

**Electronic meeting
Fairfax County History Commission
January 13, 2021**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on January 13, 2021.

Call to Order

The Chair called the January 13, 2021, meeting to order at 7:06 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the following script:

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically and to effectuate both the emergency procedures authorized by FOIA and the Emergency Ordinance, this Board needs to make certain findings and determinations for the record. It's a bit cumbersome, so I ask you in advance for your patience.

Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair then read the following statement:

First, because each member of this Board is participating in this meeting from a separate location, we must verify that a quorum of members is participating, and that each member's voice is clear, audible, and at an appropriate volume for all of the other members. Accordingly, I am going to conduct a roll call, and ask each board member participating in this meeting to state your name and the location from which you are participating. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues. Following this roll call, we will vote to establish that every member can hear every other member.

Roll Call

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

Commissioners Present per Districts:	Location
Mary Lipsey	Springfield
Gretchen Bulova	Fairfax
Carole Herrick	McLean
Barbara Naef	Reston
Anne Stuntz	Vienna
Steve Sherman, Secretary	Franconia
Phyllis Walker Ford	Clifton
Barbara Peters, Treasurer	Annandale
Anne Barnes	M. Vernon
Sallie Lyons	Colchester
Tammy Mannarino	Mt. Vernon
Sue Kovach Shuman	Mantua
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Vice Chair	Springfield
Jordan Tannenbaum	Fairfax
Esther McCullough	Herndon
Cheryl-Ann Repetti, Chair	Centreville

Bob Beach
David Meyer

Fairfax
City of Fairfax

Commissioner Absent

Elise Murray

County Liaisons Present:

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

Staff Guest Present

Rachael Flynn, Deputy County Executive

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to Vice Chair Lynne Garvey-Hodge, so that she may be heard to make a voice vote:

Regarding audibility of members' voices, a motion was made by Commissioner Cheryl Repetti, seconded by Commissioner McCullough, that **the History Commission satisfies that each member's voice can be adequately heard by each other member of this Board.**

A vote was taken on the motion verifying audibility of History Commission members' voices, and the motion carried unanimously.

Need for Electronic Meeting

The Chair read the following statement:

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 Naef, **that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this Board to physically assemble and unsafe for the public to physically attend any such meeting, and that as such, FOIA's usual procedures, which require the physical assembly of this Board and the physical presence of the public, cannot be implemented safely or practically. I further move that this Board may conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated telephone line, and that the public may access this meeting by [WebEx Virtual Meeting](#),**

Attendee Call In: 1-844-621-3956 Event Number: 179-648-6344, 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.

Chair thanked the following Commissioners accordingly:

Commissioners Stuntz and Tannenbaum for their service as chair and vice chair respectively; Commissioners Peters and Sherman for continuing their roles as treasurer and corresponding secretary, respectively.

Presentation #1 – Resident Curator Program Update and Conservation Lease – Stephanie Langton

Ms. Langton noted that her update to the Curator Program includes a new conservation concept. She gave a breakdown of the following properties in the program:

- Stepson House and Turner Farm House.
 - For each of these properties, she gave the following breakdown:
 - Curator investments, required and volunteer investments, and upcoming projects.
- Hannah P. Clark Enyedi
 - Curator under interim lease of one year due to COVID-19.
 - New Lease is expected to be done around Spring of this year. She reviewed the following:
 - Curator investments, workplan, discretionary spending, upcoming projects and repairs to cellar and flows.

Properties in Resident Curator Process

- Ellmore Farmhouse -
 - Draft Lease in Process BOS public hearing to be decided

- Lahey Lost Valley -
 - An application was submitted in March, 2020 and was under evaluation. The application was withdrawn in September, 2020
 - Looking forward to re-advertising the property

Upcoming Properties

- Ashgrove and Margaret White Gardens
 - Both properties have been advertised and have received some interest.
- Barret House and Dranesville Tavern
 - Work in progress

Future Potential Properties

- Sears House - Public Water connected.
- Mt. Gilead – Historic Structural Report and Treatment Plan Underway

Ms. Langton explained the conservation lease concept and noted that this approach will ensure that the Park Authority receives fair market value for the properties. She noted that this will ensure a shorter processing timeframe, as it will not have to go through the current more lengthy review process. She noted that two pilot properties for conservation lease project are Lamond House and Sears House.

