Fairfax County History Commission
Electronic Meeting
April 6, 2022, 7:30 p.m.

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on April 6, 2022.

Call to Order

1. **Audibility of Members' Voices**

The Chair called the April 6, 2022 meeting to order at 7:34 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the following script:

> *To conduct this meeting wholly electronically, the History Commission needs to make certain findings for the record to evidence our compliance with all applicable laws. These motions address this compliance.*
>
> *First, I am going to conduct a roll call and ask each board member participating in this meeting to state your name and your location. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues.*

Roll Call

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

Commissioners Present per Districts:	**Location:**
Cheryl-Ann Repetti, *Chair*	Sully
Mary Lipsey	Braddock
Carole Herrick** (!)	McLean
Subhi Mehdi	McLean
Barbara Naef	Reston
Anne Stuntz*	Fredericksburg
Steve Sherman,* *Secretary*	Franconia
Phyllis Walker Ford	Clifton
Barbara Peters	Annandale
Sallie Lyons	Colchester
Tammy Mannarino	Mt. Vernon
Sue Kovach Shuman	Mantua
Jenee Lindner	Fairfax
Esther McCullough	Sully
Robert "Bob" Beach**	Fairfax
Lynne Garvey-Hodge,** *Vice Chair*	Clifton
David Meyer	City of Fairfax

Commissioners Excused:
Gretchen Bulova
Elise Murray
Jordan Tannenbaum
Anne Barnes

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*
***Joined after roll call*
(!) *Technical difficulties joining meeting*

County Liaisons Present:
Denice Dressel, Heritage Resources and Plan Development Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Dr. Elizabeth Crowell, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Christopher Barbuschak, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library; Stephanie Langton, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

Staff Present:
Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to Commissioner Barbara Naef that she might be heard to make the following motions:

2. **Need for an Electronic Meeting:**

   Second, I move that the History Commission certify that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this Commission and the public to physically attend this meeting in person, and the usual procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically. As a result, I further move that the Fairfax County History Commission conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video- and audio-conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling 1-571-429-5982 and entering access code 523 276 015#.

The motion was seconded by Barbara Peters and passed unanimously.

3. **Need to Dispense with FOIA's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations:**

   Finally, I move that the History Commission certify that the matters on its agenda today relate to the COVID-19 emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the History Commission's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

The motion was seconded by Esther McCullough and passed unanimously.

Approval of the March 2, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Esther McCullough to approve the March 2, 2022 History Commission Meeting Minutes:

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

The motion was seconded by Barbara Naef and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurers report for the period ending March 25, 2022. See Attachment 1 for the April report.

Staff Reports

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Dr. Elizabeth Crowell:

- Dr. Elizabeth Crowell, Fairfax County Park Authority, referred the Commissioners to the staff report for the full update See Attachment 2 for the staff report.
    - In addition to the report, Elizabeth noted that the ACB is continuing to work with the Department of Planning and Development (DPD) staff to finalize the plans for the proposed collections facility.
- Sallie Lyons discussed the current fiscal challenge facing the ACB's collection facility project as a result of the proposed changes to the Park Authority's bond cycle. If the project (which would house the Branch's archeology and museum collections) is compromised, the ACB could potentially lose accreditation.
    - Currently, Fairfax County's FY-2023 budget proposes switching the Park Authority's bond schedule from a four-year to six-year cycle.
    - The change poses a serious financial issue for the ACB collection facility project. The design phase of the project is complete and the ACB is dependent on the next bond cycle to secure the remaining funding needed for construction.
        - The ACB currently holds $8 million in reserve from the last bond towards the project, but the Branch will need an additional $4 million allocated in the next bond cycle for the competition of the project.
    - If the additional funding is not allocated until a new bond cycle beginning in 2026 or even 2032, then the project could stall and potentially collapse, due to inflation and the need to repeat the design process.
    - In 2026, the American Alliance of Museums will begin reaccreditation of the ACB. The last accreditation was dependent on the proposed construction of this facility, which means that a failure to fund the project could result in a loss of accreditation, leading to a cascade of negative consequences for the ACB.

Sallie Lyons made the following motion:

> ***I move that a letter be sent to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors stating that the History Commission advocate for the funding of the Archeology and Collections***

Branch facility at Lorton, whether by maintaining the current four-year bond cycle for the Park Authority with a bond issue on the ballot in 2024 or by direct funding for the actualization for the now-completed design.

