Colucci, Lubeley, & Walsh, P.C.	Isaac Newton Square redevelopment
Michael Zieu	Boy Scouts of America	Boy Scout Merit Citizenship Requirement
John Zieu	Father of Michael Zieu	

Call to Order

The August 7, 2019, History Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Stuntz at 7:30 p.m. She announced the name of one Commissioner who was absent from the meeting. The Chair proceeded as follows:

- Passed around folder with interesting materials for reading.
- Next month Commissioner Wilson will be talking to the Commission on a strategic planning process. If interested in something in particular, talk to Commissioner Wilson and Commissioner Stuntz, and that will be discussed at the September meeting.

Guests in the audience introduced themselves, as requested by the Chair.

The Chair proceeded to introduce a guest presentation on the redevelopment of Isaac Newton Square, Reston, VA

**Presentation, Isaac Newton Square – By Andrew A. Painter
Walsh Colucci Lubeley & Walsh**

Mr. Painter gave a general overview of the Isaac Newton Square Redevelopment Project as follows:

- The site is located near Wiehle Avenue and Sunset Hills Road and is one of the oldest office campuses in the area.
- Their approach is to have a livable community, including athletic field, and integration of Washington and Old Dominion Trail with the site.
- They met with supervisors, property owners, and other stakeholders and came up with goals such as:
 - Developing a predominantly residential community
 - Creating a multigenerational livable community
 - Creating a dynamic public space
 - Establishing pedestrian friendly and vehicular connections
 - Structuring the development so that tallest buildings are to the south, nearest Reston East Metro Station, tapering down toward the northern portion of the development.
- The redevelopment of this area will occur over the next 15 to 20 years and will include commemoration of the past, probably through markers, murals, etc. Will provide bio filtration system, nearby natural areas, enhanced recreational area, athletic field, preservation of trees, multipurpose lawn area, urban park, etc.
- They will be coming back to the History Commission and three other groups with feedback from time to time.

After the presentation, Mr. Painter responded to questions from the Commissioners.

Approval of the Minutes August 7, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Tannenbaum, to approve the History Commission Meeting Minutes of July 3, 2019, as presented and to pay the Clerk.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer's Reports for July 3, 2019 – Commissioner Barbara Peters:

As of July 31, 2019, the Treasurer's report shows an ending balance of \$74,292.26 and Park Authority/History Conference account balance of \$2,494.41.

The full Treasurer's report for August 7, 2019, is attached.

Staff Reports

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

- Archaeological survey is continuing at Riverbend Park. This work is being done prior to the abandonment of the existing trail damaged by flooding which has caused widespread erosion. As well, archaeology is being done in preparation for the construction of a new trail which will be located farther away from the river.
- Archaeological survey and testing is continuing at Mount Air. This work is being done in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance (Section 7-210) regarding archaeology in Historic Overlay Districts. The work is being done in preparation for the demolition of the derelict buildings.
- Staff has been working with the County Department of Planning and Development on Z-mod (Zoning Modernization) relating to archaeology.
- Staff has been working with County Department of Planning and Development on Development Conditions for proposed development at Woodlawn. Woodlawn is a National Trust property, which is a National Historic Landmark.
- Archaeology and Collections Branch staff has been supporting a camp at Huntley for children interested in Archaeology. Campers visited the archaeology lab at the James Lee Center today with Commissioner Repetti.
- Joanna Wilson Green from the Virginia Department of Historic Resources met with members of the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association and
- Visited Willie Preston's grave and the Carter Taliaferro graves. Ms. Wilson and Dr. Crowell will be coordinating and working on the next steps.

Heritage Conservation Branch – David Buchta Reported:

Museum Collections

- Collections Manager gave a talk about the Museum Collections at the Lorton library on July 23rd at 7pm.
- Collections Manager hosted two researchers from the Sherman family (associated with Ash Grove) on July 29-30. They were very pleased with their experience and donated \$100 to the FCPA.
- Collections Manager continues to work with Park Planning & Development on the RFP for the new Collections Facility.

