Electronic meeting Fairfax County History Commission December 2, 2020

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

Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 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:

Mary Lipsey Gretchen Bulova Greg Wilson Elise Murrav Barbara Naef Anne Stuntz, Chair Steve Sherman, Secretary Phyllis Walker Ford Barbara Peters, Treasurer Anne Barnes Sallie Lyons Tammy Mannarino Sue Kovach Shuman Lynne Garvey-Hodge Jordan Tannenbaum, Vice-Chair Esther McCullough

Location

Springfield Fairfax Great Falls Vienna Reston Vienna Franconia Clifton Annandale M. Vernon Colchester Mt. Vernon Fairfax Fairfax County Springfield Fairfax Herndon

Cheryl-Ann Repetti Bob Beach David Meyer Centreville Fairfax City of Fairfax

Commissioner Absent

Carole Herrick, Excused

County Liaisons Present:

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

Guest Staff Present

Ellen vanHully-Bronson, Joan Beacham

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to Vice Chair Tannenbaum, 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 head 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:

Having 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 McCullough, <u>that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic</u> <u>makes it unsafe for this Board to physically assemble and unsafe for the</u> <u>public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's</u> <u>usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this Board and</u> <u>the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or</u> <u>practically. I further move that this Board may conduct this meeting</u> <u>electronically through a dedicated telephone line, and that the public may</u> <u>access this meeting by WebEx Virtual Meeting</u>, Attendee Call In: 1-844-621-3956 Event Number: 173-000-3900, Fairfax, VA.

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, and the Chair moved, 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.

The motion was seconded by Commissioner McCullough, and it carried unanimously.

The Gavel was returned to the Chair.

Presentation - Capital Facilities Update on Massey Complex Master Plan by Ellen vanHully-Bronson

Ms. vanHully-Bronson gave a brief overview of the update on the new Massey complex master plan concept which includes preservation and replacement potential of existing buildings. She showed an area view of the site, which includes the City of Fairfax and GMU, and did a review of side walk and nearby streets on the campus. Ms. VanHully Bronson noted that this is a 20 year project. She introduced Joan Beacham as the future point of contact for the project.

Continuing her presentation, Ms. vanHully-Bronson noted that there are about 19 stakeholders, including, Circuit Court, General District Court, Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court, Department of Family Services, and others.

She proceeded to identify five priorities which include:

Sustain a judicial complex that is safe and secure, create a welcoming and accessible complex, respect the integrity of on-site historic resources, enhance the public's experience, and identify opportunity for public private partnership

Ms. vanHully-Bronson announced that a presentation to the community will be done next year. She noted that any questions regarding this project should be directed to Joan Beacham at <u>joan.beacham@fairfaxcounty.gov</u>. The link to the webpage will be sent to Ms. Dressel for transmission to the Commission.

After her presentation, Ms. vanHully-Bronson responded to questions from the Commissions, including issues with parking.

Comments from Commissioner Meyer, as Mayor of Fairfax City

The Mayor said he welcome the opportunity for the City of Fairfax to continue working collaboratively with the County and noted that he supports adjustments to the existing stonewall to enhance pedestrian access to the campus. He further touched on the following:

- This year, the City has spent about \$25,000,000 in direct cost on various projects in support of the campus.
- Responding to the Mayor's question as to whether parking will be available during events at the city center west, Ms. vanHully-Bronson said they are open to that consideration and the plan is showing access to the garage from the hotel site. She also replied in the affirmative regarding the food court concept.

Concluding, the Mayor stressed the importance of ensuring entrepreneurial relationship between the parking facility and the City of Fairfax and hoped for the preservation of the campus for the next generation.

Responding to a question from Commission Stuntz regarding a museum on the complex, Ms. vanHully-Bronson noted the old courthouse is being considered for that purpose. Further discussion was held.

Chairman's Remarks

The Chair Remarked as follows:

She added semiquincentennial committee report at end of the agenda Chair was in awe of the History Conference on November 14. She noted that it was gripping and fascinating all day. She was very proud of the committee for doing such fabulous job when so much could have gone wrong because of these impossible times. She added that this is something the Commission can be very proud of. The conference video has been posted online.

Chair encouraged commissioners to be careful about using "reply all" and to also be careful when speaking as an individual, as opposed to speaking as the Commission or for the Commission.