Tammy Mannarino seconded the motion

- Open discussion about the motion ensued.
  - Cheryl Repetti recused herself from the discussion, due to this being a matter of the Fairfax County Park Authority. The gavel was passed to Lynne Garvey-Hodge.
    - It was further established that Sallie Lyons would draft the letter for Lynne Garvey-Hodge's signature.
  - Barbara Naef noted that the need for a proper storage facility for the ACB has been an ongoing issue for decades. The facility will merge the archaeological and artifact collections. Barbara then recused herself from the matter, due to her previous relations with the Park Authority.

The motion was called to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

Heritage Conservation Branch, Stephanie Langton:

- Stephanie Langton, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave program and staffing updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. Updates included operation and maintenance, Historic Sites Volunteer Corps, and the Resident Curator Program. See Attachment 3 for the staff report.

Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak:

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library gave staff and program updates regarding the Virginia Room. See Attachment 4 for the staff report.

Heritage Resources, Denice Dressel:

- Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development gave project and program updates. See Attachment 5 for the staff report.
  - Notably, the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 8, 2022.
  - Sue Kovach Shuman and Tammy Mannarino complimented Denice for DPD's thoroughness of the Modern Architectural Survey's resources list. See Attachment 6 for the ARB's draft letter of support for Fairfax County's application to participate in the 2022-2023 State Survey and Planning Cost Share Program.
  - Barbara Naef asked for an update on the African American Communities survey. Denice replied that she does not have an official update, as of now.
  - David Meyer noted that a Langley High School student conducted an oral history project of the Cartersville Baptist Church members and believes the project is in

the Virginia Room. David agreed to relocate this project and send it to Barbara Naef.

Unfinished Business

Fairfax County Courthouse, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti updated the Commission with the response from the Board of Supervisors regarding the deteriorating exterior conditions at the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse.
    - Chairman McKay said that the County will not do anything different to the site than what has already been planned, in response to the letter submitted from the History Commission last October.
    - Preliminary estimates for temporary repairs to the exterior mortar is $55,000 - $65,000.
- Cheryl asked if the Commission wants to consider any further action. An open discussion ensued.
    - Barbara Naef emphasized that the situation is critical and suggested that the Commission consider seeking a grant to fund a more substantial restoration, perhaps from Preservation Virginia.
    - David Meyer emphasized the seriousness of the situation, noting that the collapse of the column from Fairfax City's Old Town Hall exemplifies the consequences of inaction, even when the municipality consider themselves good stewards.
    - David then asked if Chairman McKay had explained why the Board turned down the request for immediate intervention. Cheryl said that the response said that the concerns will be addressed in the full redesign of the site.
        - David noted that the County is at least 5 years away from beginning the work on that site. David later explained that the full redesign of the historic site involves removing the jail addition from the original Courthouse and moving the Legato School in its place. David's interpretation of the Board's decision is that the original Courthouse building will receive a complete restoration, including repair of the front façade, during this project.
    - Mary Lipsey raised the concern that the vibrations from the heavy construction machinery will further damage the façade.
        - Sue asked David if the City would consider lowering the speed limit around the property to reduce traffic vibrations. David said that he would look into that, as well as noted another potential construction project across the street.
    - Sue Kovach Shuman noted that it would be important for the Commission to get the Providence District Supervisor involved in this matter. Sue then suggested that the Commission consider pledging their own funds towards the project to kickstart restoration efforts.
        - David agreed with Sue about involving Supervisor Palchik and offered to also speak with her.
    - Sue then suggested that the Commission organize a tour of the site with the Supervisors and a restoration expert to better assess seriousness of the situation.

- Jenee Lindner noted that she currently serves as the President of the Friends of the Historic Fairfax Courthouse, and will take the lead with Sue on organizing a tour and seeking grant funding.
- David suggested that the Commission request a briefing by the County of the masterplan for the County Courthouse property.
  - Jenee pointed the Commission to Heather Bollinger as the County point of contact for the County Historic Courthouse.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge suggested reaching out to local news to get publicity about this issue.
- Tammy Mannarino voiced support for the ideas in discussion and noted that Cheryl can raise this issue during the presentation of the Annual Report before the Board of Supervisors in June.

