

**Fairfax County History Commission
Electronic Meeting
August 3, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on August 3, 2022.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair called the August 3, 2022 meeting to order at 7:33 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*
Anne Stuntz
Barbara Naef
Elise Murray
Esther McCullough
Gretchen Bulova
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Vice Chair*
Mary Lipsey
Phyllis Walker Ford
Robert "Bob" Beach
Sallie Lyons
Subhi Mehdi
Sue Kovach Shuman
Tammy Mannarino
Steve Sherman,* *Secretary*
Carole Herrick
Barbara Peters
Jordan Tannenbaum**

Sully
Vienna
Reston
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Braddock
Fairfax
Braddock
Clifton
Fairfax
Colchester
McLean
Mantua
Mt. Vernon
Franconia
McLean
Ocean City
Springfield

Commissioners Excused:

Jenee Lindner
David Meyer
Anne Barnes

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*

***Joined after roll call*

(!) Technical difficulties

County Liaisons Present:

Grace Davenport, Historic Preservation and Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Aimee Wells, 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 Lynne Garvey-Hodge that she might be heard to make the following motions:

I move that the History Commission certify for the record that each member's voice may be adequately heard by each other member of this Board.

The motion was seconded by Esther McCullough and passed unanimously.

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 244 405 861 480#.

The motion was seconded by Tammy Mannarino. Subhi Mehdi abstained from voting. The motion passed.

- There was a brief discussion about the COVID-19 protocol regarding Boards and Commissions meeting in-person. The discussion was deferred to Unfinished Business.

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 Tammy Mannarino and passed unanimously. The gavel was passed back to the Chair.

Minutes

Approval of the July 6, 2022 Minutes

A motion was made by Barbara Naef to approve the July 6, 2022 History Commission Meeting Minutes:

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending June 25, 2022. See [Attachment 1](#) for the July report.

Staff Reports

Holmes Run Acres Historic Overlay District, Denice Dressel:

- Denice Dressel presented the preliminary results of the study of the Holmes Run Acres Historic Overlay District (HOD). Denice discussed the process, background, district boundaries and characteristics, HOD design guidelines, study process, and timeline. Following the presentation, Denice opened up the floor for questions and comments:
 - Barbara Naef expressed her appreciation to Denice for her thorough and informative presentation.
 - Carole Herrick asked what the foreseeable challenges are in the approval process. Denice answered that this has been an unusually long process (due to the pandemic) and there is some community opposition.
 - Elise Murray noted that proponents are seeking to use the HOD designation to control development.
 - Barbara Peters asked what happens to the non-contributing properties that are in the proposed district. Denice explained that the non-contributing homes will remain as they are, but they will have to go through an ARB review for any future exterior changes to the properties.
 - Cheryl asked for clarification about the zoning requirement about the building height of 35 feet for residential properties. Bob Beach explained that 35 feet is the average height to average grade of ground to peak.

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB project, program, and staff updates. See [Attachment 2](#) for the staff report.
 - Tammy Mannarino commented on the Fort Belvoir collections being moved by the Army to Fort Lee, raised the possibility of a future exhibit at the Museum of the Army, and discussed the volunteer opportunities with the Branch.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge commented on the garden architecture at Dumbarton Oaks Museum.
 - Jordan Tannenbaum discussed the Fort Belvoir curation in more detail with Aimee.

Heritage Conservation Branch, Stephanie Langton:

- Stephanie Langton, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave program and staffing updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. Updates included operation, maintenance, repairs, 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 project updates regarding the Virginia Room. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.

Heritage Resources, Grace Davenport:

- Grace Davenport, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave project and program updates, including the Soapstone Connector, a new staff member, and two open positions in the Branch. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.
 - Jordan Tannenbaum inquired about another consultation meeting planned for the consulting parties of the Soapstone Connector. Denice Dressel was not aware that there was another meeting planned, but will double-check and follow up with Jordan.
 - Tammy Mannarino confirmed that the History Commission submitted a request to be a consulting party for the Section 106 Process for the George Washington Memorial Parkway proposed changes near the Belle Haven Community.
 - Barbara Naef confirmed that a letter of support from the History Commission was submitted for the Soapstone Connector and there will be three wayside markers included in the project.
 - Mary Lipsey asked for clarification between the two open roles in the department.