She announced the passing of Page Shelp, History Commissioner from 2009-2017. Among other things, Chair noted, Ms. Shelp served as an executive director for the McLean Community Center for 25 years, where she was involved in local history and preservation of community institutions.

The chair extended thanks to the Confederate Names Committee, especially to Commissioner Barbara Naef, as Chair, for doing such a great job with the report.

Approval of the Minutes November 4, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Naef, Seconded by Commissioner Tannenbaum, <u>to approve the History</u> <u>Commission Meeting Minutes of November 4, 2020, as</u> <u>written and to pay the clerk</u>.

Corrections were requested and made accordingly as shown below:

Conference Overview

- Page 11 Bullet #4 was corrected to read: Lucy Burns Museum videos will be shown at lunch time.
- Page 12 Bullet #3 was corrected to read: Evaluations will be done through e-mail.

Announcements

 Page 15 - Bullet #5 was corrected to read: Working in Alexandria on documentation for the Murray-Dick-Fawcett House

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

Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Peters Reported:

The Treasurer's report for the period ending November 30, 2020

- Ending Balance: \$76,559.02
- Ending Balance, Park Authority Conference Acct: 2,563.33

The entire treasurer's Report will be submitted with the December 2, 2020 Minutes.

Unfinished Business

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

The final report for the CNC committee has been submitted. Commissioner Naef thanked all those who worked so hard to enable the committee to meet its deadline.

The report has been cleared through the offices of the County Attorney and County Executive and has also been formatted to ADA standards.

Commissioner Naef noted that she and Commissioner Stuntz lauded the Commission during a meeting requested with Supervisor Alcorn. They also passed on the same message to Supervisor Smith who, as chair of the Land Development Policy committee, will be chairing the December 8th meeting during the staff-planning meeting for the formal December 8th presentation attended by her and Commissioner Stuntz along with Ms. Dressel and Dr. Crowell. She noted that they have received very positive responses from their intended audience at every level.

Drafts have been prepared for Chair's signature, in response to some local history enthusiasts and practitioners who expressed concerns over missing information; one organization is uncomfortable with included information. The Commission expressed appreciation for their interest and noted the focus of the Confederate Names Inventory is in response to the Board of Supervisors' charge to complete research identifying county assets with Confederately related names. Brief narratives included are to provide context for the researched data. The primary message stated multiple times throughout the report is that Fairfax County was a crossroads of war; the full history must be presented.

CNC Chair Naef, once again stated emphatically for the record, this report could not have been achieved without the guidance and work of Ms. Dressel and the many hours of work by Ms. Barbuschak and Dr. Crowell.

After discussion of the report, a motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commissioner Lipsey, that the History Commission, serving as a Committee of the Whole for the Confederate Names Inventory project, endorses the final Confederate Names Inventory Report to be presented to the Board of Supervisors on December 8^{th,} 2020.

A vote was taken and the motion carried with one abstention

Further discussion ensued as to how to respond to an organization's request to remove that group's name from the listing of Community Research Partners contacted. The consensus was to maintain the report as reviewed through the County Attorney's and County Executive's offices and as posted.

Section 106 Telecom Policy Review – Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

Regarding a suggestion that the Commission make the Section 106 Telecom Policy to conform to the Consulting Party Policy, as discussed at the November 4th meeting, Commissioner Tannenbaum agreed to make the changes and have the final document ready for review at the next History Commission meeting.

Soapstone Connector – Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

- As agreed at the November meeting, a letter under the Chair's signature was sent to the FHWA on the History Commission's proposed alternatives.
- After talking with Bob Beach, he consulted with John Burns of ARB, who believes the research seems to be good.
- Virginia SHPO, a signatory to a MOA, is interested in the 106 process but has not commented on the 4f. Commissioner Tannenbaum noted that he sent them a copy of the History Commission's comments and asked that when an effect determination is made, the History Commission would like to be a consulting party. The Commission looks forward to working with them to mitigate the effects.

Commissioners Naef and Stuntz applauded Commissioner Tannenbaum for getting the History Commission involved in the process. They noted that without his involvement and expertise the History Commission would not have reached this far with the process. The entire body concurred.