Independent Teams Account for the History Commission, Cheryl Repetti and Denice Dressel:

- Following last month's discussion, Cheryl Repetti presented the cost breakdown for the different levels of Microsoft Teams for the History Commission.
  - Esther McCullough voiced her support for the combination option of five basic accounts and one standard account.
  - Barbara Peters asked what the outlook of these subscriptions will be if the Commission resumes conducting its business in-person. Cheryl noted that a virtual option will probably be incorporated as an optional format for participants in the future, both for the Commission and countywide.
    - A discussion ensued about the challenges of virtual meetings and the different policies of municipalities in northern Virginia, as well as the specific participation policy of the History Commission.

Esther McCullough made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission purchase Teams as a mixed cost for five basic accounts and one standard account, for the amount of $450.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion.

- Cheryl opened the floor for discussion of the motion.
  - Anne Stuntz asked if the Microsoft trial assistance offered by DPD to the Commission was still available. Cheryl answered that DPD is not offering the trial assistance anymore.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge reemphasized that virtual and hybrid-meeting formats will probably be the new normal procedures for conducting business.

Cheryl Repetti called the vote. The motion passed unanimously.

New Business

Tinner Hill Music Festival and History Commission Outreach, Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Sue Kovach Shuman presented the idea that the History Commission conduct public outreach at the Tinner Hill Music Festival to raise awareness of the History Commission's work, since the Celebrate Fairfax festival will be significantly different following the pandemic.
    - The music festival is Saturday, June 11, 2022 in at the Cherry Hill Park in Falls Church.
    - The details of the number of people that can attend and the additional cost to staff the table is still being worked out.
- A discussion ensued about different outreach opportunities for the Commission.
    - Sallie Lyons noted that there are numerous festivals sponsored by the Fairfax County Park Authority and others, like the Mason Neck State Park Eagle Festival, that would seek informational tables without charging fees.
    - Barbara Peters suggested the Falls Church Women's History Walk occurring May 1, 2022 as another event to consider outreach.
    - Anne Stuntz suggested a number of events, including the ViVa! Vienna! Festival, and suggested that the Commission look to other history groups to share a booth.
    - Tammy Mannarino later suggested that the Commission check to see if these events have a nonprofit rate for exhibitors.
        - Tammy further noted that these events are a great opportunity to diversify the attendance at the annual History Conference.
- Subhi Mehdi noted that the History Commission should not be concerned about the cost of these events if the Commission believes that this kind of outreach is a priority.
    - Sue agreed and noted that there are a few things that could be worthwhile fiscal priorities for the Commission.
    - Anne Stuntz noted that there are also a few long-term financial commitments and goals that the Commission must keep in mind, noting the Commission's financial assistance to the ACB last year.

Subhi Mehdi made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission hold a detailed budget briefing in May 2022.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion.

- Open discussion about the motion ensued.
    - Barbara Naef explained that the Commission directs funds towards the Virginia Room and ACB programs, as well as historical markers. Barbara stated that the Commission needs an assessment of what the ongoing costs are and what financial goals are on the table.
    - Subhi Mehdi noted that this must be sorted out before Cheryl presents before the Board of Supervisors in June.
    - Lynne Garvey-Hodge expressed her appreciation to Subhi for the motion and brought up the History Conference as another financial unknown. Furthermore, Lynne noted that the Board has questioned whether the History Commission

needed the annual funding distribution in the past and emphasized that financial prioritization is crucial at this time.

- Barbara Naef voiced her opinion that Tinner Hill may not be the wisest use of the Commission funds following this discussion, as so many other opportunities have been suggested.

The motion was called to a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

- In conclusion, Cheryl clarified that the Tinner Hill advocacy will be tabled until the May meeting and these suggestions be further discussed by the Advocacy Committee.

Naming Request from Supervisor Herrity, Jenee Lindner:

- Jenee Linder explained that Supervisory Herrity submitted a naming request for a helicopter pad in the county. The request seeks to name the helicopter pad after David Rohrer, former Fairfax County Police Chief and Deputy County Executive. The request is seeking to be fast-tracked to receive approval in time for the opening ceremony for the helicopter pad. The Board was hoping that the History Commission vote on this matter tonight.
    - Cheryl clarified that the Board established that the History Commission be involved in naming county facilities.
    - Subhi Mehdi objected to the process and situation under consideration, explaining that there are currently multiple task forces underway to review the integrity of historical namesakes and yet there is not the same guidance being given for naming considerations in the present.
- Cheryl suggested that the Commission reply to the Board's request by saying that the Commission will be able to adequately respond to the naming submission by their May meeting, but is unable to provide feedback within the given timeframe.
    - Multiple Commissioners shared the view that there needs to be better guidance and procedures around the naming process.