Operations & Maintenance Projects

- Staff is currently entering weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual maintenance inspection job plans into Tririga for properties monitored by the Heritage Conservation Branch (114).
- Heritage Conservation Staff and the FCPA GIS technicians are in the final stages of preparing a new GIS database layer for the Park Authority's historic sites.
- Staff is currently working on SOPs for Heritage Conservation Operations Maintenance and Inspections.

Volunteers – HSVC

- An HSVC workday is scheduled for this Saturday, August 10th at Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi for landscaping clean-up.
- Staff is planning an advanced project to repaint the Hunter House mantle.
- Staff is coordinating the 2019 Young Men's Service League Ultimate Gift project to be held at Mount Gilead in September. Projects will consist of varying landscape clean-up tasks.

Resident Curator Program - RCP

- Staff received one application for Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi. It is currently under financial review.
- Staff is working with Park Operations to install electricity, design septic, and install septic at Barrett.
- Mold remediation at White Gardens is complete. Asbestos abatement will begin shortly.
- Staff is accepting applications for Lahey Lost Valley through Monday August 12th. An open house was hosted on Saturday, July 27th, with a total of 10 visitors.
- A public meeting was hosted on July 31st, 2019 for the evaluation team to hear the presentations of the two applicants for Ellmore Farmhouse.
 - The next Ellmore Farmhouse Evaluation Team meeting will take place on Thursday, September 12th at 9am in the Herrity Building at 12055 Government Center Parkway, Fairfax VA. The meeting will take place in the ninth floor Park Authority Board Room. While the meeting is open to the public, no comment will be taken.

- Public comments are due in writing to parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov by Friday, September 6th, 2019. Applications are available to view on the Resident Curator Program website.
- The resident curator for the Turner Farmhouse is preparing her special exception application to apply for approval for use of the property, specifically, the garage structure as a retreat center.
- Upcoming projects for the curator's second year at the Stempson House include: continued grounds clean up and landscaping, removing the security grates from the windows, painting all interior trim and install new shoe molding, and painting the exterior of the house.
- Staff has selected Louis Berger to prepare the Historic Structure Report and Treatment Plan for Dranesville Tavern.
- The preparation of Treatment Plan is underway for the Sears House.

Mr. Buchta gave a copy of the Resident Curator report to Commissioner Beach and proceeded to announce that a copy of the Resident Curator report will be given to Commissioner Beach every month, since he represents the History Commission on the County Resident Curator Program. The Resident Curator report is shown under the Heritage Conservation Branch report.

Presentation – Report on Oak Hill – David Buchta Reported:

Highlights from the mold remediation of Oak Hill Plantation:

- Oak Hill Day is September 21.
- Received report of mold at Oak Hill in May 2018
- Showed picture of the house before and after mold remediation.
- Talked about history of the house through the years.
- The house turned out to be much more expensive to repair than expected.

Virginia Room – Christopher Barbuschak Reported:

- The Virginia Room hosted 14 volunteers from George Mason University Life staff on July 24th. They shifted books in the Rare Book Room, straightened oversized materials, encapsulated maps, and shifted maps to the new flat file case, all of which better increased access for patrons.
- The Virginia Room hosted the Burke Historical Society for another Community Scanning Day on Saturday July 27th. There was a great turnout, and they scanned over 100 photos from members of the community.
- Laura Wickstead hosted another African American Genealogy Study Group at Centreville Regional Library on August 5th. 13 people came.
- Brian Conley, formerly of the Virginia Room, retired after 37 years on August 2nd. The county hosted a retirement party for him on July 18th. Suzanne Levy, Chris Barbuschak, and other county staff gave farewell speeches. He will be missed tremendously.
- The Virginia Room received the Haight-Barlow Collection from the widow of the last living descendant of the Barlow family. Robert S. Gamble used these papers to research his 1973 book "Sully: The Biography of a House". The

whereabouts of these papers over the last forty years were unknown. The collection contains 18th century correspondence, account books from the owners of Sully Plantation as well as ambrotypes, tintypes and more. We are incredibly grateful to preserve and make this collection accessible.