Staff Reports

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

- Participating in the River Farm Historic Overlay District team. Attended the kickoff meeting.
- Provided a tour of the James Lee Center Archaeological Collections to Valerie Maislin, Project Manager for the new Collections Facility, and Stephanie Leedom, the new Park Authority Planning and Development Division Director.
- Worked with Confederate Names Committee. Reiterated the amazing job done by the Commissioners and staff in pulling things together. Put a particular shout out to Barbara Naef for Chairing the Committee; to Denice Dressel for coordination; and to Chris Barbuschak for research.
- The Bond referendum, which included funding for the Collections facility, for archaeology, and for the Resident Curator program, was voted in.
- Staff has prepared a Scope of Work for archaeology at Mount Air in preparation for the demolition of two derelict buildings. Archaeology needs to be done to clear areas of ingress and egress into the site.
- Staff attended the Civil War Trails meeting today and learned a new term today for this year the COVIDian Era.

 The big announcement is that yesterday morning, Chris Sperling tendered his resignation. Chris was offered and has accepted a position as a Historic Preservation specialist in Calvert County, Maryland. He is taking the position recently vacated by Dr. Kirsti Uunila, who recently retired. Chris' last day will be December 18. He will be sorely missed.

Resource Management Division – Megan Leining Reported: Museum Collections

- The Collections Manager gave a tour of the Walney and Frey Collections areas to PDD on November 9th.
- The Collections Manager attended the Historic House Museum Consortium Meeting on November 18th.
- The Collections Manager created a week-long Museum Collections word puzzle game which highlighted historical phrases and objects from the Collections. It was posted daily on Facebook and Instagram from November 22 – 28.
- Operations and Maintenance Projects
- Staff continues to work with DPMM on preparing the RFP process for the Ash Grove Kitchen Stabilization project.
- Staff is working with WJE on treatment plans for the outbuildings at Sully Historic Site.
- A historic structure report and treatment plan for Mount Gilead is underway, with a draft report under review.

Volunteers-HSVC

- A landscape cleanup event was held on November 14th at Lanes Mill with 21 volunteers in attendance.
- A Young Mens Service League landscape cleanup event was held on November 21st at the Lebowitz House at Clemyjontri Park.
- The next volunteer landscape cleanup event is scheduled for December 12th at the Olander and Margaret Banks House.

Virginia Room – Chris Barbuschak Reported

- Thanks to a generous gift from the George Mason Friends the VA Room has reached its goal of \$28,580.00 for the two new digital film readers to be used by the public. The process to purchase has begun.
- 31 people attended the Zoom meeting of the African American genealogy study group on November 16. The speaker was Ahmed Johnson, reference librarian and Black genealogy specialist at the Library of Congress.
- The Virginia Room received documentation from Westminster School on a midcentury 1950 passive-solar house that will be demolished on property they will be developing. The house is located at 3801 Gallows Road. Unsure who the architect is.
- It's been a tremendous pleasure to be of assistance to the History Commission this year especially with the Confederate Names Inventory. Staff is looking forward to next year's projects to collaborate on.

Department of Planning and Development – Denice Dressel Reported:

- Confederate Names Committee, county-wide Staff will be attending the Board of Supervisor's Land Use Policy Committee meeting next Tuesday, December 8, along with Commission Member Naef and Chairwoman Stuntz, in support of the History Commission's Confederate Names Inventory Report.
- Civil War Monuments at the Judicial Complex, Providence On November 5th, the memorial to John Quincy Marr, the two Dahlgren howitzers, and the VDHR marker were removed from the Judicial Complex, per the Board's October 20th decision. As a reminder, the Marr monument will be donated to the Stuart Mosby Historical Society which runs the Stuart Mosby Museum in Centreville. The two Dahlgren howitzers will be donated to the Manassas National Battlefield Park, and the VDHR marker will be returned to the state.
- Washington's River Farm/Wellington Proposed HOD, Mount Vernon On October 20th, the Board requested that staff research and analyze various options related to the preservation of River Farm, also known as Wellington, on the Inventory of Historic Sites. Staff reported back to the Board with their findings in a memo dated November 12th. On November 17th, the Board voted to direct staff to prepare a report that will analyze and provide recommendations on the historic, architectural, cultural, and archaeological significance as well as boundaries of a potential Historic Overlay District for the River Farm property. This expedited process will include drafting the proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance and Comprehensive Plan to accommodate the HOD, and holding all public hearings required. The anticipated timeline is for the staff report to go to the Planning Commission for a public hearing in March and the BOS in April of 2021. Laura Arseneau and Nicole Brannan will be working on this project.
- Hollin Hills Potential HOD, Mount Vernon The Hollin Hills Work Group will hold its last meeting on December 7th. There will be a community-wide public meeting scheduled around the end of January. More details to come. Laura Arseneau is completing this project.
- Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Providence The next meeting of the Holmes Run Acres Work Group will be on December 16th. Nicole Brannan is leading this project.