Committee Reports

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge first complimented Sue Kovach Shuman for her presentation at the Fairfax Museum last month.
- The Committee met on March 23 and continued to review the content of the conference and the research being conducted by the Commissioners. See Attachment 7 for the History Conference Committee Report.
    - Tammy Mannarino asked if there is any effort to present the history of the Quaker populations in Fairfax County. Lynne agreed that the Quakers were very important and asked Tammy to pass along any contacts with strong knowledge of the Quaker history.
    - Barbara Naef added that there were many communities from upstate New York beyond the Quakers that came to this area following the Civil War. A discussion about the role of the Germanna community ensued and Sallie Lyons noted that the

Northern Virginia Chapter of the Archaeological Society of Virginia is doing a tour of the Germanna site on April 16.

Awards Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne provided updates regarding the work of the Awards Committee, including a submission from Mike Salmon, reporter for the Connection Newspaper, for the Jack Hiller Award.
    - Lynne noted Mike's research efforts about time capsules throughout the county and bookmarked that topic for a future discussion.

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford:

- The AAHI Committee discussed the April 8 deadline for the additional templates to be complete and sent to the Capstone students. The Capstone team is currently adding some additional features as well and the Committee is excited to showcase their hard work when the database is launched in June. See Attachment 8 for AAHI Committee Report.
    - Phyllis thanked all the Commissioners that have worked on the Inventory.
    - Mary noted that there will a supplemental "African Americans Working for Change" component to accompany the Inventory.
- The next AAHI Committee meeting will be on April 12, 2022, and Phyllis and Mary will be meeting with the Capstone students on April 22.

Advocacy Committee, Subhi Mehdi and Barbara Peters:

- Advocacy Committee met on March 3, 2022. The Committee brainstormed different events to promote the work of the History Commission.
    - In developing a checklist of items needed at these events, Tammy Mannarino identified a need for handouts for events.
    - The Committee also talked about sending out press releases.
- Subhi Mehdi reviewed the draft of the annual report and emphasized that the only missing section is the Commission's budget.
    - Subhi asked if the Commission did anything to celebrate the Commission's 50th anniversary in 2019. Anne Stuntz replied that the Commission celebrated the Inventory of Historic Sites and Barbara Naef replied that there were a number of other things in recognition.
        - Subhi suggested a widget to denote the 50th anniversary on the website.
- Barbara Naef complimented Subhi and the Committee's hard work on the annual report.

Semiquincentennial Commemoration, Carole Herrick:

- Carole Herrick gave an update about last meeting of the Fairfax County 250th Commission. The Commission is focusing on the year 1776, beyond the Revolutionary War, and connecting it to 2026. The Commission made clear that this is a commemoration, not a celebration.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Markers Committee. Specifically, Mary discussed the inclusion of oral history in the markers and asked that Commissioners let her know if they have opinions about this. See Attachment 9 for Committee Report.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Cemetery Preservation Committee. See Attachment 9 for the full Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough gave a review of the Committee's March 22 meeting. Committee procedures were reviewed and the Committee discussed compiling materials to assist Commissioners in conducting informational interviews. The next meeting is May 24, 2022 at 7:00pm.

Resident Curator Program, Robert "Bob" Beach:

- In addition to the report, Bob Beach discussed the inception and success of the program, but larger jurisdictions are really only the ones to be able to consider a similar program at the local level. Bob suggested that the Fairfax County Resident Curator Program think about assisting other jurisdictions across the Commonwealth with adopting similar programs or even partnerships with Fairfax County.
    - Denice noted that Loudoun County established their own Resident Curator Program. Denice and Elise met with the commission in Loudoun and discussed the Inventory of Historic Sites and the Resident Curator Program.

Fairfax City, David Meyer:

- The restoration of the Old Town Hall has begun. The City was awarded $2.1 million in federal funding as a community development project for a complete restoration of the building, bringing the total cost of the project to $2.7 million.
    - Improvements include new HVAC systems, electrical systems, bathrooms, ADA accessibility, etc.
- Over the next two months, the City will be voting on the policies and procedures of how new streets will be named and how existing streets will be renamed.
    - Following the enactment of the new policy, the City will be voting on a series of name changes.
- David reiterated that the Sherwood Center will be made available to the Commission for the History Conference.

