

**Electronic meeting
Fairfax County History Commission
September 2, 2020**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on September 2, 2020.

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:06 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
Lynne Garvey-Hodge	Fairfax County
Jordan Tannenbaum	Fairfax County
Esther McCullough	Herndon
Cheryl-Ann Repetti	Centreville
Bob Beach	Fairfax
Anne Barnes	Mt. Vernon
Sallie Lyons	Mason Neck

Commissioner Absent

David Meyer	Excused
Elise Murray	Excused
Barbara Peters	

County Liaisons Present:

Elizabeth Crowell, Diana Inthavong, Fairfax County Park Authority; Chris Barbuschak, Virginia Room; Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Dept. of Planning & Development, Winifred A. Clement-Nelson, Clerk to the Board.

Staff Guest

Rachael Flynn, Deputy County Executive

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 McCullough, 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 Herrick, 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: 129 068 3652.

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 Naef.

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

Chairman's Remarks

- Turning computer on ahead of time will help save time.
- Meeting recorded and will be posted to website.
- Microphone should be kept on mute when not speaking to avoid echo, 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.

Approval of the Minutes – August 5, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner McCullough, Seconded by Commissioner Mannarino, **to approve the History Commission Meeting Minutes of August 5, 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 September 2, 2020

The treasurer's report for the periods ending July 31, 2020, and August 31, 2020 will be discussed at the October History Commission meeting.

Unfinished Business

Confederate Names Committee (CNC) – 6.23.20 Board Matter – Commissioner Naef, Chair, Reported:

- CNC met on August 19th. The meeting minutes will be posted on CNC page of the History Commission after approval at September 9th meeting.
- Chris Barbuschak, Virginia Room, was in attendance.
- Discussed and voted to include the Civil War Sesquicentennial brochure as an artifact in digital form as an addendum in the addenda of the report. Completed short narrative explaining the brochure and sent to Ms. Dressel for background.
- Discussed methodology involved in developing the short list of the confederate names and voted to approve that.
- Reviewed and discussed in details instructions for recording research results
- Received status report from CNC members at the meeting.
- Asked for everyone's patience.
- Supervisor Alcorn in his Facebook post offered encouraging statement that during these discussions they will enjoy the benefits of a more robust understanding of history.
- Thanked Chris Barbuschak for completing all work due in Springfield District

Committee Names Committee Report by District:

- Hunter Mill – Chair noted that she, Commissioners Naef, and Murray are working diligently but can use expertise of others who are far along.
- Dranesville – Commissioner Wilson said that he and Commission Herrick had divided the District's lists. Commission Herrick is completing the research on the street names, which is extensive, and Commission Wilson was working on the other lists. All of Commissioner Wilson's work has been completed and sent in.
- Braddock – Commissioner Lipsey reported that there are 102 interpretive markers located throughout the County.
- Started Braddock District and 20 streets each connected to the Civil War. Commissioner Naef and Denice have the templates for those. Working her way through street names.
- Lee District – Commissioner Walker Ford reported that Chris has completed all of the streets in Lee District. Looking at four subdivisions and will be complete after that.
- Mason – Chair noted Commissioner Peters was having difficulties logging on to the current meeting.
- Mt. Vernon – Commissioner Mannarino reported she has a few more lists to send to Commissioners Lyons and Barnes for review.
- Providence – Getting help from Virginia Room and others.
- Springfield – Chris Barbuschak said he is halfway done with Springfield.

- Sully – Commissioner Repetti reported she is about a third of the way to completion.
- Fairfax City – Not available at this time, in the absence of Commissioner Meyer.

Consulting Parties Task Force – Commissioner Beach Reported:

Discussion was held regarding adopting a policy for being a Consulting Party during the July 15 minutes.

After discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Beach, seconded by Commissioner Herrick, that the Fairfax County History Commission will notify, in writing, the Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors (BOS) and the Supervisor of the affected Magisterial District, when it has been invited and agreed to become a Consulting Party in accordance with Section 800.2(c) of the U.S. Advisory Council on Historic Preservation's regulations (36 CFR Part 800) implementing Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act of 1966 (54 U.S.C. 306108). The Commission further agrees to keep the Chairman of the BOS and the Supervisor of the affected Magisterial District informed of its comments throughout the Section 106 review process.

The motion carried with unanimous consent.

The History Commission Bylaws will be amended to include the consulting party policy.

It was agreed that the Consulting Parties Task Force would continue to meet to devise and bring to the Commission a plan for implementation of the new policy.

Brimstone Hill Monopole Update – Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

Commissioner Tannenbaum informed the Commission that Fairfax County Historical Resources and the SHPO, respectively, decided there was no effect. Therefore he wrote an e-mail to all concerned parties that the Commission has officially determined that there is no effect.

McLean Old Firehouse Update – Commissioner Herrick Reported:

In response to a notice sent to McLean Historical Society about the change to the plan, six people promised to write letters. It was suggested that anyone wanting to write a letter should contact either Commissioners Herrick or Stuntz and do so quickly due to timing.

McMillen Farm Update

Commissioner Wilson drafted a letter to the Army Corps of Engineers and asked for a consulting party meeting. He thanked Commissioners Stuntz and Tannenbaum for their assistance with the McMillen Farm House.

Soapstone Connector– Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

Commissioner Tannenbaum reported that he received an email regarding Soapstone, that the FOIA process was in motion, and that they are looking at alternatives. They will get back to the Commission when finished with that process.

New Business

Rosenwald Schools – Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

- Prior to the Commission meeting, copies of the House and Senate legislation were distributed that, if approved, would authorize a Special Study to determine whether the proposed Julius Rosenwald and Rosenwald Schools National Historical Park should be included as part of the National Park system. In addition a list of organizations currently supporting the legislation was also made available to the Commissioners.
- The proposed Park would include representative, extant examples of the Schools throughout the South and be headquartered at a location to be determined, in Chicago.
- It was mentioned that Fairfax City is also considering supporting the legislation and if they do, they would be the first municipality to do so.

Concerning the contributions made by Julius Rosenwald and the thousands of Rosenwald Schools he built for African Americans throughout the South between 1912 and 1932, a motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commissioner McCullough, **that the History Commission, through the Chair, send a letter in support of the establishment of a new National Historical Park honoring Julius Rosenwald.**

After further discussion, a vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Staff Reports

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

- The Collections Facility Team is in the process of reviewing plans for the Collections Facility. There are currently two alternatives that are under consideration. Staff has a meeting on this later in the week to further discuss. The team will be going to the ARB in October. Have asked them to present to the History Commission, as well.
- Aimee Wells and a team of archaeologists are doing an archaeological survey at the site of the proposed Collections Facility in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
- Staff is working as part of the team for improvements as part of Route 28. An upcoming meeting on that will be held this week.
- Staff is working with developers on a series of proposed developments with archaeological potential.
- Staff has been working on a couple of cemetery issues.
- Continuing archaeological fieldwork at Riverbend and Mount Air.
- A benefit of having to deal with the pandemic has been the degree that groups are embracing technology. There have been a series of timely webinars addressing a whole series of historical and archaeological subjects. Participating in a great number.

Resource Management Division - Diana Inthavong, Reported: Museum Collections

- The Collections Manager submitted the August artiFACTS blog, which highlights a portrait of Emma Millard from Colvin Run Mill.
- The Collections Manager continued to reconcile locations for objects placed back into Sully Historic Site.
- The Collections Manager continues to spend increasing amounts of time providing subject matter expert information to the Collections Storage Facility project and attended the most recent Schematic Design Meeting on 8/21.

Operations and Maintenance Projects

- Staff continues to work with DPMM on the Ash Grove Kitchen Stabilization project.
- Staff completed filming with Channel 16 for the Oak Hill Virtual Tour. Production and story boarding is underway. The project is on schedule for a final product at the end of September.
- Staff is still working with WJE on treatment plans for the outbuildings at Sully Historic Site.
- Staff is also moving forward with WJE on a treatment plan and historic structure report (HSR) for Mount Gilead.