As a reminder, both HOD workgroups have a webpage with more detailed information about each process and links to their respective workgroup meetings, if you would like more information.

 Reston Survey, Hunter Mill – The Reston Architectural Survey will be posted on the Reston Survey webpage for public review and comment. We are now looking to an early-January community meeting with the consultant to go over the survey results. Denice Dressel is leading this project.

- Gum Springs Architectural Survey, Preliminary Information Form (PIF), and Cultural Resources Management Document, Mount Vernon – Staff will be working with an advisory group made up of community stakeholders from Gum Springs to identify and collaborate with potential consultants to complete an architectural survey and oral histories in support of the completion of a state Preliminary Information Form (PIF) for the community of Gum Springs. A PIF is the first step in the state's process for National Register eligibility. The information collected through this study can be used in support of a local Inventory District nomination, as well. In addition, the consultant will complete a management document for the identified cultural resources found in the study. Denice Dressel is leading the project.
- Pride of Fairfax National Register Nomination, Mt. Vernon District A consultant has been selected for the completion of the National Register nomination for the Pride of Fairfax, formerly the Oddfellows Hall, in the Gum Springs Community. Staff anticipates scheduling a project kickoff meeting with the community in the very near future. Denice Dressel is leading this project.
- Fairfax County's Semiquincentennial (250th) workgroup, county-wide On October 20th, the Board moved to appoint a seven-person workgroup led by Gunston Hall including representatives from Visit Fairfax, Mount Vernon Estate, National Museum of the US Army, George Mason University, History Commission, Human Rights Committee, along with County history, equity, and human rights staff, to provide recommendations by July 2021 to the Board on the preferred approach for organizing and leading county-related efforts for an inclusive observance and celebration. Denice Dressel will be acting as DPD-HR staff representative to this group.

After her report, Ms. Dressel responded to a question from Commissioner Mannarino regarding how the History Commission can support Overlay Districts. The Chair asked, and Commissioner Mannarino agreed, to attend the workgroup meetings.

Committee Reports

Nomination Committee for 2021

The Chair read the slate of Officers below as presented by the nominating Committee:

- Chair Cheryl Repetti
- Vice Chair Lynne Garvey-Hodge
- Secretary Steve Sherman
- Treasurer Barbara Peters

> A motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commissioner McCullough <u>that the History Commission accept</u> and vote on the slate of officers for 2021, as presented.

Commissioner Garvey-Hodge revealed that due to her rigorous education schedule, she may not be able to remain at the meeting after 9:00 p.m. until summer of 2021.

A vote was taken on the slate, and the motion carried unanimously.

Chair and other Commissioners thanked the nominating committee, the outgoing officers, and the newly elected officers for their service.

Semiguincentennial – Commissioner Bulova Reported:

- Attended the State Commission kickoff meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled for December 4 to help draft the work plan for the group.
- Emphasis of the commemoration will be on diversity and equity.
- Learned that a workgroup has started for Fairfax County, and she will be representing on that group as well.
- Looks forward to organizing a History Commission small workgroup of four.
- The Commemoration will be held in 2026, with activities beginning in 2025.
- Happy to serve on the State and County committees and look forward to sharing information with the Commissioners.

Chair asked all interested parties to let Commissioner Bulova know.

Inventory Committee – Commissioner Murray Reported:

- The Inventory Committee met on November 10, 2020 and made the following decisions:
 - To continue including Family Cemeteries in the Inventory.
 - That nominations can include "extraneous" material.
 - That all facts must be accurate.
 - That there is adequate notice of this requirement on the web site.
 - That we can and should require that source materials be attached. Links are acceptable.
 - From now on, the file for each Inventory site will include a thorough nomination and the source materials.
 - That we will be asking the nominators of the nominations pending to provide their source materials.

Budget Committee – Commissioner Murray Reported:

The budget request is just about ready to go tomorrow.