Unfinished Business

Remote Meetings and the State of Emergency, Cheryl Repetti:

- As a continuation of the matter raised by Subhi Medhi at the beginning of the meeting, Cheryl discussed the stipulations of the History Commission continuing to meet remotely and opened the floor for a discussion about the matter:
 - Grace Davenport noted that once the County's State of Emergency is formally lifted, in-person meetings may be required to resume.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge commented that there are some health concerns with members serving on the Commission and that the transmission rate of COVID-19 in the County is still volatile. Lynne also noted that the History Conference will be in a hybrid format.
 - Bob Beach echoed Lynne's support for a hybrid format.
 - Subhi Mehdi clarified that she was questioning the format because there are other Boards and Commissions that are meeting in-person.
 - Cheryl clarified that the History Commission is still operating under the same rules as those other bodies; the current rules allows for individual bodies to decide the meeting format.

Historic Fairfax Courthouse, Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Sue Kovach Shuman provided an update about the progression of the planned repair work at the Fairfax County Courthouse. The Board of Supervisors will discuss it at their October 11th meeting and the brick work may be done by the end of the year.

Committee Reports

Budget and Inventory Committees, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray announced that the budget package will be released this month. Elise suggested to increase the base operating budget for the Commission, due to the increase in costs, with line-item justifications.

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge presented a draft budget and agenda for the upcoming History Conference. Lynne reviewed the details of the agenda and budget with the Commission. See [Attachment 6](#) for the Committee Report, History Conference draft budget, and agenda. The next History Conference Committee meeting will be virtual, on August 24 at 7:30 pm.
- Elise Murray discussed the budget for the conference, specifically the funds from the previous conferences and how the History Conference should proceed with the conference budget. Elise proposed the operating budget be up to \$5,000 to include the conference current budgeted expenditures of \$4,570 and the additional \$350 from the Advocacy Committee.

Elise Murray made the following motion:

I move that the operating budget for the History Conference be up to \$5,000. If any additional expenditures are needed, it will be brought before the History Commission as a motion, and if any line items change substantially, the Commission will be notified.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion.

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge explained further that the History Conference Committee is improving its printed materials and the Advocacy Committee is seeking to support the conference through the printed promotional materials.

Elise Murray amends the motion:

I move that the operating budget for the 2022 History Conference be up to \$5,000. If any additional expenditures are needed, it will be brought before the History Commission as a motion, and if any line items change substantially, the Commission will be notified. The operating budget shall include a \$350 line-item for printing the conference's promotional materials.

- Mary Lipsey commented that if the materials are printed by September 17th, she will be able to distribute them at the Oak Hill Open House.
- Anne Stuntz voiced her support for the motion, emphasizing that the Advocacy Committee will use these materials to promote the conference.
- Subhi Mehdi suggested that the Commission consider purchasing the book *A Nation of Nations* to ensure the Commissioners had the opportunity to read the book ahead of the 2023 Conference.
- Esther McCullough suggested that she does see the need to redesign any of the materials and if the Advocacy Committee does distribute something, it should be the flyer with the conference registration.
- Tammy Mannarino suggested that the promotional materials be something small that directs people to the website for the most up-to-date information. Tammy voiced her support for the motion.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge expressed her support for the motion and commended the synergy between the two committees.

Cheryl Repetti called the question and Elise Murray restated the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Awards Commission, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge provided updates regarding a nominee for a Lifetime Achievement Award, two video submissions for the Jack Hiller Award, and the nominees for the Distinguished Service Awards.

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford:

- Phyllis Walker Ford announced that the work of the African American History Inventory (AAHI) Committee is complete and that the Inventory is finished. The only remaining detail is the MOU, which will be signed between George Mason University and the County to host the database. This will hopefully take place by the end of the month.

Semiquincentennial Commemoration, Gretchen Bulova:

- Gretchen Bulova provided updates regarding the Semiquincentennial Commemoration at the state level, including events, a conference, an exhibition, and an Independence Day special event.
- On the county level, Gretchen reported that the group formally adopted the bylaws and discussed committee structures, County-specific themes, and creating an advisory council. Gretchen encouraged the Commissioners to consider becoming involved in this county planning effort. See [Attachment 7](#) for the 250th Report.