Volunteers-HSVC:

- The HSVC had a successful event with the Young Men's Service League at the beginning of August. Volunteers helped pull out carpet from the second floor of the Ash Grove property.
- The next HSVC volunteer event will be a landscape clean-up on Saturday, September 12th at the Lahey Lost Valley property in Vienna.

Virginia Room report – Chris Barbuschak Reported:

- Virginia Room staff continues to provide research support for the Confederate Names Committee. Chris Barbuschak worked with Commissioner Phyllis Walker-Ford to complete the Lee District street names list and Commissioner Barbara Peters on some Mason District street names. Will be working with volunteer Sue Kovach-Shuman on Providence District names. He assumed all responsibility for Springfield District names research.
- Staff has been assisting DPD with research on several properties up for development.

Department of Planning and Development – Denice Dressel Reported:

- **Confederate Names Committee Draft Outline with date** – Staff asked and responded to questions about the outline and timeframes. Seeing how much research has been done now that the Commissioners have all the information, she is confident the dates can be met.
- **Rt. 1/BRT Section 106** – Staff forwarded the Commission the most recent comments and findings from FTA and FCDOT regarding the Section 106 consultation for the Rt. 1 BRT project. For the purposes of this undertaking, the Gum Springs Historic District will be treated as eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and Virginia Landmarks Register. As has been previously established, DPD-HR will be compiling comments from the ARB and History Commission and attaching them to the County staff's response memo. Please review and provide any comments to me no later than Wednesday, September 9, 2020. Thank you to Commissioner Mannarino, who has already provided comments. These will be attached to staff's comments, which will be sent on Friday, September 11, 2020.

The Commission deliberated extensively on its position regarding the Rte. 1/BRT Project and whether the History Commission should request consulting party status. It was decided that the Commission move ahead with support for the Project at this time.

Concerning the Rte. 1/BRT Section 106 Project, a motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commissioner Beach, **that the History Commission, through its Chair, send a letter for attachment to the comments in support of the Rte. 1/BRT Project.**

After further discussion, a vote was taken and the motion carried unanimously.

- **The Old McLean Firehouse** – Staff appreciates the Commission's letter to the Chair of the CBC task force in support of keeping the language in the CBC portion of the Comprehensive Plan in support of preserving the McLean Firehouse, listed on the County's Inventory of Historic Sites. As this process moves forward, I will continue to keep you updated.
- **McMillen Farm Section 106** – Staff and the History Commission were copied on an email from the SHPO to the Army Corps, with revisions to the draft MOA, which specify including the History Commission as a Consulting Party in the MOA, and a reviewing party to the memorial installation. We await the Army Corps response.
- **Soapstone Connector Section 106** – Staff was copied in a response email from FHWA to the History Commission's letter requesting an update on the project. I have not had time to read and fully digest FHWA's response.
- **Historical Marker Program** – Staff continues to work with 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 has concluded research into old proffers for Historic Markers and provided the results to Commissioner Lipsey.
- **Civil War Monuments at the Judicial Complex** – The public hearing on the future of the Civil War monuments at the Judicial Complex will be held on September 15 at 4:30pm. At this point, 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.
- **National Register Nomination for Bois Dore** – Thank you to those Commissioners who reviewed and responded to the National Register Nomination for Bois Dore in McLean. Staff will be submitting our comments this week and will include comments from the History Commission and the ARB.
- **Bull Neck Gold Mine** – Bois Dore is adjacent to the Inventory Site Bull Neck Gold Mine. Staff was recently contacted by the owner of both properties to suggest a boundary increase in the Inventory Site for the gold mine. Since this is primarily an archaeological site, I forwarded the information provided by the owner to Liz Crowell. She and I are planning a site visit later this year when the foliage has died back. I will keep you and, and specifically the Inventory Committee, updated.
- **Opportunity to Partner for Training** – Fairfax City has reached out to the ARB and the History Commission to see if you would like to partner with them to bring a consultant in to provide a virtual preservation training workshop, up to 3 sessions in 1 day. The cost per session is \$1167 and they are proposing a date of Friday, October 23.