Annual Report - Commissioner Murray Reported:

- Will be done by end of week and draft will be sent out for Commissioners to review.
- The Commission is no longer bound by the old schedule, so no need to start on the new report before March, 2021.
- Will be happy to continue working on the Annual Report, with the anticipated goal of forwarding it to the Board in May.
- Asked all commissioners to start thinking about what they want to include about themselves in the next report to make things smooth and easier.

Marker Committee – Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- Commissioner Lipsey welcomed Commissioner Phyllis Walker- Ford as a new member to the Marker Committee.
- The rewrite of the Carrolltown Marker text is completed. Committee member will receive the text and documentation before the Marker Committee meeting.
- The next Marker Committee meeting will be Wednesday January 13 at 7 pm.
- Commissioner Lipsey is waiting for the signed agreement and the payment before ordering the James Lee Elementary School marker.
- Commissioner Lipsey reminded Commissioners to submit any questions about establishing sponsorships of Civil War Trails Markers to her by the end of December.

Ethnic and Oral History – Commissioner McCullough Reported:

- The Committee met November 19 and had ongoing discussion about content of the interviews and persons to be interviewed.
- Considering a long-term project but still researching. No decision made yet. Still waiting to hear from Channel 16 regarding recording of interviews.

Resident Curator Program Updates – Commissioner Beach Reported:

- The curator's upcoming projects at the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property includes installing sister joists in the cellar to strengthen first floor supports.
- RCP draft leases for ServiceSource at Ellmore Farmhouse_are under internal review, with staff working towards a BOS public hearing in February 2021. Upon BOS approval of the lease, ServiceSource will submit its Special Exception application for its proposed nonprofit use of the site. Full RCP lease commencement will be contingent on SE approval.
- The curator at Turner Farmhouse continues with improvements to the Farmhouse interior and has submitted the Special Exception application.
- The curator at the Stempson House continues with deck repairs and master bathroom renovation.

Bylaws Committee – Commissioner Barnes Reported:

- Bylaws Committee met Nov 23 at 7:30 p.m.
- The committee discussed matters that were at issue at the time and a motion was made by Commissioner Murray.
- Issues discussed included electronic meeting and practice of giving members notice of proposed amendments to the bylaws, and eliminating office of recording secretary.
- Proposed changes were turned over to the County Attorney's office for review to ensure information was in keeping with legal requirement.
- Another meeting will be scheduled when information is received from County Attorney's office, probably around February, 2021.

History Conference Committee – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Commissioner Garvey-Hodge thanked all the folks that made the conference happen, particularly Commissioner McCullough for being such a wonderful support.
- Thanked Commissioner Wilson for delivering the *Welcome to the History Conference* sign to Channel 16.
- Does not have the number of people who watched the conference, but it was seen by a wider audience than ever before.
- Channel 16 did not charge for services, but they would prefer that the conference be hosted at the Sherwood Community Center in the future.
- All of the speakers were great, including Congressman Gerald Connolly and Board of Supervisors Chair, Jeff McKay. The bill for the plaques, \$209, was paid directly to Baudville. Commissioner Garvey-Hodge was reimbursed for other expenses.

Awards Committee - Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Todi Carnes received her award and sent a note of thanks. She donated her \$300 award to Friends of Historic Huntley.
- Commissioner Wilson delivered awards to Heather Bollinger & Katrina Krempasky.
- Commissioner Garvey-Hodge thanked Commissioner Lipsey for the gift of her book, "Almost Forgotten Women: Yesterday's Headlines" to each presenter at the conference.

Cemetery Preservation - Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- Commissioner Lipsey is waiting to hear from the County Attorney about the draft MOU with the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association. (FCCPA).
- FCCPA has been working with the nearby HOA member and the shopping center manager about how to deal with illegal dumping at the Marshall Cemetery in Burke.

- The FCCPA has supported two Eagle Scout projects this Fall-
 - Gooding Seaton Cemetery on Little River Turnpike -- 5th Eagle Scout project there since 2008
 - William B. Day Cemetery in Vienna 3rd project there since 2008
- FCCPA is planning a cleanup at Sons and Daughters Cemetery on Woodburn Road
- Commissioner Lipsey has presented a demonstration class at a cemetery -"Cemetery Preservation 101" to two DAR Chapters this fall.

Advocacy – Commissioner Herrick:

There was no report on Advocacy Committee.