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz provided a brief summary of the expenditures that have been approved. The coming Advocacy Committee meeting time will be adjusted to ensure Lynne and Sue will be able to attend. See [Attachment 8](#) for the Advocacy Committee Report.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey announced the marker dedication ceremony at the McLean Volunteer Firehouse on Sunday, August 21. See [Attachment 9](#) for Committee Report.
- Mary also spoke to the owner of Sewah Studios, who complimented the Commission on the design of the County's markers. The owner called to notify the Commission that there is a backlog of marker orders due to the pandemic, and requested that the Commission pause any marker orders until 2023. Also, due to inflation, the company can only guarantee a set price for a six-month window and that the costs per marker are increasing. Mary informed Supervisor Palchik of these changes.
- Due to these cost changes and more information about the extent of the damage to the marker at Lake Accotink Park, Mary informed the Commission that she will need to revise her motion from last month's meeting.

Mary Lipsey made the following motion:

I move that the History Commission approve up to \$4,500 to pay for the replacement of the Orange-Alexandria Railroad Trestle Bridge Marker at Lake Accotink Park.

Carole Herrick seconded the motion.

- Anne Stuntz asked if there is any insurance regarding these signs. Mary explained that there is not and that the County is responsible for the maintenance of these markers in the agreement with the property owner.

The motion passed unanimously.

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Historical Marker Project. Mary also requested that Commissioners pass along any candidates for the Limited Term Planner II position to her. A discussion ensued regarding the review process for the Historical Marker Project.
 - Elise Murray suggested that the Commission make a motion if they wish to entrust the Review Committee with selecting the final markers.
 - Barbara Naef clarified that this is part of a Board of Supervisors project; that they are not History Commission markers.
 - Cheryl added that the markers will look identical to History Commission markers, but the process by which they are approved is different. However, these markers will meet History Commission standards.
 - Carole Herrick noted that the descriptions printed on these markers still needs to maintain the highest level of accuracy and historic integrity, and Carole wanted to avoid her workload increasing by being asked to write the descriptions.
 - Mary assured Carole that this would not be the process.
 - Tammy Mannarino clarified what the recognition for participants will be and what the selection process is for the Review Committee.
 - Cheryl Repetti clarified with Mary that the Review Committee will be the arbiter for the final text.
- Elise Murray suggested that the discussion be tabled until next month. Mary Lipsey agreed.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Cemetery Preservation Committee activities. See [Attachment 9](#) for the Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough noted that the Ethnic and Oral History Committee did not meet in July and that she is assessing when is the best time for members to attend. The next Committee meeting will be August 23, at 7:00 pm.

Resident Curator Program, Robert “Bob” Beach:

- Bob Beach did not have anything additional to add to the program update from the Heritage Conservation Branch staff report.

ARB Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise provided her report of the Architectural Review Board three meetings in May, June, and July. See [Attachment 10](#) for the Staff Report.

Website Coordination, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti had nothing new to report.
 - Mary Lipsey asked if the “Lee” District name has been changed to “Franconia” District. Steve Sherman noted that the name change will not go into effect until 2023.


Announcements

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge attended John Ward’s funeral. Lynne also announced that Naomi is feeling better.
- Anne Stuntz announced that Vienna finished its 2nd Annual Liberty Amendments month.

Cheryl-Ann Repetti adjourned the meeting at 10:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 9/23/22

Attachments

- [Attachment 1](#): Treasurer’s Report, August
- [Attachment 2](#): Archaeology Conservation Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 3](#): Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 4](#): Virginia Room Staff Report
- [Attachment 5](#): Heritage Resources Staff Report
- [Attachment 6](#): History Conference Committee Report, Draft Budget, and Draft Agenda
- [Attachment 7](#): Semiquincentennial Report
- [Attachment 8](#): Advocacy Committee Staff Report
- [Attachment 9](#): Markers and Cemetery Preservation Committee Reports
- [Attachment 10](#): ARB Report

Attachment 1

Fairfax County History Commission
Treasurer Report August 3, 2022

Fairfax County Account as of July 25, 2022

Beginning balance: June 27, 2022 54,193.8811

Expenses:

6/30/2022 Frying Pan Park Marker – Sewah Studios \$800.

7/15/2022 Minutes for June 2022 - Meyer \$ 450.

7/15/2022 FICA & Medicare \$ 34.43

7/21/2022 Bank service fee \$3.76

FY2023 Contribution from County: \$21,013.