After the presentation, Ms. Langton responded to questions from the Commissioners

Presentation #2 – Elizabeth Crowell Presented

Dr. Crowell thanked the History Commission for its support of the Archaeology Branch over the years. She noted that this year the branch needs have changed and provided the following list of items needed and the associated costs:

- **Priority #1**
 - Artifact photo, iPad field set-up, flotation tank
software adobe creative suite, tableau data analytics
 - Total Cost \$18,750
- **Priority #2**
 - Pad Field Complete Kit \$5,000
 - Photogrammetry software \$3,500
 - Total Cost \$8,500
 - Grand Total: \$27,250

Approval of the Minutes December 2, 2020

A motion was made by Commissioner Tannenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Garvey-Hodge, to approve the History Commission Meeting Minutes of December 2, 2020, as presented and pay the clerk.

The motion carried unanimously after a vote.

Treasurer's Report – Commissioner Peters Reported:

The Treasurer's report for the period ending December 31, 2020

- Ending Balance: \$76,046.08
- Park Authority Conference Acct balance is not available at this time, as per the Treasurer.

The entire treasurer's Report will be submitted with the January 13, 2021 final minutes.

Unfinished Business

Confederate Names Committee (CNC) – 6.23.20 Board Matter –

Commissioners Stuntz and Naef, as Chair, Reported:

Commissioner Stuntz gave brief comments about the Confederate Names Committee Project. After that, Commissioner Naef, Chair of the Confederate Names Committee presented the following final report:

- The Supervisors' unanimous positive response during the December 8th presentation of the Inventory report is a testament that, with significant help from staff, the Committee prepared, completed, and presented an accurate accounting of Fairfax County history during the Civil War that confirmed the area as a crossroads of that war. That information provided the context for the Confederate Names Inventory that we were tasked to create.
- Our mammoth report does not include opinion. It is a history report. The two History Commission recommendations made address first, the process for any actions the Board of Supervisors choose to take; and, the means for preserving the research completed in creating the Inventory.
- The Commission's work was finished on December 8th

Commissioner Naef thanked everyone for their assistance. Commissioner Repetti also extended thanks and appreciation for doing such an amazing job with the project.

Section 106 Telecom Policy Review – Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

Commissioner Tannenbaum reported that he sent out the final Section 106 Telecom and Consulting Party Policy to all Commissioners prior to this meeting. Two major changes to the policy are:

- A response will be made whether there is an effect or not
- The 30-day requirement for the review process begins when the mail is received.

Regarding the possibility that there may not be enough time to comment within 30 days, he noted that the Commission could ask for more time when needed.

Further discussion was held regarding difficulties of obtaining History Commission mail in a timely fashion, especially during the lock-down. Several Commissioners offered to pick up the mail when they are around City of Fairfax Regional Library. Regarding the closure of the Library at this time, Chris Barbuschak offered to scan the History Commission mail and send them to out. Commissioner Repetti agreed to receive the scanned mail and send them to all the Commissioners as needed.

A motion was made by Commissioner Tannenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Naef, **that the History Commission accept the telecommunication policy, as revised.**

The motion carried unanimously, after a vote.

In view of the fact that the Commission agreed to respond to a request for comments whether there is an effect or not, Commissioner Tannenbaum agreed to prepare a boilerplate form to facilitate and expedite such "no effect" determinations as the number of such requests is increasing.

Julius Rosenwald School Act of 2019

Commissioner Tannenbaum announced that the Julius Rosenwald and the Rosenwald Schools Act of 2019 to establish a national park in honor of Julius Rosenwald passed in the Senate and was signed by the president. He thanked the Commissioners for their support and expressed special thanks to Commissioner David Meyer, who is also Mayor of the City of Fairfax for the City's support of the Act.

New Business

River Farm – Commissioner Tammy Mannarino Reported:

Commissioner Mannarino gave a brief background regarding the American Horticultural Society's (AHS) plan to sell *River Farm* and a letter that was subsequently sent to the AHS under the History Commission Chair's signature. She noted that support for saving the farm is being given by high ranking officials, such as the Governor of Virginia, senators and delegates, including Virginia Delegate Paul Krizek. Others in support include Fairfax County BOS Chair, other BOS members, and some citizens of Fairfax County. She added that the BOS is fast tracking making the park an historic overlay district.