Commission Members Reports

ARB Report – Commissioner Murray Reported:

Consent Items: None

Action Items:

• The first three action items concerned W-13 and W-15 located at 9514 and 9517 Workhouse Way within the Workhouse section of the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area in the Mt. Vernon District. The applicant proposed to perform repairs and code compliance upgrades to buildings as well as providing hardscape and landscape elements between the two buildings.

Approved:

- The proposal for modifications to buildings. Exterior modifications will include inkind repairs, door replacement and addition of exterior lighting.
- Asked that the applicant withdraw their application, consider the Board's concerns, talk to the Board's landscape architect and return at a later date for: the proposed site modifications for a new plaza between the buildings and the proposed streetscape improvements along Ox Road.
- Also asked that the applicant withdraw their application, consider the Board's concerns and return at a later date for a proposal for new construction of an addition at the Langley Ordinary, located at 1101 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, located in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District. The applicant proposed to construct a one-story addition on the southeast elevation to create a dining room and living room.

Workshops: None

Presentations: None

EHT Traceries continues to make progress on the overall historic overlay district design guidelines, sample specific district guidelines for Bull Run Stone Bridge and guidelines for the potential Hollin Hills historic overlay district.

Website - Commissioner Repetti Reported:

- Commissioner Repetti thanked Commissioner Murray for noticing that the full Treasurer's reports were not attached to the Minutes.
- Commissioner Lipsey inquired on how to change a question on the Civil War Driving Trail. Committee Repetti explained that the corrections should be sent to her and she can work with the webmaster to add the change.

Fairfax City Report – Commissioner Meyer Reported:

- The City of Fairfax is establishing a 15 member group that will look at the issue of social equity and justice in Fairfax City. The starting point is to try to develop a shared understanding of their shared history. This process will be facilitated by the Carter Center for Conflict Resolution at GMU. The participants will include representatives from the Mosby Woods Community Association, Neighbors for Change, Historic Fairfax, Inc., and 12 members from the community.
- Mailers were sent to all residents in the city about the initiative, why it is being done and how they can participate. A website has been set up.
- The deadline to apply for participation is December 15.
- Facilitated meetings will be held that will help everyone with different backgrounds understand the issues.
- After the facilitated meetings, the group will make recommendations on how to proceed in making changes to street names, monument, etc.

Announcements

Commissioner Garvey-Hodge expressed sadness over the passing of former Commissioner Page Shelp and encouraged the Commission to do something to honor her for her service. She extended heartfelt thanks to the chair for bringing the Commission through troublesome waters.

Commissioner Stuntz thanked the whole group for working through the various projects during a difficult and impossible time.

Commissioner Wilson extended thanks to the Chair and wish her well in future endeavors. He announced this will be his last meeting with the History Commission and added that he has enjoyed the experience and will continue his efforts with Fairfax County history.

Commission Naef thanked Commissioner Wilson for starting the strategic plan project and for his help on the CNC.

Commissioner McCullough reported that she volunteered for her Church, doing 32 cards for seniors. She also worked on cards for nursing homes and for her sorority chapter. They will be receiving gift cards and little tokens.

Commissioners Walker Ford and Lipsey will be presenting a proposal for students in the Applied History class at West Springfield High School to conduct oral history interviews of African American county residents.

Commissioner Naef thanked Commissioner Lipsey for working with Markers and for agreeing to work with Supervisor Palchik

Commissioner Naef also thanked the staff, Denice Dressel, Dr. Crowell and Chris Barbuschak, for their work with the Commission over the years, but particularly for their work with the CNC.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the December 2 2020, History Commission Meeting adjourned at 10:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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

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Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary Fairfax County History Commission

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January 6, 2021		
Fairfax County History Commission		
Treasurer Report		
FOCUS Account as of December 31, 2020		
Beginning balance: December 1, 2020	\$7	6,559.02
Revenue:		
11/30/2020 Budget Adjustment	\$	46.41
Expenses:		
12/18/2020 Minutes 11/4/2020 Winifred Clement-Nelson	\$	515.00
12/18/2020 FICA & Medicare	\$	39.40

 Ending balance:
 December 31, 2020
 \$ 76,046.08

Park Authority/History Conference Account

Balance (9/31/2020) \$ 2,563.33

Submitted by: Barbara Peters, FCHC Treasurer