Ending balance: July 25, 2022 \$72,431.861.2

Park Authority/History Conference Account

Actual FY2021 balance carryover was \$2,351.15

Interest \$1.15 - \$2,352.30

Available now after 2021 expenditures: \$2,022.30 (same as reported June 28)

Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman
FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 2

Date: 26 June 2022

To: Fairfax County History Commission

From: Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Resource Management Division

Subject: May meeting, staff report

- Commissioner Lindner asked that I hold my information regarding the gazebo at Sully until the September meeting.
- ACB staff coordinated a move of archaeological collections items belonging to the Department of the Army at Fort Belvoir to the Army's curation facility in Fort Lee. This move both assists the Army in meeting their obligations to their collections under federal guidelines, but also eases the pressure on the ACB's archaeology collections storage.
- ACB met with staff at Colvin Run Mill to discuss archaeological concerns at the site and how to train site staff and volunteers regarding the care and keeping of subsurface resources at the park.
- ACB staff attended Archaeology in the Community's Day of Archaeology at Dumbarton House in Washington D.C.



- ACB staff and Commissioner Bulova in her role as Director of the Office of Historic Alexandria completed interviews for the Museum Collections Manager position. It is our great hope that an offer can be extended this month to our selected candidate.
- ACB and Heritage Conservation staff have partnered to mitigate the basement waterproofing issue at Lahey Lost Valley. Staff have begun the contracting process and hope to have the work completed this FY.
- ACB staff at Riverbend Park have been continuing their shovel testing work as heat and weather allow. In addition to their digging, they have garnered quite a following with the summer camp kids who have been very inquisitive and interested in our work.

Attachment 3

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

Operations and Maintenance

- Engineering company TMG has begun working at Dranesville Tavern to repair termite damage and are currently sourcing their materials, their timeframe is mid-July to mid Fall 2022, an update is posted on the Resident Curator website. Resident Curator Program | Park Authority (fairfaxcounty.gov)
- WJE led a site assessment for historic Fairfax Arms from 6/28-6/30 and will provide a HSR and Treatment Plan for the site.
- EHT Tracerics was recently approved to conduct a HSR and Treatment Plan for Union Farm.

Historic Sites Volunteer Corps

- HSVC will host a landscape clean-up on August 13th at historic Union Farm.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- Work will begin this summer at Ellmore Farmhouse, pending County permit approvals, with plans to complete all improvements within 6-12 months. The lease signing was held on June 2, 2022 with Supervisor Walter L. Alcorn attending and speaking at the event.