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

- Recording Device – A reminder that there is an outstanding discussion of the purchase of a recording device for the clerk. I mention it again because the County won't purchase the recording device for the ARB until the History Commission approves its purchase. The ARB voted to spend up to \$500 for a recording device and any accompanying accoutrements at its July meeting.

A discussion continued regarding purchasing a recording device for the History Commission clerk. A report was given by the clerk as to whether additional items are needed in addition to the device itself. She noted that it would seem that \$500 should suffice in covering the device and any additional accessories, if needed.

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commissioner Fatzinger, **to allocate \$500 for purchase of a recording device for the History Commission Clerk.**

A vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- Soapstone Connector (Hunter Mill District) – the ARB received a letter from the Keeper of the National Register requesting more information from the SHPO and the ARB as to how Criteria Consideration G (exceptional significance) is satisfied under either Criterion A or Criterion C, Community Planning/Development, Education, and Architecture. The Federal lead agency, FHWA, representative has given a deadline of August 22 for response.
- Association Drive (Hunter Mill District) – No resubmittal to date.
- Isaac Newton Square (Hunter Mill District) is the subject of tonight's presentation.
- Woodaman House (Springfield District) – The case was recommended for approval by the Planning Commission last Wednesday. It is scheduled for a public hearing with the Board in early September.
- Woodlawn (Mount Vernon District) – The National Trust has submitted a revised application for Special Exception which is currently under review. The application is still on track to have its first public hearing at the September 11 Planning Commission meeting.
- Collingwood (Mount Vernon District) – The impending demolition of Collingwood has been in the news. I believe we may hear more about this later on the agenda.

- Board Matters – Staff met with the County Attorney’s office regarding Chairman Bulova’s direction to staff to identify what changes are needed to the History Commission’s bylaws and its authorizing resolution for the Commission to add a member to represent Fairfax City. It was staff understands during the July meeting that the Commission has some concerns about this matter. Staff would like to further coordinate with the Chair’s Office before officially responding and would be happy to raise those concerns.
- Chairman Bulova also moved to direct staff to investigate what changes to the History Commission’s bylaws and its authorizing resolution to incorporate cemetery preservation into the Commission’s mission. Staff should also advise the Board if additional resources would be required to make this a successful change. Staff from DPD, ACB and OCA met to discuss this matter. The County Attorney’s Office has planned to address the History Commission during its September meeting. County Archaeologist Aimee Wells will also be present to address the County’s current policies on the treatment of cemeteries. Liz Crowell may have more to add on this.
- Tax Abatement follow-up – Staff met with Tax Administration and has begun to do research on other jurisdiction’s programs as well as determining qualifying properties from the Inventory of Historic Sites.
- New Inventory of History Sites Nomination - The Journal Building located in McLean, Virginia, submitted by Chris Barbuschak. Staff has completed their initial review and the nomination will be moving the nomination forward to the Inventory Committee for their review soon.

Committee Reports

History Conference – Commission Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- The next History Conference Committee meeting will be held August 28, at library at 7:30
- Passed around folder with sample program and brochure, etc.
- Briefly mentioned the recent discovery of a poster describing President Grant’s horse (“Linden Tree”, that was a gift to him from the Sultan of Turkey) having been boarded at that time, in a still, yet existing, historic barn in Clifton called “Springdale” - currently owned by Heather Scott-Molleda, on a 23 acre farm site – likely dating back to the early 1830’s.
- Will be sending out an email regarding an event at the Jewish Community Center, Annandale, , “A Hippie Dippie Look at the Summer of 1969” presented by Neal Stevens (former local DJ during the 1960’s) and Lynne Garvey-Hodge, as the Hippie, “Starshine”, on Sunday, August 25, starting at 3:00 p.m. Tickets are \$18.00 a piece & still available.

Awards – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- The Awards Committee met briefly tonight at the Library shortly after the History Conference Committee meeting. Everything is fine. Will have a final draft of the J.L. Hiller Award ready for the Commission to review at the next meeting.

Inventory Committee – Commissioner Murray

Commissioner Murray noted that she had no report for the night.