Announcements

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge will be presenting to the National Association of Federal Employees as Ms. Robert Walker on May 11.
- Sue Kovach Shuman announced that Fairfax County Historical Society will hold a walking tour of Herndon on May 22.
- David Meyer announced that the City recently purchased 2.7 acres of land next to the Fairfax Museum and will now be able to preserve it as wooded acreage in perpetuity.
- Sue Kovach Shuman and Tammy Mannarino announced that Northern Virginia Conservation Trust is having their annual Spring Garden event at River Farm April 8-9.
    - The Conservation Trust is also holding its "Heros of Preservation" gala to honor the members who saved the property in the first weekend of June.
- Tammy Mannarino also mentioned that Fairfax County Public Library has a "Traveling While Black" virtual reality exhibit in rotation through the different branches.
- Barbara Naef thanked Dr. Elizabeth Crowell for her role in having Barbara's story of her career and service to the Fairfax County Park Authority appear in the Park Authority blog. The article can be found here.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti adjourned the meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission

Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 5/9/22

Attachments

Attachment 1: Treasurer's Report, April
Attachment 2: Archaeology and Collection Branch Staff Report
Attachment 3: Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report
Attachment 4: Virginia Room Staff Report
Attachment 5: Heritage Resources Staff Report
Attachment 6: Archaeology and Collection Branch Draft Letter of Support
Attachment 7: History Conference Committee Report
Attachment 8: African American Historic Inventory Committee Report
Attachment 9: Markers and Cemetery Committee Reports

Attachment 1

Fairfax County History Commission
Treasurer Report April 6, 2022

FOCUS Account as of March 25, 2022

Beginning balance: $56,594.87

Revenue:
2/28/2022 Interest $ 2.12
(Budget adjustment $ 2.12)

Expenses:
3/11/2022 Minutes for February 2022 meeting - Meyer $450.
3/11/2022 FICA & Medicare $34.43

Ending balance: March 25, 2022 $56,114.681.2

FC Park Authority/History Conference Account

Balance carryover from FY2021: $2,351.76

FY2021 conference expenses ($330 total to date)

Paid March 2022: $200 (Two honorariums, $100 each - Quander and Cincinnati)

Available balance: $2,021.76

Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman
FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 2

FAIRFAX COUNTY PARK AUTHORITY

---------- MEMORANDUM ----------

Date: **April 1, 2022**
To: **Fairfax County History Commission**
From: **Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Resource Management Division**
Subject: **April Meeting Update**

ACB staff is pleased to be launching a newsletter in April, using the Park Authority's new marketing and communication software, Acoustic. This will allow users to opt out of communications more easily and will also allow staff to monitor what items readers find particularly interesting.

ACB staff was a part of the interview process for Department of Planning and Development's new Planner III and looks forward to working with the candidate once a hiring decision is made.

ACB staff provided oversight for the return and restoration of the Francis Summers headstone at Summers Cemetery. This work has been done in partnership with the Henry Clay and Thomas Lee Chapters of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, as well as the Sons of the American Revolution, and the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association. An unveiling of the marker and a new park sign will be held on April 30th at 11 AM at the cemetery.

Fieldwork has started back up again amongst the bluebells at Riverbend Park. While the winter allowed staff to catch up on indoor activities such as lab work, GIS data enrichment, collections management, and reporting they're glad to be back out in the field.

ACB staff will be on hand at Riverbend Park's annual Bluebells at the Bend festival to talk about the work they've done at the park and throughout the county. There are 2 ticketed sessions, 10-noon and noon-2pm. Tickets are $8 in advance, $10 at the gate. See flyer for details: https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/sites/parks/files/assets/documents/nature-history/riverbend/2022-riverbend-bluebells-festival-flyer.pdf

Attachment 3

Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division
History Commission Updates
April 2022
Location: Winchester, VA

Operations and Maintenance

- WJE led a site assessment for historic **Lamond** from 3/21-3/23 and will provide a Treatment Plan for the site.
- Staff is reviewing proposals for Historic Structure Reports and Treatment Plans for recently acquired properties: **Fairfax Arms** and **Union Farm**.
- Wood window repairs at **Ash Grove** will begin in April and go through July 2022, with funds awarded through the Environmental Improvement Program for Historic House Efficiency Improvements.