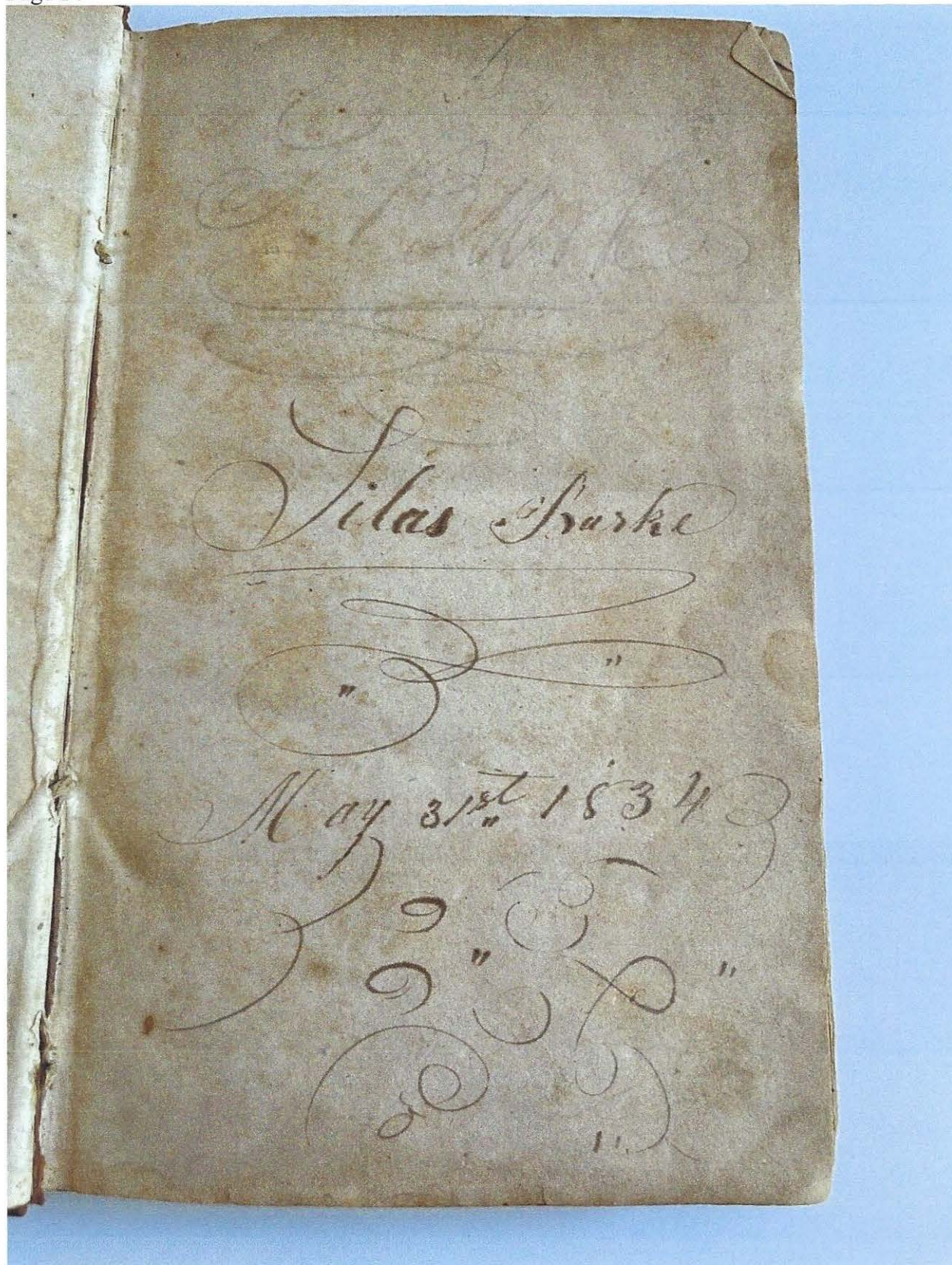
Attachment 4



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

August 2022

- There is a significant staffing shortage across all the Fairfax County library branches which is forcing FCPL to change its hours again. Beginning the week of August 14th, the Virginia Room will be open on Monday & Tuesday 1-9 pm, Wednesday-Sunday 10 am-6 pm.
- The Virginia Room Librarian I position closed on July 22nd. Interviews will likely occur sometime later this month.
- Three new Fairfax County newspapers got digitized by the Library of Virginia. They are the *Fairfax Standard* (1946-1953), *Standard* (1953-1959), and *Fairfax County Journal-Standard* (1960-1963). They are freely available and searchable on Virginia Chronicle.
- Staff met with Library IT last month to discuss the future of the Historic Newspaper Index and the Cemetery Survey databases. These were built by library staff in the 1990s, and the web architecture cannot continue to exist in its present format in the future. Lib-IT is looking at new platforms to migrate the Historic Newspaper Index. Staff are in talks with the Park Authority about discontinuing the Cemetery database by 2024, when they will be tentatively rolling out their very own new cemetery database.
- The Virginia Room acquired a book that was owned by Silas Burke off of eBay. Entitled, *Abstract of Infantry Tactics Including Exercise and Manoeuvres of Light-Infantry and Riflemen; For the Use of the Militia of the United States* (1830), Burke inscribed his name in it three times on May 31, 1834. It was also subsequently owned by George Simpson of Fairfax (1810-1848) and John F. Davis of Fairfax Station (1854-1885).



8/3/2022 History Commission meeting Department of Planning and Development/Heritage Resources Staff Report Laura Arseneau, Interim History Commission Liaison

Staff Report: DRAFT
Historic Overlay Districts

- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Mason District** – Staff held an in-person meeting July 26th at 7:00pm at the Woodburn Elementary School for community outreach. Staff will hold another virtual meeting for community outreach on Thursday, August 4 from 7-9pm. 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.** Working with a small group of community leaders, staff has prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a consultant to conduct a cultural resources study for the Gum Springs Community. The RFP is under review and should be released for response in the near future. **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 – NO UPDATE.** Staff received notification last week that our request was fully funded through Virginia Department of Historic Resources' (VDHR) Cost Share Grant program. The survey should get underway sometime in early fall 2022. **Background:** On April 1, 2022, staff submitted the application to the (VDHR) 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. 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.
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide – NO UPDATE.** A public information meeting is planned for the end of July to share the results of the survey with the community, date TBD. **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.

