

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
June 5, 2019

On June 5, 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	Michael Irwin
Bob Beach	Elise Murray
Gretchen Bulova	Barbara Naef
Glenn Fatzinger	Barbara Peters
Phyllis Walker Ford	Steve Sherman
Lynne Garvey Hodge	Jordan Tannenbaum
Mary Lipsey	Greg Wilson
Sallie Lyons	

Commissioners Absent:

Carole Herrick	Excused
Esther McCullough	Excused
Cheryl-Ann Repetti	Excused
Anne Stuntz	Excused

County Liaisons Present:

Denice Dressel, Carmen Bishop, Casey Judge, Fairfax County Department of Planning & Zoning; Elizabeth Crowell, Megan Leining, Fairfax County Park Authority; Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax City Regional Library.

Guests Present	Organization	Area of Interest
None		

Call to Order

The June 5th, 2019, History Commission meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Jordan Tannenbaum, serving as Acting Chair. He proceeded to introduce the new History Commissioner, Greg Wilson, appointed by Supervisor Foust, Dranesville District.

Excerpt from Commissioner Wilson's introduction of himself:

- He is a native of Ohio, although he has spent the last 45 years in Fairfax County.
- He is well versed in policy issues with both government and the private sector.
- He loves history and looks forward to working with the History Commission.

The Chair announced the names of those Commissioners who were absent from the meeting with excuse.

Presentation

Zoning Ordinance Modernization (zMOD) - Casey Judge and Carmen Bishop, Zoning Administration Division

- First phase focuses on land uses
- Special Permit use for “Older Structures” is outdated and rarely used
- New proposed “Alternative Use of Historic Buildings” will allow applicant to seek special exception approval for additional uses not available today
- Set of standards, including requirement that the property is on the County’s Inventory
- Will be brought to the Board of Supervisors July 16 for general endorsement with ultimate adoption in 2020
- Any comments from the History Commission should be submitted within two weeks.

After the presentation, the pair responded to questions from the Commissioners

Approval of the Minutes May 1, 2019

A motion was made by Commissioner Naef, seconded by Commissioner Lipsey, **to approve the History Commission Meeting Minutes of May 1, 2019, as presented and to pay the Clerk.**

A vote was taken; the motion carried unanimously.

Treasurer’s Reports for June 5, 2019 – Commissioner Barbara Peters:

As of May 31, 2019, the Treasurer’s report shows an ending balance of \$55,825.61

The Treasurer’s report for June 5, 2019, is attached for easy reference.

Staff Report

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

- Planning for the proposed Collections Facility is moving toward a conceptual development phase.
- The report is complete for the archaeology at Green Spring Gardens in the area where a proposed roadway/driveway is being built. Aimee Wells will be providing a redacted version of the report to Friends of Green Spring (FROGS), as well as to the park for their library.
- Staff is working with Natural Resources and GIS regarding the upcoming archaeology at Riverbend Park, so that the archaeological work has little-to-no

impact on rare plant and animal species. That archaeological project is slated to begin in early June.

- Staff is conducting interviews for an Assistant Collections Manager for Archaeology (an LTE position), with the hope to have an offer in the new FY.
- Field and lab work have been completed for a wetlands study at Colchester in compliance with Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The project was done in support of the Natural Resource Management and Protection Branch and the report is 90 percent complete.
- Work will begin at Mount Air in early June. This work is being done in compliance with the Zoning Ordinance regarding archaeology in Historic Overlay Districts.
- Lab staff is finishing the artifact processing on Lincoln Lewis Vannoy. Work on the report will follow.
- Chris Sperling is making a presentation on Colchester to the Mason Neck Citizens Association on June 4 at Gunston Hall.
- Liz Crowell is coordinating the 50th anniversary celebration of the Middle Atlantic Archaeology Conference to be held in Ocean City, MD.

Heritage Conservation Branch – Megan Leining Reported:

Museum Collections

- The Collections Manager worked with the Colvin Run Mill staff to acquire some pieces that the Fauquier Historical Society was deaccessioning for use as property items in the Miller's House.
- The Collections Manager worked with the staff at Sully Historic Site to acquire some items from a donor for their Property Collections.
- The Collections Manager continues to work with P&D on the RFP for the possible Collections Facility.