Commissioner Mannarino reported that an organization created for the sole purpose of saving the farm is called *Save River Farm*. She noted that the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust in collaboration with NOVA Trust is a partner in *Save River Farms* and partnering to purchase the park. Partners include some members of Fairfax County BOS.

She proceeded to give a rundown of what it means to become a partner

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Mannarino, seconded by Commissioner McCullough, **that the History Commission become a partner in *Save River Farm* organization.**

The motion carried unanimously after a vote.

Concerning sending a letter to the American Horticultural Society, a motion was made by Commissioner Mannarino, seconded by Commissioner Naef, **that the History Commission send the January 6th letter, as drafted, to the American Horticultural Society, with the addition that the History Commission has become a member in *Save River Farm* Organization.**

The motion carried unanimously after a vote.

African American History Initiative – Commissioners Walker Ford, Naef and Lipsey Reported:

Commissioner Walker reported that the African American Initiative was a part of the report included in the materials approved by the History Commission and submitted to the Board of Supervisors in December, 2020. She noted that the purpose of the initiative is to develop a research inventory by magisterial district that would identify records, documents and research materials relating to African American communities in Fairfax County. At this point, Commissioner Walker Ford turned the discussion over to Commissioner Naef.

Commissioner Naef talked about the need to establish a committee with someone serving as a chair and spearheading and bringing together pieces of information from all over the county for documentation purposes.

Commissioner Lipsey talked briefly about interviews she has done in the past within Providence District and is excited to share the stories she has compiled. She also mentioned a project she and Commissioner Walker Ford are currently working on with the West Springfield High school.

Concerning the establishment of a committee for the *African American Initiative*, a motion was made by Commission Naef, seconded by Commissioner Garvey-Hodge, **that the History Commissions appoint Commissioners Lipsey and Walker Ford as co-chairs of the African American Initiative Committee.**

The motion carried unanimously after a vote.

Commissioner Garvey-Hodge noted that she is delighted to become a member of the committee in view of the fact that the Town of Clifton has African American roots.

Commissioner Meyer reported that the City of Fairfax maintains a cemetery in the Jermantown area of Fairfax and he would be willing to lend a hand to the Committee as well. Commissioners Stuntz, Mannarino, McCullough and Tannenbaum also offered to assist with the initiative.

Staff Reports

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

- HRS III archaeologist, Chris Sperling, resigned to take a position in Calvert County, MD. His last day was December 18. Permission was given to hire for his position. It was advertised on January 2nd and closes this Friday the 15th.
- Archaeologists are currently in the field at Lahey Lost Valley doing backfilling.
- ACB and HCB have reviewed the conceptual development plan for the Collections Facility. Will be meeting with the project manager for the collections facility at James Lee Friday morning.
- Have been working with Laura Arseneau from County Planning and Development on the Historic Overlay District for River Farm.
- Attended the virtual Society for Historical Archaeology conference. The technical parts of the conference were very well done. Is available for further information on the conference

Resource Management Division – Stephanie Langton Reported: Museum Collections

- The Collections Manager conducted a site visit at Colvin Run Mill on December 18th to assist with staff transition after multiple staff departures. This will continue throughout the coming weeks and months as staff need assistance.
- The Collections Manager coordinated with the PIO and ACB for the 2021 artiFACTS blog schedule.
- The Collections Manager was accepted into the NEH grant-funded IPI workshop Training Sustainable Environmental Management Teams for Cultural Institutions, which will run for four days from January 11-14.

Operations and Maintenance Projects

- The draft Historic Structure Report and treatment plan for Mount Gilead is under review by HCB staff.

Volunteers-HSVC

- A landscape cleanup event was held on December 12th at the Olander and Margaret Banks House, with 39 participants.
- A landscape cleanup event was held on December 18th at the Hunter House, with 9 participants.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- The curator's upcoming projects at the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property include repairs to the floor joists in the cellar. As the curator's interim PAB lease expires in April 2021, staff is preparing to bring the full BOS to Curator lease to a BOS public hearing with date to be determined.
- The RCP draft leases for ServiceSource at Ellmore Farmhouse are under internal review in preparation for a BOS public hearing with date to be determined. 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, while the Special Exception application is under Department of Planning & Development review.
- The curator at the Stempson House continues with master bathroom renovation, with covered porch repair as an upcoming project.

Virginia Room – Christopher Barbuschak Reported:

Fairfax County Public Libraries have reclosed their branches on Monday, January 11th and returned to curbside-and virtual-only services. This decision was not made lightly. Virginia Room staff continues to work on-site and answer e-reference questions.

- In 2020, the Local History webpage was the most visited of the library's curated content webpages. Usage increased 33% from last year with 55,846 page views. Virginia Room staff virtually answered close to 700 e-ref questions in 2020.
- The Fairfax County Office of Public Affairs Photograph Collection has been processed and will be available for public research. It spans the years 1962-2009 and contains millions of images in 44 boxes of Board meetings, presentations, county buildings individuals, and events. The finding aid to the collection will be uploaded online in the next month.

At this point, Ms. Dressel announced that Deputy County Executive Rachael Flynn was in attendance at the meeting.

Department of Planning and Development – Denice Dressel Reported:

- **Confederate Names Inventory Report, county-wide** – Staff accompanied Commission Member Naef and then Chairwoman Stuntz to the Board of Supervisor's Land Use Policy Committee meeting on December 8, to present the Confederate Names Inventory Report to the Board. The report was well-received, and many of the Supervisors thanked the Commission for their hard work on this project. Staff is returning to the Land Use Policy Committee on February 2 to provide more details on the different processes for renaming the various assets if the Board so chooses. Denice Dressel is DPD's lead on this project.
- **Washington's River Farm/Wellington Proposed HOD, Mount Vernon** – Staff is currently working on drafting the report for the proposed HOD. There will be a community meeting on Monday, February 22 at 6:30pm to discuss the finding and process. The Planning Commission public hearing is scheduled for March 17 and the BOS public hearing is scheduled for April 13. Laura Arseneau and Nicole Brannan are leading this project.
- **Hollin Hills Potential HOD, Mount Vernon** – A community-wide meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 25 starting at 6:30pm. Staff will discuss their findings including the potential HOD boundary, contributing and non-contributing properties, the comprehensive plan draft text, the zoning ordinance amendment draft text, and the draft design guidelines. Laura Arseneau is DPD's lead on this project.
- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Providence** – Staff is continuing to meet with the Workgroup; the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27th at 6:30. The workgroup is continuing to evaluate contributing/non-contributing structures and discussing what may be important to go into the design guidelines. EHT Traceries has been selected as the contractor to create the design guidelines and they will be joining the January meeting for introductions. Nicole Brannan is DPD's lead on this project.
As a reminder, if you are interested in attending any of these meetings, webpages have been set up for each of these HOD projects, which have more detailed information about the process and links to their respective workgroup meetings.
- **DPD staffing announcement** – Nicole Brannan has been promoted to become the new Architectural Review Board Administrator, replacing Laura Arseneau who has moved into management. Nicole has many years of experience in Cultural Resources Management, working in both Archaeology and Historic Preservation. I look forward to continuing to work closely with Nicole in her new role.
- **Reston Survey, Hunter Mill** – The Reston Architectural Survey was presented at a community meeting last Tuesday by Mary Ruffin Hanbury of Hanbury Consultants. As a refresher, the survey was a result of a grant that DPD obtained through VDHR's Cost-Share program. The survey included Reston's 2 golf

courses, 10 districts primarily comprised of the early clusters, and approximately 9 individual resources not associated with a district. The draft of the survey is still up on the webpage for review; however, public comment has closed at this time. The survey results will be used as a planning tool by DPD and will be presented to the Reston Master Plan Task Force sometime in the near future. Denice Dressel is DPD's lead for this project.

- **Gum Springs Survey, Preliminary Information Form (PIF), and Cultural Resources Management Document, Mount Vernon** – Staff is working with the Mount Vernon Supervisor's office to form a community stakeholder advisory group to identify and collaborate with potential consultants for the completion a heritage resources survey and oral histories for the community of Gum Springs. Denice Dressel is the lead on this project.
- **Pride of Fairfax National Register Nomination, Mt. Vernon District** – EHT Traceries will be completing the National Register nomination for the Pride of Fairfax in the Gum Springs Community. They will be on site this Friday to document the building. Staff anticipates scheduling a project kickoff meeting with the community within the next month. Denice Dressel is leading this project.
- **Fairfax County's Semiquincentennial (250th) workgroup, county-wide** – The first workgroup session for the County's Semiquincentennial commemoration will take place next Friday, January 22 at 1:30. The workgroup is headed by Scott Stroh, Executive Director at Gunston Hall and includes representatives from Visit Fairfax, Mount Vernon Estate, National Museum of the US Army, George Mason University, the Human Rights Committee, and History Commissioners Bulova and Lipsey. Denice Dressel will be acting as DPD-HR staff for this group.
- **Membership Renewals** – The History Commission's memberships in the National Alliance of Preservation Commissions (NAPC) and the National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) are both due for renewal. The renewal membership rate for NAPC is \$150 and for NTHP is \$250, for the Commission's consideration.

Regarding History Commission membership renewal, a motion was made by Commissioner Tannenbaum, seconded by Commissioner Naef, **that the History Commission renew annual membership in the National Alliance of Preservation and National Trust for Historic Preservation at the rate of \$150 and \$250, respectively.**

The motion carried unanimously after a vote.

Committee Reports

Semiquincentennial – Commissioner Bulova Reported:

- **State Commission** - A virtual Commission Meeting was held Friday, January 8, 2021. The focus on the meeting was discussing key themes for the commemoration. A formal workplan and initial report was sent to the Governor's office.
- **Fairfax County Workgroup**
Both Commissioners Mary Lipsey and Gretchen Bulova are representatives from the History Commission to the Fairfax County 250th Workgroup. The first meeting is planned for Friday, January 22 with representatives from George Mason's Gunston Hall, National Museum of the US Army, George Mason University, Visit Fairfax, George Washington's Mount Vernon, and Fairfax County Equity and Human Rights Staff.
- **History Commission Committee**
The Committee Members for the Commission will include Commissioners Gretchen Bulova, Mary Lipsey, Sue Shuman, and Jordan Tannenbaum. Committee meetings will be scheduled once the Fairfax County Workgroup workplan has been created.

Inventory Committee – Commissioner Murray

There was no Inventory Committee report for the night, as Commissioner Murray was absent from the meeting.

Budget Committee – Commissioner Murray Reported:

There was no budget report for the night.

Annual Report - Commissioner Murray

There was no Annual Report for the night

Marker Committee – Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- Commissioner Lipsey reported that she has received a copy of the agreement and notification of payment for the James Lee Elementary School marker and will be ordering the marker soon.
- The marker committee will meet Wednesday January 20, 2021, at 7 pm to discuss the text of the Carrolltown Marker.

Ethnic and Oral History – Commissioner McCullough

Commissioner McCullough had no report for the night.

Resident Curator Program Updates – Commissioner Beach

Commissioner Beach noted that he had nothing to add to what was already reported by Ms. Dressel and Ms. Langton.

Bylaws Committee – Commissioner Barnes Reported:

Commissioner Barnes reported that she will be scheduling a meeting for either February 25 or 18. She will let Denice know when a decision is made on the date.

The chair requested to join the Bylaws Committee.

History Conference Committee – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

Commissioner Garvey reported as follows:

- She sent out information that the theme for the 2021 History Conference will be African American History.
- The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m.
- Someone hacked into her e-mail and other Commissioners have been receiving unsolicited e-mail from her. She asked that anyone receiving such e-mail should forward them to her.
- Commissioner Garvey-Hodge announced that her daughter gave birth to a baby boy on December 31, 2020, in France.

Awards Committee - Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

There was no Awards Report for the night.

Cemetery Preservation - Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- She is still waiting on the county attorney's office with reaction to the draft MOU discussed in January 2020. She said she received a query about how to preserve and protect the Haley Cemetery near GMU, where a Revolutionary War soldier is buried. She provided advice on how to establish a trusteeship for a cemetery.
- Commissioner Lipsey noted that she is working with DAR Chapters to replace a plaque for Francis Summers at the Summers Cemetery on Lincolnia Rd. The plaque incorrectly identifies Francis as a soldier, when he was a patriot. The DAR chapter members and Commissioner Lipsey are working closely with the Park Authority that oversees the cemetery.
- With Commissioner Lipsey's help, a DAR member who lives near the Wakefield Chapel Cemetery was given permission by the Park Authority to regularly clean up the cemetery.

Advocacy – Commissioner Herrick:

There was no Advocacy report on for the night.

Commission Members Reports

ARB Report – Commissioner Murray

There was no ARB report for the night.

Website – Commissioner Repetti Reported:

Commissioner Repetti reported that she has received calls from the public regarding the Confederate Names Inventory Project. She noted that she will be adding a note to the website that information regarding this matter should be directed to the respective supervisors.

Fairfax City Report – Commissioner Meyer Reported:

Commissioner Meyer reported that Fairfax City Council appointed citizens that will be working on an initiative involving Fairfax City past and connecting it with the future. He noted that invitation was sent to every resident in the city. The City received 88 applications, and 66 of the applicants were invited to participate in group activities.

He said citizen engagement meetings will be scheduled to address issues in the City. It is his hope that later on, this group will bring to the council proposal for making street names and neighborhood names changes. He added that they will also be looking at things such as budget priorities, public housing and transportation, etc., that will contribute to reconciliation.

Announcements

The Chair announced that Michael Rierson passed away December 29, 2020, and that he will be remembered for his work with the Park Authority over the years. Donations should be sent to the Park Foundation in Mr. Rierson's name.

Commissioner Meyer made the following announcements:

- A series of listening and learning online sessions have been scheduled by Fairfax City. The next one is set for January 28, at 7:00, followed by another on February 11, at 7:00 p.m. He will be sending out information for logging online for anyone who is interested in attending.
- The retaining walls of the Tidal Basin in Washington, D.C. are in need of repairs, and the National Park Service is considering several options. He noted that some of the proposals could result in considerable change to that area of the National Mall, and he wanted the Commissioners to be aware of the situation

Commissioner Garvey Hodge announced as follows:

- The late Michael Rierson made substantial contribution to Sully Plantation, for which he received a lifetime achievement award from the History Commission.
- Commissioner Garvey-Hodge encouraged her colleagues to think about doing something in honor of the late former Commissioner Paige Shelp in view of her contributions to the History Commission.
- Commissioner Herrick is recovering from a fall and asked her to get lots of rest and recover soon.

Commissioner McCullough announced that her Sorority, Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Inc., founded January 13, 1913, is celebrating Founder's Day. She added that the sorority volunteers to assist people in the community with scholarships, food, etc., as needed.

Commissioner Tannenbaum reported as follows:

- He has been appointed to the Board of the Army Historical Foundation.
- He, his chief development officer, colleagues, and others are getting together to raise funds for repairs to the damage done to the U.S. Capital as a result of the Capitol riot on January 6.

Chris Barbuschak announced that the Amphora Restaurant in Vienna closed today after 44 years in the area.

Commissioner McCullough commended the Chair for doing a great job as chair for the first time.

Closed Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Repetti, seconded by Commissioner McCullough, that the History Commission go into Closed Session, pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3711(A)(1) for the purpose of discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining, or resignation of the Clerk to the Fairfax County History Commission. The subject matter to be discussed and considered is the salary consideration for the current Clerk.

The motion carried and the History Commission went into closed session at 9:45 p.m.

Motion Coming Out of Closed Session:

A motion was made by Commissioner Repetti, seconded by Commissioner Bulova, that in accordance with Virginia Code Section 2.2-3712, the History Commission members certify that, to the best of each member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the Closed Session was convened were heard, discussed, or considered in Closed Session.

A roll call vote was taken; the motion carried unanimously, and the History Commission resumed open meeting at 10:20 p.m.

Having decided upon the salary considerations for the current clerk, membership will now vote on acceptance of the matters discussed and considered in closed session.

A motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commission Peters, that the History Commission increase the monthly fee for the clerk from \$515 to \$565 and to increase the fee by the cost of living increases (COLA) that the County issues for employees when those apply.. The Commission voted to make this increase effective with the January meeting.

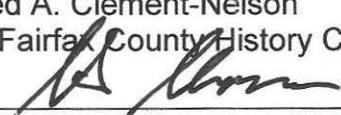
The motion carried unanimously after a vote.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the January 13, 2021, History Commission Meeting adjourned at 10:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date:

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January 6, 2021

Fairfax County History Commission

Treasurer Report

FOCUS Account as of January 31, 2021

Beginning balance: January 1, 2021 \$ 76,046.08

Revenue:

12/31/2020 Budget Adjustment \$ 30.66

01/11/2021 James Lee Marker fund transfer \$ 1,350.00

Expenses:

Ending balance: January 31, 20201 \$ 77,426.74

Park Authority/History Conference Account

Balance carryover \$ 2,562.47

Conference expenses 2020

Awards \$ 497.90

Printing \$ 164.76

Balance 1/31/2020 \$ 1,899.81

Submitted by: Barbara Peters, FCHC Treasurer