Historic Sites Volunteer Corps

- The next HSVC event is a landscape clean up scheduled for Saturday, April 9th at **Laurel Hill Golf Course and Barn.**

Resident Curator Program Updates

- **White Gardens** has several upcoming virtual meetings of the Evaluation Team with one scheduled for 4/6 and the other scheduled for 4/20. These meeting are open to the public, but no public comment will be taken. Comments are due in writing to Parkmail@fairfaxcounty.gov by April 13th. Information for how to join the meetings via phone or computer will be posted on the RCP website as the meeting dates approach.

  A public hearing was held on 3/29 during which the applicant presented her proposal for consideration and comment by the Evaluation Team and members of the public. A recording of the video can be found at publicinput.com/RCPWhiteGardens.

Attachment 4

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

April 2022

- Fairfax County Public Library resumed regular library hours on April 1st. The Virginia Room will now be open every day Monday-Sunday each week.

- Virginia Room librarian, Elaine McRey, was 1 of 17 FCPL librarians who won the annual FCPL Board of Trustees Staff Excellence Awards. Library users nominated their favorite staff members this past February, and a board committee selected winners from nearly 150 nominations recognizing staff members from 12 branches and FCPL's administrative services.

- Virginia Room staff are working with Library IT and the Circuit Court IT departments to designate a terminal for CPAN public access in the library. CPAN is a database that has access to Fairfax County Circuit Court records from 1742-present. Currently, it is only available Monday-Friday at the Fairfax Courthouse. Staff are excited to assist in making the database more accessible for Fairfax County citizens.

- The Springfield Acres Garden Club, established in 1955, has donated their collection of scrapbooks documenting their history to the Virginia Room.

Attachment 5

Staff Report: FINAL

Historic Overlay Districts

- **Hollin Hills Potential HOD, Mount Vernon District** – On March 8, 2022, the Board of Supervisors unanimously approved the Hollin Hills HOD – the County's 15th HOD.

  Staff would like to call to the History Commission's attention that the boundary of the Hollin Hills Inventory of Historic Sites District in the Comprehensive Plan was updated to conform to that of the of the boundary of the new Hollin Hills HOD. For question or further information on the boundary changes, please contact Laura Arseneau.
  Staff would like to thank the History Commission for its letter of support for the Hollin Hills HOD.
- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Mason District –**The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2022, at 6:30pm via Teams. Staff will be continuing our discussion of the community poll and the district boundaries with the workgroup. Public hearings for this plan amendment have not been scheduled. More information can be found on the Holmes Run Acres HOD project webpage or by contacting Denice Dressel.
- **Gum Springs Study, Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE. Background**: This project is being funded by a carryover budget request made by Supervisor Storck last year. If you would like additional information, please contact Denice Dressel.

Survey Efforts

- **Modern Architectural Survey, County Wide** – On April 1, 2022, staff submitted the application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) to their Cost Share grant program for a county-wide selective survey of mid-century architectural resources. This application was truly a team effort, with the History Commission supporting the required matching funding along with the ARB; the Virginia Room assisting in the identification of the resources to be surveyed; and the Virginia Chapter of the AIA assisting in drafting the background context and scope for the survey. A total of 18 districts and 167 individual resources were identified, bringing the total estimated cost down to $42,200 (from the original estimate of ~$62,000). Staff thanks the History Commission for its continued, generous support of $7500 in matching funds. The Architectural Review Board also pledged $7500. The Department of Planning and Development will contribute $15,000. Our final request to DHR for funding amounted to $16,200. This will also include DHR's support in administering the survey.
- **Lorton Visioning Study (Plan Amendment 2021-IV-LP1), Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE. Background**: The County is undertaking the Lorton Visioning 2040 study to bolster the sense of place within the Lorton community over the next 20

years. More information about the project can be found on the project's webpage, Lorton Visioning Study, or contact Denice Dressel.

- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide –NO UPDATE. Background**: DHR will provide $9,650 to match the county's offer of $20,500 for a project budget of $31,150. Heritage Resources' staff would again like to thank the History Commission for their support - through their monetary pledge of $7,500, letters of support, and individual member's reviews of the research. Staff would like to note the Architectural Review Board's support of a monetary pledge of $5,000 and letters of support, as well as DPD's support of $8,000 towards the survey. Please contact Denice Dressel for more information about the project.
- **Reston Architectural Survey, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE. Background:** Chris Daniel, Chair of the Architectural Review Board, is a member of the Reason Master Plan Task Force. Staff has been working with Mr. Daniel to craft language and draft maps to include in the Reston Master Plan update. The results of the Reston Architectural Survey Report were presented to the Reston Master Plan Task Force on May 10th. The task force is now working with staff to incorporate this information into the Comprehensive Plan where it can be used as a planning tool. More information can be found on the Reston Area Study webpage. Please contact Denice Dressel if you have any questions.