National Register Nominations

- **Wolf Trap National Park Historic District, Dranesville District – NO UPDATE.**

NHPA Section 106 Reviews

- **McMillen Farm Mitigation, Dranesville District – NO UPDATE.** 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 –** Staff recently reached out to FCDOT for an update on the draft MOA. FCDOT had a public information meeting on Monday July 11, 2022. They presented the draft MOA with comments due August 1, 2022. **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 report that provides detailed research information about the Association Drive complex.
- **DC Area Coastal Storm Risk Management Study, Mount Vernon District-** The proposal includes the construction of flood walls in the Belle Haven area. The impacted resource would be George Washington Memorial Parkway. While this is not in Section 106 review yet, it will be upcoming.

Other Items

- **New History Commission Liaison-** The new History Commission Liaison will start on Monday August 15. Staff will bring her up to speed and she will be present at the September 2022 meeting.
- **History Commission Request for Admin Position –** The Board of Supervisors approved funding for a Limited Term position for the History Commission at its June 28th meeting. This position, a limited term Planner II, was posted on July 20, 2022 and will remain open until filled. Please spread the word and distribute this information accordingly.

- **New Architectural Review Board position (Heritage Resources Planner II)** - The duties of this position include support to the ARB and ARB Administrator as well as creating and writing staff reports for ARB cases. This position is a Planner II and is open from Friday July 22, 2022, through August 12, 2022. Please spread the word and distribute this information accordingly.
- **Historic Courthouse, Providence District – NO UPDATE.** DPWES informed Courthouse Records staff that the consultant, WRA, was authorized to survey the condition of the existing masonry brick and mortar at the Historic Courthouse and provide a report that will include elevation sketches documenting the locations of the recommended repairs/repointing, typical repair details and 3rd party cost estimate. Survey will start on 5/31 and anticipate the survey will be completed by 6/2. They will be taking mortar samples from the existing walls and send the samples to a laboratory to determine the exact composition of the existing mortars for matching purposes.

**Summary of the 7/27/2022 Fairfax County History Commission's Annual Conference
Planning Committee Meeting: 7/27/2022**

Present for the meeting were: Esther McCullough, Phyllis Walker Ford, Mike Irwin, Liz Crowell, Sue Kovach Shuman, Cheryl Repetti & Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Chair

Thank you, folks, for showing! 😊

With 7 of 11 committee members present we moved forward with a committee quorum & opened the meeting with the now County Required COVID protocol.

[The meeting got off to a bit of a slow start with the TEAMS access having difficulties]

Agenda Topics were as follows:

I. The Budget (please see attached updated version) & note: Clarification of Conference Title, On-site attendee Registration cost is now \$30.00; numbers of attendees estimated for the on-site conference, Exhibitors and Author numbers are approximate, but based on prior years (pre-COVID) attendance.

Missing information includes actual food costs, confirmation as to Sherwood AV equipment being n/c; And confirmation on Award monies

II. The Agenda (please see attached updated version) & note: Clarification of Conference Title; addition of Breaks & Lunch times; bios for Martha Catlin & Eric Larsen, PhD; Please review times to ensue accuracy (The Dilles are given 1 hour; Drs. Pallante & DiBlasio are given 50 min.; Breaks are 10 min. & Lunch is 50 min.); We still need to collect bios & pics

III. The Brochure – Cheryl did a stellar job creating 3 sample brochures; we helped edit her 2nd version & found a FCHC/HC registration form from the 2016 Annual Conference to serve as a clean Registration Form (EVEERYONE: please make sure to proof when we receive the Brochure draft – as this will need to go on the FCHC website asap – please get back w/ Cheryl or myself with any edits you might have) Cheryl will be sending the edited brochure out as soon as she is able.

We are still planning on a Hybrid conference for 2022.

Verbiage will be added to entice on-site registration with references to various food items such as lox & bagels; German foods (Lynne will be checking with The German Gourmet in Falls Church), Irish and Italian food items, as well (Lynne & Esther are working on this – and seeing what our favorite Jason's might be able to offer off of their menu.)

We agreed to **BAG meals** in order to minimize COVID exposure. Need to ID Sherwood's Mask policy; for the moment FCHC is requiring masks for attendees; Jordan's contacts and Sue's GMU librarian contact will also help promote this year's conference and to encourage student participation.

Next Meeting will be Wednesday, August 24, 2022 – 7:30pm via TEAMS.

Please be in touch with any further info./ideas/thoughts you might have!

Enjoy the weekend!