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 completed the HCB Historic Buildings Grading System SOP and the RCP Annual Maintenance Inspection SOP.
- Staff is currently working on SOPs for Data Management and Heritage Conservation Operations Maintenance and Inspections.

Volunteers – HSVC

- An HSVC workday occurred on Saturday, May 11th for clean-up at Dranesville Tavern. 21 volunteers attended.
- An HSVC workday is scheduled for Saturday, June 15th for landscaping clean-up at the Lebowitz House in Clemyjontri Park.
- Staff is planning an advanced project to repaint the Hunter House mantle.

- 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 application package for the Hannah P. Clark/Enyedi property is available online. Staff will be accepting applications now through July, 5th, 2019. Clark/Enyedi has received 155 inquiries with eight house showings.
- Staff is working with Park Ops to install electricity, design septic, and install septic at Barrett.
- The White Gardens wallpaper has been removed in preparation for mold remediation. Staff is working to obtain quotes.
- Staff received three applications for Lahey Lost Valley on March 7th, 2019. Of the three applications received, two have advanced to Financial Review. The third did not meet the minimum requirements. Staff is preparing to re-advertise the property.
- Staff received three applications for Ellmore Farmhouse on March 14th, 2019. Of the three applications received, two are currently undergoing Financial Review. The third did not meet the minimum requirements.
- Initial projects undertaken by the curator at Turner Farmhouse include the following: Installation of kitchen floor, cabinets, and appliances, removal of a portion of the non-load bearing wall between the kitchen and dining room to join the spaces, and replacement of the water heater.
- 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 received two proposals in response to an RFP for a Historic Structure Report and Treatment Plan for Dranesville Tavern. These proposals are currently under review.
- Staff is proceeding with obtaining a Treatment Plan for the Sears House.

Virginia Room – Chris Barbuschak Reported:

- On May 11th, Laura Wickstead gave a genealogy presentation to 10 researchers at the LDS library in Annandale.
- May 25th, Laura Wickstead hosted 12 members of the St. Andrews Society who were interested in learning about Scottish and Scots-Irish genealogy resources.
- This past month staff worked with the Burke Historical Society in a variety of ways:
 - On May 8th Chris Barbuschak hosted the Burke Historical Society for a "viewing party" to look at all of the Burke related photographs in the Virginia Room's collections. They were reviewing photographs to include in their new Burke history book.
 - On June 1st Chris Barbuschak hosted the Burke Historical Society for "Community Scanning Day". Members of the public brought in their old

Burke photos and had them scanned. We had a pretty good turn-out, including members from long-time Burke families such as the Fowlers, Carsons, Kincheloes, and Marshalls.

- On June 5th Laura Wickstead gave a talk before the Burke Historical Society at Burke Centre Library about the wonders of the Library of Virginia and their genealogical resources.
- In May, the Rocky Run Garden Club located in Centreville, donated to the Virginia Room several scrapbooks dating back to the club's founding in 1950. Ellanor C. Lawrence was a founding member of the club. The scrapbooks contain programs, invitations, certificates, newspaper clippings, and mid-20th century photos of Mount Gilead and Walney.
- In May, Chris Barbuschak sent a link to all of the History Commissioners to view the Virginia Room's new "McLean History Portal" webpage. Its origins date back to 1997 when the McLean Citizens Association and McLean Historical Society sought to establish a McLean community archive room in the Dolley Madison Library.
- The Virginia Room will have a table at Celebrate Fairfax on June 8-9th.