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National Register Nominations

- **Pride of Fairfax National Register Nomination, Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE. Background:** On December 9, 2021, the Virginia Board of Historic Resources & State Review Board approved listing the Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298 in the Virginia Landmarks Register and recommended the nomination to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This project was partially funded by a Certified Local Government Grant DPD received from VDHR. Please contact Denice Dressel with any questions.
- **Wolf Trap National Park Historic District, Dranesville District – NO UPDATE**.

NHPA Section 106 Reviews

- **McMillen Farm Mitigation, Dranesville District** – Anne Stuntz, representing the History Commission, and staff have been in further contact with Dovetail Consulting concerning the interpretive installation called for in the MOA which resulted from the Section 106 Consultation process with the developer, the Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO, the History Commission, and the County.
- **Soapstone Connector/Association Drive Office Complex, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE. Background:** Staff received draft Memorandum of Agreement from FHWA/FCDOT to respond to the adverse effects of the federally-funded project on the historic district. Staff feels that the MOA is a good start, but that the public history component of the proposed mitigation is insufficient. During the Consulting Parties meeting, staff suggested HABS documentation of the buildings and HALS

documentation of the cultural landscape, interpretive signage, and a public history interpretative display such as a website, or a traveling library display.

Other Items

- **History Commission Bylaws Revisions – NO UPDATE.** The memo to the Board outlining the revisions to the History Commission and ARB bylaws was distributed earlier in February. This memo was prepared for the Board prior to the BOS hearing for approval of the bylaws revisions, to allow an opportunity for the Board members to get more information for clarification, if needed. The anticipated Board date for approval is now May 10, 2022.
- **Historic Courthouse, Providence District – NO UPDATE.** The History Commission received a response from Chairman McKay to their letter regarding needed repairs at the historic courthouse. The Architectural Review Board received the same response.

Development Reviews

- **SEA 880V-064-05 Original Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon District** – The applicant (the Board of Supervisors) has submitted their application for final review and recommendation to the ARB for its April 14, 2022, meeting.
  Background: This is the first application received under the new Zoning Standard: Alternative Use of Historic Buildings which allows the Board to consider a special exception to allow certain nonresidential uses in historic structures listed on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites. All applications that include exterior modifications to the structure or site are to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The proposed uses for the project include Early Childhood Education Center, Gymnasium, Teen and Senior Center, non-profit programs with a focus on education, career and workforce development, and financial literacy, education, culinary incubation, business incubation, visual and performing arts, commercial kitchen for education and to serve building uses, and flexible community use spaces. This project will be using only state Historic Tax Credits, they will not be seeking federal tax credits.

Attachment 6

Fairfax County Architectural Review Board

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Fairfax, VA 22035
https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/architectural-review-board

April 1, 2022

Mr. Blake McDonald
Program Manager
Architectural Survey & Cost Share Program
Virginia Department of Historic Resources
2801 Kensington Avenue, Richmond, VA 23221

Dear Mr. McDonald:

On behalf of the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board (ARB), I'm writing to convey the ARB's support of Fairfax County's application to participate in the 2022-2023 State Survey and Planning Cost Share Program for a county-wide survey of modern architectural resources.

The County's proposal to conduct a county-wide selective survey through the Department of Historic Resources Cost Share Program will be a critical step in preserving the County's mid-century heritage. The ever increasing growth so common to Northern Virginia has placed many of these unidentified resources at risk of redevelopment without proper consideration for their historic character. The lack of an adequate survey has hampered staff's ability to advocate for preservation of these unrecognized and poorly understood resources.

As the authority charged with assisting the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors in its efforts to preserve and protect historic places and areas in the County, I urge you to give this request your full consideration.

Sincerely,

Christopher Daniel, Chairman

cc: Barbara Byron, Director, Department of Planning and Development
Planning Commission
Fairfax County History Commission

Attachment 7

Good evening, everyone!
Thank you to those of you who were able to join us this past Wednesday, 3/23/2022:
Esther, Phyllis, Jordan, Mike, Cheryl, Liz, Naomi (& myself).