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>

Attachment 7
History Commission
Semiquincentennial Report
August 3, 2022

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair

State Commission

1. Commission met July 6th at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture.
2. Delegate Terry Austin was appointed chair of the State Commission.
3. Events being planned include:
 - **Signature Kickoff Event**, “A Common Cause to All” to be held March 11 – 12, 2023 at Colonial Williamsburg. Virginia will mirror the Committees of Correspondence, by inviting colleagues in other states, state commissioners, representatives of Virginia local VA250 committees, and key stakeholders to spend a weekend of mutual learning and collaboration in Colonial Williamsburg.
 - a. **Signature Conferences**
 - a. 2022: “For 2026: A Five-Year Conference Series,” in partnership with Omohundro Institute, William & Mary, and Colonial Williamsburg
 - b. 2026: Partnership with Monticello on the meaning of the Declaration of Independence
 - **Museum and traveling exhibition**: multi-part museum exhibition with traveling component (mobile exhibit and panels) to travel to schools, historic sites, museums, and special events as a centerpiece of the commemoration. The exhibition will focus on social and legal revolution as well as military and may include replicas of historic documents. The mobile exhibition will be used as a gateway to state – helping visitors determine where to go next to learn more – and incorporate a way for visitors to connect directly and contribute their story (e.g., oral history, Ancestry genealogy search in partnership with local SAR and DAR chapters, document digitization, etc.)
 - **Sail 250** (May – June 2026): Six-port sail docking in Alexandria and Norfolk
 - **“Let Freedom Ring”** (July 4, 2026):
 - a. Statewide naturalization ceremony at key locations with big-name speaker simulcast of keynote speech (Monticello, Mount Vernon, Montpelier, Colonial Williamsburg, State Capitol, Red Hill, Gunston Hall, Stratford Hall, etc.)
 - b. Statewide tolling of bells at a certain time
 - c. Massive fireworks show at key locations, parades, etc.
4. The next meeting is planned for September 21 at 10 a.m. in Richmond at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture. All meetings are open to the public.

Fairfax County Workgroup

1. Next meeting scheduled to take place August 3, 2022 at the City of Fairfax Regional Library.

History Commission Committee

The Committee Members for the Commission will include Gretchen Bulova, Mary Lipsey, Sue Shuman, and Jordan Tannenbaum. This Committee has not met.

Attachment 8

Advocacy Committee Report. For August 3, 2022

At the last History Commission meeting, in July, the motion was "I move that the History Commission approve up to \$300 to print the AAHI brochures and up to \$300 for the logo tablecloth for the Advocacy Committee."

To follow up on that motion, the Advocacy Committee would also like to print Save The Date cards for the November 2022 History Conference. These would be designed in concert with the Conference committee and provide only a few brief details and then point readers to the History Commission website.

The bids for this are \$350 for 1000 copies. These cards would be distributed to Supervisors offices and to historic sites in the county and at events covered by Advocacy Committee members.

The proposed motion is "I move that the History Commission approve up to \$350 to print the History Conference information cards."

History Commission Committee Reports August 2022

Marker Committee

There will be a marker dedication ceremony for the History Commission marker, McLean Volunteer Firehouse on Sunday August 21 at 1pm. The address is Old Fire House at 1440 Chain Bridge Road McLean, Virginia 22101.

Commissioner Lipsey received a phone call from the owner of the Sewah Studios, the company who makes the markers. There is a large backlog of orders for markers, because localities postponed ordering markers due to the pandemic. They serve close to 40 states. The owner requested that we postpone ordering any markers until the New Year. Also because of inflation, prices could not be guaranteed more than six months in the future. No new markers could be delivered until Spring 2023.

Supervisor Palchik's office was informed of this information because it impacts the Historical Marker Project.

Closer examination of the damage of the HC Orange and Alexandria Railroad Trestle marker showed a crack in the text area. It can not be refurbished. A new marker and pole will need to be ordered. Also, the park staff indicated that they do not have the capability to reinstall the marker. Because of the possible increase in cost of manufacturing and the cost of installation, Commissioner Lipsey stated the need to amend the previous motion made last month.

I move that up to \$5000 be approved for the manufacture and installation of a new marker, the Orange and Alexandria Railroad trestle bridge at Lake Accotink Park.

Marker Project

Six Submissions have been recommended by the review committee as possible markers for the Historical Marker Project:

Louise Archer, Annie Harper, Lillian Blackwell, Gunnell's Chapel, Colin Powell, and West Springfield 16.