Marker Committee – Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

Commissioner Lipsey reported that the Marker committee is still having problems with trying to find a private contractor that will install History Commission markers. She noted that there is one marker ready to be ordered and another one in the planning stages.

After discussion, it was agreed that Commissioner Lipsey should contact Chairman Bulova's office and ask for advice on how to solve this problem.

Ethnic and Oral History – Commissioner McCullough Reported:

- Had a meeting but did not have enough attendees to have a very in-depth meeting.
- Ellie Ashford made a request through Commissioner Barbara Peters about assisting with oral history for the Annandale Fair in October. Did some work and came up with some information on finding people to interview in the Annandale area for the Annandale Fair.
- Will inform Denice when she has a date for the next committee meeting sometime this month.

Resident Curator Program – Commissioner Beach:

Commissioner Beach presented a report on the Resident Curator Program given to him by David Buchta earlier during the meeting. The report is recorded under Heritage Conservation Branch report.

Budget Committee – Commissioner Murray Reported:

Budget Committee met tonight and is working on the budget to be presented at the September History Commission meeting. The Commission will be voting on the budget at its October meeting.

Commissioner Murray asked all to keep their eyes open for copy of the approved budget, which will be sent through U.S. mail.

Bylaws – Commissioner Barnes:

Commissioner Barnes had no report on Bylaws for the night. Other issues relating to proposed changes in the bylaws are on the agenda for tonight.

Advocacy – Commissioner Herrick:

Commissioner Herrick had no Advocacy report for the night.

ARB – Commissioner Murray Reported:

Consent Calendar Action Item:

- Approved: ARB-19-LFK-03 Proposal for materials for previously approved architecture for new single-family dwelling at 1004 Dogue Hill Lane, McLean, VA, Tax Map 22-3 ((08)) 0005, located in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District.. - Dranesville District

Action Items:

- Approved: ARB-19-CTV-03 Proposal for new signage (“SEE & CO”) at 13830 Lee Hwy, Ste. 8, Centreville, VA, Tax Map 0554 ((01)) 0028A, located in the Centreville Historic Overlay District. The applicant is proposing a new sign in the shopping center. The applicant, Emily Chen, will be representing the application. Sully District
- Approved: ARB-19-PHC-01 Proposal for a new deck at 7202 Lyndam Circle, Lorton, VA, Tax Map number 108-01 ((18)) 0027, located in the Pohick Church Historic Overlay District. The applicant, Herb Marshall, will be representing the application. Mount Vernon District
- Approved: ARB-03-LOR-01) to allow craft beverage and small-scale production uses for the Workhouse Arts Center located at 9518 Workhouse Way, Lorton, VA, Tax Map number 1064 ((01)) 58 in Workhouse Arts Center of Lorton. Regina Coyle, DPD, will be representing the application. Mount Vernon District.

Workshop Items: None

August Meeting: Workshop on proposal for demolition of existing historic house and barn and new construction of a four-unit townhome building. This is the Harrison House in the Centreville HOD.

Website – Commissioner Repetti Reported:

Regarding Commissioner Repetti’s request to put the Navy report on the website, Commissioner Stuntz suggested waiting until a vote is taken at the next History Commission meeting in September to do so.

New Business

Southern George Washington Memorial Parkway Safety Study

Commissioner Fatzinger reported that as a result of increased speed and BRAC, there is a considerable increase in the traffic pattern on George Washington Memorial Parkway, resulting in many traffic accidents and some deaths. He announced that the National Park Service and the Federal Highway Administration are conducting a traffic study. He asked that the History Commission write a letter in support of the study and reported that he had drafted a letter for the Chair’s signature in support of the study. Commissioner Fatzinger noted that the deadline for comments is August 21.

A detailed discussion ensued as to whether the History Commission could comment directly. After discussion it was suggested that due to time constraints, each Commissioner could comment as an individual citizen.

Ms. Denice Dressel was asked to follow up with information regarding this matter.

The chair asked Commissioners Beach, Fatzinger and Lyons to work together on this project and report to the Commission at its September meeting.