[after a recent conversation with Naomi, she has said she would prefer to bow out of now joining our committee]

We are continuing to plan for our November 5, 2022 (possible hybrid) History conference at The Sherwood Community Center.
This is our second in a four part series with the overarching title, "WE Are Fairfax County!" This year will be part II.
Our theme will be: "Early Immigrant Groups of Fairfax County – Sewing the Seeds of Today's Fairfax County".
We are still examining the various people/immigrant groups who called the land we know as Fairfax County "Home". We discussed

the reality that immigrants dated back to our area to the 1600's and even the 1700's – with the not too geographically distant Germana Colony, reflecting arrivals of 1714 & 1717. As the 2021 Conference covered our Native American and African-American early peoples, we

are now about the task to identify those that came as well – including many before the Civil War. We know from information gathered to date

that there were German immigrants here, European indentured servants, Scots-Irish, English, eventually a Jewish presence and others.
Because the land of Fairfax was so vast & the population so spread out, the clustering of actual communities was scattered and varied, too.
We are now looking to focus our "homework" into the following areas with a "Who, What, Where, When?" approach.
ALSO, if you believe someone you are in contact with would be an outstanding speaker, please ask as to their availability on 11/5/2022 (without a promise

until the committee can decide/discuss).

Mike – the early German population:
Esther – Early customs and foods of our area – much to be reflected in church gatherings and social events
Phyllis – to contact the Smithsonian to see what/who might be able to assist in our research
Cheryl – to check w/ her GMU friend, Sheri Ann Huerta to see what info she might have
(fyi – Sheri Ann provided the Historic Centreville Society this past Saturday with a riveting presentation on "The Runaway Slaves of Centreville/Fairfax")
Jordan – will be checking with his Jewish colleagues and community to identify who might be able to provide additional background information and possibly be available as a speaker
Sue – from your presentation today at the Fairfax Museum & Visitor Center, it appears you might have some information related to your Mantua area & also around
Temple Olam Tikvah & the Jewish Community Center
Liz – had planned to reach out to her friend from Youngstown State who has done research on the immigration of the mid-west area of the United States; Also her friend Eric Larson who is the Chief Archeologist at Germana; and a friend named Martha who has done research on the Italian immigrant population in the United States
(pls. correct any of this info., Liz – if I have it wrong)
Lynne – Will be in touch with Rose Powhatan to see if she might be able to shed some light on the immigrant groups her ancestors encountered; Also the arrival of the Scots-Irish & others including the Russians
David Meyer – who in the City of Fairfax might be able to help shed light on the identification of immigrant groups in the City?

As soon as you are able to gather info., please forward directly to me so I can compile for our **next meeting on April 27, 2022; 7:30pm**.
Any comments or questions, please be in touch!
Enjoy the week ahead!
All good things,

Lynne Garvey -Hodge

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

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Attachment 8

AAHI Committee Meeting March 8, 2022

In attendance: Mary Lipsey Co-chair, Phyllis Walker Ford Co-chair, Barbara Naef, Tammy Mannarino, Anne Stuntz, Esther McCullough, Carole Herrick, Sue Kovach Shuman, Liz Crowell, Chris Barbuschak, Denice Dressel

1. Discussed the GMU Capstone student Database
   a. Additional templates
   b. Contributing images for exhibit pages
2. Discussed advocacy of the database when it goes live
3. Set April 15 as deadline for all additional images, resources, templates to be sent to GMU students
4. All the above need to be sent to Phyllis and Mary in word and as jpeg attachments no later than Friday April 8

Next Meeting April 12 at 2:30 pm

AAHI Committee Report Notes
Submitted by Mary Lipsey

African American History Inventory Committee

Revisions and Additions are due to Phyllis and Mary - Friday, April 8.

Images and Captions are due by April 15.

Commissioner Lipsey reported that she has added a supplement similar to the General Resources and Research Topics. It includes information from the "Colored Citizens Association" booklet, news articles, and school board minutes, entitled African Americans Working For Change.

Next meeting Tuesday, April 13 at 2:30pm

Attachment 9

Marker Committee

Adding a statement of acceptance of Oral tradition to marker text guidelines met with mixed reviews from the marker committee members.
Commissioner Lipsey informed commissioners that there are already a few History Commission Markers that have statements that use oral tradition.
Lipsey added as the committee review texts in the future, we will be mindful of the difficulty of obtaining written documentation in all cases.
Commissioners were encouraged to send opinions concerning this topic to Commissioner Lipsey.

Marker Project

Submissions for the history marker project has been extended, Last day for submissions is April 30.

The Voting Committee will receive orientation and training in the future.

Cemetery Committee

Nothing new to report.