Cemetery

GPR has been completed at Jermantown Cemetery. Results are expected to be shared in late August.

Jermantown Cemetery Legacy Day is planned for Sunday August 28, from 3 PM – 6 PM.

MOA is under review by county staff and the attorney.

**Architectural Review Board Report
May 12th, June 9th, and July 14, 2022 Meetings**

Consent Items: None

1. Pohick Church Monument Sign - located at 9301 Richmond Hwy, Pohick Church HOD. The applicant is proposing to install a new freestanding church monument sign with base. Mount Vernon District. Approved May 12.
2. 1102 Chain Bridge Rd, Mclean, Langley Fork HOD. The applicant is proposing to demolish the existing dwelling and site amenities and construct a new single family dwelling with amenities. Demolition and Grading Plan approved May 12. New Single Family Dwelling approved June 9.
3. 7423 Saville Ct. - located in the 7423 Saville Ct, Alexandria, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The project proposed to rebuild and extend deck; replace siding and windows on a single family dwelling. Mount Vernon District. Workshop May 12. Approved June 9.
4. Shrader Residence Landscape Modifications, located at 1000 Dogue Hill Ln, Langley Fork HOD. The applicant is proposing modifications to previously approved ARB application, ARB 05-LFK-02 Amendment, that includes front garden, garden walls, piers, vehicular entry gates and back garden around newly built solarium. Dranesville District. Approved June 9.
5. Addition to Beltran Residence, located at 1815 Drury Ln, Alexandria, Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing to add a 2-story addition to the existing house, including a new front entry. Rebecca Bostick represents the application. Mount Vernon District. Approved June 9.
6. 7314 Stafford Road Carport, located at 7314 Stafford Rd, Alexandria, Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is seeking a recommendation to the Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) for Variance to allow an accessory structure (detached carport) in a front yard on a lot less than 36,000 sq. ft. in area. Mount Vernon District. Recommended June 9.
7. 7204 Beechwood Rd, Alexandria, Hollin Hills HOD. The project is proposing the renovation and addition to existing 1 story house. Addition to consist of 1st floor entry foyer and office and partial 2nd floor primary bedroom and bath. Mount Vernon District. Workshop June 9. Application denied July 14.
8. Paul Spring Road Pedestrian Bridge Replacement Project, located in the 1600 Paul Spring Rd, Alexandria, 22307, tax map numbers 0934 01 0001A, in the Hollin Hills HOD. The project is proposing the replace deteriorated pedestrian bridge located adjacent to the intersection of Paul Spring Road and Rippon. Mount Vernon District. Workshop June 9.
9. Proposed Deck Replacement located at 7414 Range Road Alexandria, VA, 22306, Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing to replace an existing 35-year-old all treated wood deck with a new deck that will match the existing house color. The proposed deck will be

approximately the same size and configuration as existing deck and steps. No changes will be made to house structure. Mount Vernon District. Approved July 14.

10. Proposed Replacement and Repair of Existing Retaining Wall located at 7310 Rippon Road, Alexandria VA 22307, Hollin Hills HOD. The applicant is proposing an in-kind replacement of failing 10 foot by 15 foot brick retaining wall. The existing wall will be removed. The applicant proposes to install rebar-reinforced cinderblock for the retaining wall using existing footer, then will install brick wall façade constructed using brick that matches the existing brick patio. The brick wall will conceal the structurally supporting block wall. Appearance and function of the wall to be identical in all respects to the removed wall. Mount Vernon District. Approved July 14.
11. Proposed New Deck located at 9200 Treasure Oak Ct Lorton Va 22079, tax map 1081 19 0008 in the Pohick Church HOD. The applicant is proposing to construct a new 12 foot by 26-foot deck without steps. Mount Vernon District. Approved July 14.
12. Bobotek Residence Addition located in the 2102 Mason Hill Drive, Alexandria VA, 22306, Hollin Hills HOD. The proposal includes a restoration and renovation to the existing home and to add a two-story addition with carport underneath on the south elevation. Mount Vernon District. Workshop July 14
13. Roberts Residence Addition and Repair located in the 7401 Rebecca Dr Alexandria, VA 22307, Hollin Hills HOD. The proposal includes a two-story ancillary structure adjacent to the existing structure, modifications to existing decks and modifications to the hardscape. Mount Vernon District. Workshop July 14.