Commissioner Fatzinger was asked to send the electronic version of the draft letter to the Commissioners to be used as a model, in case the Commissioners decide to write individually.

Unfinished Business

Cemetery Preservation – Commissioners Lyons and Lipsey

Commissioner Lipsey noted that this matter was addressed in Denice Dressel's report to the History Commission earlier tonight. She added that the County Attorney is looking at the History Commission's bylaws to see what applies to establishing a cemetery committee for the History Commission.

Alternative to Demolition – Commissioner Lyons

Commissioner Lyons reported that she received a call from Senator Scott Surovell on August 1, in which it was explained that the State of Virginia does allow for blocking demolition in historic districts. She added that the Board of Supervisors could declare a particular district as historic to prevent demolition of any structures in that area. Commissioner Lyons noted that she received a copy of the relevant statutes from him shortly before coming to the meeting tonight. She said she will be sending a copy of the e-mail to Commissioner Stuntz to be distributed to all Commissioners. Senator Surovell would be willing come discuss the statutes with the commission.

Commissioner Lyons further reported that she also received an inquiry from Senator Surovell that he would like to know when the name of Route 1 changed from Jefferson Davis Highway to Richmond Highway. The matter was briefly discussed by the Commissioners. Chris Barbuschak noted that the Virginia Room has begun researching the question.

Collingwood

Commissioner Lyons noted that she had nothing new to report on Collingwood at this time. She noted that a front page article was published in the *Mount Vernon Gazette* and added that demolition is impending and she would like better documentation.

History Commission By-laws Re: Fairfax City Member Request

The Commissioners will communicate comments to Denice Dressel before the next History Commission meeting.

Soapstone Connector/Association Drive

Commissioner Tannenbaum reported as follows:

- He is still waiting to hear from the Keeper of the National Register with a final determination. They are waiting for more information from the ARB and the Virginia SHPO.

Announcements/News

Commissioner Tannenbaum announced that on July 22, the first permanent chairman of the Advisory Council of Historic Preservation was sworn in.

Commissioner Wilson announced as follows:

- Great Falls Historical Society is looking for three speakers for September 3, 2019, March 3, 2020, and April 7, 2020. Any interested ones should contact Doug Cobb, at douglascobb@me.com; 703-759-2622.
- Commemoration of the Battle of Ox Hill, Chantilly will be held later this year.
- Group from Bull Run Civil War Round Table is working with others to develop Battle of Ox Hill/Chantilly App. Completion is expected later this year. Will be seeking assistance from the Fairfax County Park Authority.

Commissioner Beach announced as follows:

- His Aunt Dorothy celebrated her birthday in April, at 101
- His grandson will be 2 years old August 21, and his daughter has given birth to his first granddaughter and will be coming home tomorrow.
- The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, on which he serves as architect, should have been completed in July. They are hoping that the building will be completed by August 2020.

Commissioner Lyons announced that Don Hakenson will be addressing the next meeting of the Mt. Vernon Regional Historical Society on Civil War events in the Mount Vernon area on Thursday, September 5 at 7:00 at the Mount Vernon Government Center.

Commissioner Naef announced that she received a call from County Code Compliance Office noting that the violation she reported concerning the historic Bowman Distillery in Reston has been corrected.

Commissioner Fatzinger announced as follows:

- He met with a newspaper editor of Mt. Vernon Gazette on August 16, who covered the article on Collingwood. He added that the editor agreed to cover more historical matters.
- He, along with two others, is in the process of selecting a scholar who will be attending NOVA in his name. Commissioner Fatzinger noted that he has been named Chancellor in Philanthropy.

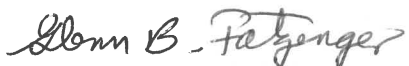
Commissioner Lipsey announced that she had the opportunity to read over 20 years of her father's research for the American National Red Cross which is housed at College Park, Maryland National Archives facility.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the August 7, 2019, History Commission Meeting adjourned at 10:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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



Glenn Fatzinger, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

10/2/19

Date: