

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
July 3, 2019

On July 3 2019, the Fairfax County History Commission held its regular monthly meeting at the Fairfax City Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Commissioners Present:

Anne Barnes	Elise Murray
Glenn Fatzinger	Barbara Peters
Carole Herrick	Cheryl-Ann Repetti
Lynne Garvey Hodge	Steve Sherman
Mary Lipsey	Anne Stuntz
Sallie Lyons	Jordan Tannenbaum
Esther McCullough	

Commissioners Absent:

Bob Beach	Excused
Gretchen Bulova	Excused
Phyllis Walker Ford	Excused
Michael Irwin	Excused
Barbara Naef	Excused
Greg Wilson	Excused

County Liaisons Present:

Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning & Development;
Stephanie Langton, Fairfax County Park Authority; Laura Wickstead,
Fairfax City Regional Library.

Guests Present

None

Organization

Area of Interest

Call to Order

The July 3, 2019, History Commission meeting was called to order by Chair Anne Stuntz at 7:35 p.m. She announced the names of those Commissioners who were absent from the meeting.

Approval of the Minutes June 5, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Lipsey, seconded by Commissioner Barnes, **to approve the History Commission Meeting Minutes of June 5, 2019, as presented and to pay the Clerk.**

A vote was taken; the motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held regarding purchasing a recording device for the clerk. The possibility of sharing a device with the ARB clerk was also discussed. It was decided that more research regarding total cost be done. The decision to purchase was suspended until the next meeting.

Treasurer's Reports for July 3, 2019 – Commissioner Barbara Peters:

As of June 30, 2019, the Treasurer's report shows an ending balance of \$53,859.06

The Treasurer's report for July 3, 2019, is attached.

Staff Report

Fairfax County Park Authority – Denice Dressel Reported: Archaeology and Collections Branch

- Staff from the Archaeology and Collections Branch is in the field at Riverbend Park conducting Phase I archaeological survey and limited Phase II archaeology for National Register evaluation. The project is being done prior to the abandonment of the Potomac Heritage Trail, which is eroding into the River. In those areas, archaeology will document those resources before they are washed away. The trail is being relocated farther inland. Prior to the reestablishment of the new trail, archaeology is being done to document significant archaeological resources, which may be avoided or excavated.
- Staff from the Archaeology and Collections Branch is in the field conducting archaeology at Mount Air to determine the presence or absence of archaeological resources in the vicinity of the barn and the tenant structure, prior to demolition. The area that will be required for ingress and egress to the property and any staging areas are also included in the Area of Potential Effects (APE). This project is being done in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance.
- Laboratory staff is completing the cataloging of the artifacts from the Lincoln Lewis Vannoy property. The report will be completed when staff is available.

- Archaeology and Collections Branch staff went to Richmond to meet with staff from the Review and Compliance Division of the Department of Historic Resources. This was arranged to introduce our staff to DHR staff, since there has been a great deal of turnover.

Heritage Conservation Branch – Stephanie Langton Reported:

Museum Collections

- The Collections Manager gave a presentation and a tour of Collections storage to the Fairfax Antique Arts Association on June 6th.
- The Collections Manager submitted the artiFACTS blog post for June, which highlights a stereoscope.
- The Collections Manager continues to work with P&D on the RFP for the possible Collections Facility.
- The Collections Manager will be giving a talk about the Museum Collections at the Lorton library on July 23rd at 7pm.

Operations & Maintenance Projects

- Staff is currently entering weekly, monthly, quarterly, and annual maintenance inspection job plans into Tririga for properties monitored by the Heritage Conservation Branch.
- Heritage Conservation Staff and the FCPA GIS technicians are in the final stages of preparing a new GIS database layer for the Park Authority's historic sites.
- Staff is currently working on SOPs for Data Management and Heritage Conservation Operations Maintenance and Inspections.

Volunteers – HSVC

- An HSVC workday occurred on Saturday, June 15th for landscaping clean-up at the Lebowitz House in Clemyjontri Park. 11 of volunteers attended.
- An HSVC workday is scheduled for Saturday, July 13th at Lahey Lost Valley for landscaping clean-up.
- Staff is planning an advanced project to repaint the Hunter House mantel.
- Staff is coordinating the 2019 Young Men's Service League Ultimate Gift project to be held at Mount Gilead in September. Projects will consist of varying landscape clean-up tasks.

Resident Curator Program- RCP

- The deadline for applications for the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi is this Friday July, 5th, 2019. Clark/Enyedi has received 210 inquiries with 10 house showings.
- Staff is working with Park Ops to install electricity, design septic, and install septic at Barrett.
- Mold remediation at White Gardens is complete.
- Staff has re-advertised Lahey Lost Valley and is accepting applications through Monday August 12th.
- Staff is preparing the schedule of public meetings for the Evaluation Team Review of the 2 applications for Ellmore Farmhouse. The information will be updated on the website and posted in an Information Release shortly.

- The resident curator for the Turner Farmhouse is preparing her special exception application to apply for approval for use of the property, specifically, the garage structure as a retreat center.
- Upcoming projects for the curator's second year at the Stempson House include: continued grounds clean up and landscaping, removing the security grates from the windows, painting all interior trim and install new shoe molding, and painting the exterior of the house.
- Staff has selected Louis Berger to prepare the Historic Structure Report and Treatment Plan for Dranesville Tavern.
- The preparation of Treatment Plan is underway for the Sears House.

Virginia Room – Laura Wickstead Reported:

- On June 1, the Burke Historical Society hosted a Community Scanning Day at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, Memory Depot, to collect photos of Old Burke for an upcoming Arcadia book.
- Laura Wickstead spoke to the same group on June 4 about resources at the Library of Virginia.
- Chris Barbuschak and Laura staffed the Virginia Room table at Celebrate Fairfax, June 8 & 9. Laura spoke about Virginia Room resources to Jim Person on June 19 on the County Conversation podcast.
- Chris and Laura attended two days of the American Library Association annual meeting held in Washington, DC. On June 3, the first meeting of the African American Genealogy Study Group was held at the Centreville Regional Library. Former Commissioner Debbie Robison spoke to the group about resources for African Americans in Fairfax County court records.

Department of Planning and Development (DPD) – Denice Dressel Reported:

- Digital distribution of meeting materials – Staff is continuing to implement the newly adopted all-digital distribution for meeting materials. Please let me know of any glitches and we will make modifications to the system as we go along. This is new for everyone, so your patience is requested.
- Reminder of process for posting Committee meetings - To reduce potential confusion and errors, if Committee Chairs would please respond to the email which is sent the day following a Commission meeting, and provide the information requested for any upcoming Committee meetings or Commission events which need to be posted to the public calendar.
- Reminder for posting meeting minutes – Beginning with tonight's meeting, the minutes of the Fairfax County History Commission will be posted on-line. The minutes will not be available until approved, so July's meeting minutes should be posted after the August meeting.
- Courthouse Master Plan – No staff update this month. There was a public work session on June 6, 2019 which staff was unable to attend. I am unaware if any History Commissioners attended.

- Soapstone Connector (Hunter Mill District) – On June 20th the ARB sent a letter to the Keeper of the National Register to clarify the record, both chronologically and factually, regarding the ARB's involvement in the Section 106 process for the Soapstone Connector project, in response to Federal Highway Administration's request to the Keeper for a determination of eligibility for the Reston Center for Associations and Education Institutions, aka Association Drive. Since that time, a Section 106 Consulting Parties meeting for the Soapstone Connector project has been scheduled for Thursday, July 11 from 6:00 – 7:30 at FCDOT's Headquarters. The History Commission and the Architectural Review Board have been invited as Consulting Parties.
- Association Drive (Hunter Mill District) – No resubmittal to date.
- Isaac Newton Square (Hunter Mill District) – At the History Commission's request, the applicant's agent, Andrew Painter with Walsh Colucci, has agreed to present to the History Commission at August's meeting. The case is scheduled for a public hearing with the Planning Commission on September 18. The applicant has proffered to a Phase I Architectural Survey upon submission of the first Final Development Plan application, and a Phase II Survey if significant resources are identified for documentation purposes. They have also proffered 3 public art installations which will reflect the history of the Isaac Newton Square Office Complex in Reston's History. They are minimizing the project impact to the W&OD trail by coordinating the site access with the Wiehle Avenue Bridge project on the trail.
- Woodaman House (Springfield District) – The applicant was reluctant to place a conservation easement on the property; however, they have agreed that any modifications requiring a building permit will be subject to ARB review and approval. The applicant has also agreed to conduct a conditions assessment of the property as a baseline for further modifications. The case is scheduled for a public hearing with the Planning Commission in July.
- Woodlawn (Mount Vernon District) – The National Trust has submitted a revised application for Special Exception which is currently under review. The application is still on track to have its first public hearing at the September 11 Planning Commission meeting.
- Collingwood – A demolition permit and construction permit for a new single-family dwelling was submitted on June 20, 2019 for the former Collingwood Library and Museum. Staff had previously request photographic documentation which the applicant had provided. Staff informed Sallie Lyons at the time of the permitting event.
- Board Matters – On June 25, Chairman Bulova directed staff to identify what changes are needed to the History Commission's bylaws and its authorizing resolution for the Commission to add a member to represent Fairfax City.
- Chairman Bulova also moved to direct staff to investigate what changes to the History Commission's bylaws and its authorizing resolution to incorporate cemetery preservation into the Commission's mission. Staff should also advise the Board if additional resources would be required to make this a successful change. Staff is looking into both of these items and will keep the Commission informed of their progress.

- Tax Abatement follow-up – Staff is organizing a meeting with Tax Administration, the lead Department for the project, to coordinate efforts with them.
- New Inventory of History Sites Nomination - The Journal Building located in McLean, Virginia, submitted by Chris Barbuschak yesterday. Staff will be doing an initial review before moving the nomination forward to the Inventory Committee for their review.

Committee Reports

Inventory Committee – Commissioner Murray Reported:

Met May 24 and discussed issues regarding who should be receiving letters. Those sites in the Inventory which are located in independent towns (Clifton, Herndon, and Vienna) will not receive the mailing for the History Commission. Commissioners may approach the matter independently – Chairman Stuntz can provide guidance.

Marker Committee – Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

Commissioner Lipsey asked about how the cost for installation of markers will affect the funding that is budgeted for markers. Commissioner Murray explained that there does not have to be a line item for installation cost. She noted that the budgeted amount for markers is enough to include installation of future markers in this fiscal year.

A discussion followed about how the installation procedure of markers is changing. It was decided that Commissioner Lipsey will contact Chairman Bulova's office and ask for clarification on parts of the procedure.

Ethnic and Oral History – Commissioner McCullough:

Commissioner McCullough reported that the next committee meeting will be held July 23 at 11:00 a.m., at the Freeman Store.

Resident Curator Program – Commissioner Beach:

No report was made on Resident Curator Program for the night.

Budget – Commissioner Murray Reported:

- Commissioner Murray noted that budget request will be done September and presented in October.
- The next meeting will be held August 7, at 6:30 p.m., before the History Commission meeting.

Bylaws – Commissioner Barnes:

Commissioner Barnes had no report on Bylaws for the night. The Chair noted that information concerning changes in the bylaws will be discussed later tonight during this meeting under New Business.

Advocacy – Commissioner Herrick:

Commissioner Herrick had no Advocacy report for the night.

History Conference – Commission Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Commissioner Garvey-Hodge reported that Senior Administrative Judge, Rohulamin Quander, D.C., was recommended by Commissioner Walker-Ford to speak about African American History at the History Conference.
- The conference brochure will be revised to include Robert Stanton.
- The next conference-planning meeting will be held September 11.

Awards – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Has location reservations scheduled for all of her committee meetings for the month.
- Attended the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial event,
- Life-time Achievement Award was given to Irma Clifton at Country Club Meeting, at which she received a standing ovation.
- Met earlier tonight. Will have three Life-time Achievement Awards at History Conference.
- Jack Hiller Award will be on History Commission Web site. The Commissioners need to vote tonight for the Jack Hiller Award for photo and video.
- Next Award Committee meeting will be held August 7, before the History Commission Meeting.

A motion to go live with the Jack Hiller Award was withdrawn with a note that the matter will be considered at the next History Commission Meeting in August.

ARB – Commissioner Murray Reported:

Consent Calendar Action Item

- Approved: ARB-19-WDL-01 Proposal for new signage at 8859 Richmond Highway, Alexandria, VA, Tax Map 109-2 ((02)) 0013C, located in the Woodlawn Historic Overlay District. Mount Vernon District.

Items for Action:

- Approved: ARB-19-SUL-01 Proposal for new signage (“KOHLE”) at 3656 Centreview Dr., Chantilly, VA, Tax Map 0342 ((01)) 0031, located in the Sully Historic Overlay District.
- Approved: ARB-19-LFK-02 Proposal for site plan for new single-family dwelling at 1004 Dogue Hill Lane, McLean, VA, Tax Map 22-3 ((08)) 0005, located in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District. Dranesville District.
- Asked the Applicant to return with more detail: ARB-19-LFK-03 Proposal for architecture for new single-family dwelling at 1004 Dogue Hill Lane, McLean, VA, Tax Map 22-3 ((08)) 0005, located in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District. Dranesville District.
- Approved: ARB-18-LFK-05 Proposal for architecture of a new single-family dwelling located at 1011 and 1013 Turkey Run Road, Tax Map 22-3 ((1)) 50

and 51, located in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District. Dranesville District

Workshop Item: None

Presentations:

Craft brewery and other proposed new uses for Workhouse Arts Center, Regina Coyle, DPD

Other Actions:

Decision to write a letter to the Keeper of the National Register, regarding the FHWA Request for Eligibility Determination for the Reston Center for Associations and Educational Institutions located within the Area of Potential Effect (APE) of the Soapstone Connector project to correct factual errors in the chronology of the ARB's involvement in the FHWA letter.

Website – Commissioner Repetti Reported:

The 2018 Annual Report has been posted online.

New Business

Two Board Matters from June 25, 2019 Board of Supervisors Meeting:

- **Change in Bylaws, etc., to accommodate Fairfax City Member**
 - After discussion it was noted that the Commission will not be able to take any action on this item before receiving a report from the County.
 - The Chair suggested that this item be placed under Advocacy.
- **Change in Bylaws to include Cemetery Preservation Mission Representative on the History Commission**
 - After detailed discussion, the Commission decided to wait until they hear from the County before taking further action.

Unfinished Business

County Cemetery Ordinance

As indicated above, the Commission will await the study and report from County staff before proceeding with this item. This will enable the Commission to have a structure to work from

Soapstone Connector/Association Drive

Commissioner Tannenbaum reported that he will be attending a meeting on July 11 at 6:00 at 7:30 p.m. on Legato Road regarding Soapstone/Association Drive.

Collingwood – Commissioner Lyons Reported:

The structure will be torn down. No response has been received from the owner.

Hollin Hills HOD Citizens Advisory Group – Commissioner Murray Reported:

- They have continued the process of identifying non-contributing factors and adverse effects.
- The next advisory group meeting will be held early fall.

Annual Report – Commissioner Murray Reported:

- The presentation went well. About six to seven Commissioners attended the presentation.
- Supervisor Storck praised History Commissioners who represent his district.
- The BOS chair and other supervisors also commented positively on the report and made some recommendations for the Commission.

Concerning reimbursement for expense incurred for reproducing the Annual Report, a motion was made by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Lipsey, **that the History Commission reimburse Commissioner Murray for the expense of \$182.32.**

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Celebrate Fairfax – Commissioner Murray Reported:

- The celebration went well.
Commissioner Greg Wilson and other Commissioners were helpful

Announcements/News

Commissioner Tannenbaum announced the birth of his first grandchild.

Commissioner McCullough thanked all those Commissioners who thought about her and wished her well during her recent illness.

Commissioner Murray announced that she and Denice Dressel visited Loudoun County and met with staff to speak with them about the creation of their own registry of historic sites.

Commissioner Lyons reported that she attended a community meeting held by Supervisor Dan Storck, concerning Old Colchester Road issues. She raised the issue of the barricaded closure and overgrowth on the road at the site of the historic ferry, across the Occoquan River in old Colchester. She noted that the Rochambeau Army and Generals Washington and Rochambeau used the ferry in the March to Yorktown, and the site should be recognized as part of the Washington Rochambeau Revolutionary Route national historic trail. The Ferry

was owned by the Mason family for generations. Also for many years the ferry landing had been used as a small boat launch by the community, and is now closed them. Supervisor Storck expressed considerable interest, and noted that 2026 is coming. In 2026 we will begin commemorating the 250th anniversary of the Revolutionary War and the founding of our country.

Commissioner Lipsey recommended that Commissioners visit the Women's Suffrage exhibit at the National Archives in DC. She noted that the National Archives celebrates the centennial of Women's suffrage with a new exhibit, "Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote." She added that the exhibit is free and open to the public, and that it will be on display in the Lawrence F. O'Brien Gallery of the National Archives Museum in Washington, DC, through January 3, 2021.

Commissioner Fatzinger announced as follows:

- The Mt. Vernon Regional Historical Society had a very successful meeting and a tour of Historic Huntley on Saturday, June 29, with about 30 people in attendance.
- Don Hakenson will give a talk on *Unusual Civil War Events in the Lee/Mt. Vernon Districts* Thursday, September 5.

Commissioner Stuntz announced as follows:

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- The death of her Parkwood School kindergarten teacher, Clarene Vickery, at the age of 101. Mrs. Vickery was an educator in Vienna for 64 years.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the July 3, 2019, History Commission Meeting adjourned at 9:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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



Glenn Fatzinger, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 9/4/19

July 3, 2019

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Treasurer Report

FOCUS Account as of June 30, 2019

Beginning balance: June 1, 2019 \$55,825.61

Revenue:

Expenses:

6/1-6/30/2019 Budget & accrual Adjustments \$ 1,621.55

6/21/2019 Minute Taker (Meeting May 1, 2019) \$ 515.00

Ending balance: June 30, 2019 \$53,869.06

Park Authority/History Conference Account Balance: \$ 2,494.41

Submitted by: Barbara Peters, FCHC Treasurer