Committee Reports

Budget Committee – Commissioner Stuntz Reported:

The Commission now has to provide only basic information in the budget letter.

Annual Report – Commissioner Stuntz Reported:

Commissioner Murray needs reports from those committee chairs who have not provided their reports yet.

Inventory Committee – Commissioner Stuntz Reported:

Commissioner Murray is planning to have a meeting within the next couple of weeks. She will be sending around scheduling ideas.

Marker Committee – Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- Commissioner Lipsey noted that Commissioner Lyons shared with her a suggestion from Senator Scott Surovell to install a History Commission Marker at the soon to be dismantled nuclear reactor located at Fort Belvoir. Commissioner Lipsey will work with Commissioner Lyons about the possibility.
- Commissioner Lipsey forwarded to the committee the answers to the questions that the committee had about marker proffers. She also reported that the committee will make a progress report in October.
- Commissioner Lipsey received a request for help in determining the polling locations and voting results for the October 1867 election to send delegates to the constitution convention. This was the first opportunity for black men to vote in the county.
- Greg Wilson suggested a book, *Return to the Union*, by Brian Connolly as a source for the information.

Commissioner Garvey-Hodge requested suggestions on encouraging the Town of Clifton to participate in installing a historic African/American marker in the town.

Ethnic and Oral History – Commissioner McCullough Reported:

- The Committee met August 20 at 7:p.m.
- Talked about five retired supervisors the committee wants to interview. Commissioner Stuntz will obtain contacts from the Clerk to the Board so they can begin reaching out and setting appointments.
- Commissioners Garvey-Hodge and McCullough will go over questions for interviews.
- Would welcome including staff and other citizens in the interviews.
- Suggestion was made to invite others who worked with the supervisors if they want to participate in the interview as well.
- Sent note and left voicemail for Channel 16. Waiting for return call to set up dates for meetings.

- Talking about doing something for community groups to interview as training but that is on hold at the moment
- Talking about Commissioners and volunteers interviews.
- Next meeting is October 15 at 7 p.m.

Commissioner Beach suggested contacting Park Authority employees, such as retired Michael Rierson, who could participate because they have much knowledge and information

Resident Curator Program Updates – Commissioner Beach Reported:

- The curator's upcoming projects at the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property include interior painting.
- The final meeting of the Lahey Lost Valley Evaluation Team was held via Zoom on Wednesday, September 2nd.
- Planning & Development staff are drafting the RCP lease for ServiceSource at Ellmore Farmhouse. Upon BOS approval of the lease, ServiceSource will submit its Special Exception application for its proposed nonprofit use of the site RCP lease commencement will be contingent on SE approval.
- The curator at Turner Farmhouse continues with improvements to the Farmhouse interior.
- Upcoming projects at the Stempson House include master bathroom renovation, and finishing painting interior trim.
- Staff is working with Park Operations to install electricity at the Barrett House later this summer. On site preparations for the installation of a specialized septic system are underway.

Bylaws Committee – Commissioner Barnes:

- Planning on having a meeting this month.
- Will research information regarding changes to the Bylaws.

History Conference Committee – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Conference Committee met August 27 at 7:30 P.m. The next committee meeting will be held September 9, at 7:30 p.m.
- Thanked Commissioner Lipsey for summarizing, and passing over to her, questions for Pam Gardner, at Channel 16.
- Put together a mock agenda. There will be two sessions on Saturday, the 14. There will not be a Sunday session as originally planned. The program on Saturday will run as follows:
 - Morning Session – 10 – 12:30 p.m.
 - Afternoon Session – 2: 00 – 3:30 p.m.
 - Breaks could include information on all the historic groups on the screen since there will be no exhibits this year.

- May be showing some of the videos from the Suffragist Memorial in the afternoon and taking a look at African/American Suffragists.
- The conference theme has been changed to: *Votes for Women, The Rest of Our Story*, with a subtitle: *Passing the 19th Amendment*.

Awards Committee - Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

The Committee has accepted and approved all nominations as shown below:

- Todi Carnes (Huntley Viewshed). Self-nominating for the Mayo Stuntz Prize Awards listing on the FCHC website:
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/awards-programs>
- Greg Wilson nominated Heather Bollinger & Katrina Krempasky for Distinguished Service Awards.
- Carole Herrick nominated Mary Ann Hampton, John Ryan & the Shouse Village 50th Anniversary Committee for their good work also for Distinguished Service Awards for their outstanding work in 2019 for creating a celebratory event to be shared with the citizens & public of Shouse Village.
- The only monetary award is the Mayo Stuntz Prize.
- The Committee has agreed to a short awards announcement at the beginning of the virtual conference on November 14, 2020.

Cemetery Preservation - Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- Commissioner Lipsey reported that three DAR chapters have requested cemetery preservation talks and/or demonstrations.
- One DAR chapter has requested to adopt the Francis Summers cemetery on Lincolnia Road. Cultural Resources Branch Manager Liz Crowell provided information from the Park Authority on the procedure for adoption.
- At the request of Commissioner Lipsey, Dr. Crowell will inquire about the MOU draft agreement that was presented to the Park Authority.
- Two scouts have requested Eagle Scout Projects at cemeteries. Commissioner Lipsey is working with them to complete projects at the William B. Day and the Gooding cemetery.

Advocacy – Commissioner Herrick Reported:

Commissioner Herrick noted that there will be no activities, hence, no report, on Advocacy until after COVID-19.

Commission Members Reports

ARB Report – Commissioner Murray:

No ARB report was made for the night, as Commissioner Murray was absent from the meeting.

Website – Commissioner Repetti Reported:

- Nothing new to report on Website.
- Will do a quick check on Brian Connolly Book

Commissioner Lipsey had a question regarding a review of the Civil War Driving Trail on the History Commission Website. Commissioner Bulova suggested that a committee be appointed to take a look at it along with other things on the website. Commissioner Lipsey reported that she, along with Commissioner Bulova and *Visit Fairfax* Patrick Lennon, will review the Civil War educational resources online.

Commissioners' Mail

The chair reviewed the various pieces of mail received as follows:

- Hard copy of letter from Clifton saying that they have looked over their confederate names
- Letter from Historical Society of Fairfax County offering their help.
- Thank You letter from Turning Point Suffragist Memorial
- Note from Franconia Museum regarding their new mascot
- Hard copy of budget request.
- Correspondence regarding cancellation of *Celebrate Fairfax*

Announcements

Commissioner Garvey-Hodge announced as follows:

- She participated in Loudoun County 100th Anniversary Celebration as Mrs. Robert Walker.
- She has continued work with racial justice in the Town of Clifton

Commissioner Barnes announced that the Supervisor of Mt. Vernon District, Dan Stork, held a program in celebration of Women's Equality Day and invited her to be a speaker at the event on August 26, with less than 70 people in attendance. She added that former presidential candidate, Carly Fiorina, was the guest speaker at the event. Commissioner Beach announced that in honor of women suffragist month, Ms. Fiorina attended a webinar on the Suffragist website, along with three other women. He added that there are three other videos on the website and encouraged all to watch them.

The Chair read a letter announcing that Celebrate Fairfax scheduled to be held in October has been cancelled due to Covid-19.

Commissioner Sherman announced as follows:


- Franconia Museum has a new Mascot called, Freddie Franconia. The mascot will pose for pictures with children
- Former Fairfax County Supervisor for Lee District, .Joe Alexander passed away

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the September 2, 2020, History Commission Meeting adjourned at 9:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 10/23/20