Department of Planning and Zoning – Denice Dressel Reported:

- Digital Distribution of meeting materials – Staff is trying out our newly adopted all-digital distribution for meeting materials. Hopefully everyone is receiving my emails in advance of the meeting. We can discuss modifications to the system as we go along. This is new for everyone, so your patience is requested.
- Welcome to Greg Wilson (Dranesville District) – I will be updating the contact list with Commissioner Wilson's contact information and distributing digitally.
- 2020 Legislative Program – This item is under new business on the agenda, but I wanted to let you know that DPZ has requested a draft submission by July 1. The County Executive's direction was for Boards, Authorities, and Commission's not to feel obligated to submit an item, but if there was something you have identified you would like to see addressed legislatively, this is your opportunity to do so.
- Courthouse Master Plan – You received an email reminder earlier this week about the next public work session, which is tomorrow, June 6, 2019 at 7:00 pm, at City Hall, City Council Chambers. 10455 Armstrong St., Fairfax.
- Update on Rt. 1/BRT – You should have received an email from Laura Arseneau with staffs' comments on the Phase I architectural study for the Rt. 1 Bus Rapid Transit project, which included comments from the History Commission and the ARB. Thank you all very much for responding so quickly and thoroughly. Laura's email also included VDHR's response letter to the Federal Transit Authority regarding the Phase I survey, in which they request the inclusion of the Gum Springs Community as a newly identified resource. DHR also requested additional information on the neighborhoods of Fair Haven and Jefferson Manor to make a determination of eligibility, as well as consideration of Route 1 itself, as a resource. Finally, DHR concurred with DPZ-HR's request that the Fairfax County History Commission be consulted for effects to NRHP-eligible or listed properties.

- Soapstone Connector (Hunter Mill District) – The History Commission received a copy of the Federal Highway Administration, Fairfax County, and VDOT’s request to the Keeper of the National Register to make a determination as to whether the Reston Center for Associations and Education Institutions is eligible for the National Register under Criteria A and C in terms of Criteria G (exceptional importance). I will defer to the Acting Chair who is much more knowledgeable than I am in the regulations to fill in the rest.
- Association Drive (Hunter Mill District) – No update – staff continues to wait for the applicant’s resubmittal.
- Isaac Newton Square (Hunter Mill District) – The resubmittal is currently under review. I will be contacting the applicant to request that they come to the History Commission’s July meeting. The case is scheduled for a Planning Commission hearing on July 24.
- Woodaman House (Springfield District) – Staff is meeting with the applicant and the Northern Virginia Conservation Trust to discuss a conservation easement for property tomorrow. This case is also supposed to go to the Planning Commission in July.
- Woodlawn (Mount Vernon District) – The application for Special Exception was postponed and now will be going to the Planning Commission on September 11.
- McLean CBC Planning Study (Dranesville District) – Staff continues to conduct research for a reconnaissance-level survey of the McLean CBC and recently presented preliminary results to the McLean CBC Task Force on May 20th.
- DTA and the Inventory of Historic Sites – Because I want to end on a positive note, the Department of Taxation has completed their update to the iCare system and staff is now reviewing the data for QC. If you go to the DTA webpage and look up an address of an Inventory Site in iCare, you should see the Site noted as being on the Inventory of Historic Sites

Committee Reports

Inventory Committee – Commissioner Murray Reported:

- The next Inventory Committee meeting will be held Monday June 24 at 7:30m p.m., at the Government Center.

Concerning Inventory Site nomination for the National Bank of Fairfax, a **motion was made by Commissioner Murray, seconded by Commissioner Naef, that the National Bank of Fairfax building be placed on the Inventory of Historic Sites.**

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Marker Committee – Commissioner Lipsey Reported:

- Maps were given to the Virginia Room for distribution.
- Would like to ensure that every Supervisor receives a copy

- Each Commissioner was asked to take a pack of the maps, if needed.

Ethnic and Oral History – Commissioner Tannenbaum Reported:

- The committee met and is researching how to conduct and present oral history interviews.

Resident Curator Program – Commissioner Beach:

Commissioner Beach noted that he had no report for the night.

Budget – Commissioner Murray

Commissioner Murray noted that she had nothing to report for the night.

Bylaws – Commissioner Barnes:

Commissioner Barnes had no report on Bylaws for the night.

Advocacy – Commissioner Lyons Reported

No report was made for the night, in the absence of Commissioner Herrick from the meeting.

War of 1812 Marker – Commissioner Lyons Reported:

Colvin Run Mill Marker was dedicated

Several History Commissioners and Board of Supervisor Foust were present at the dedication.

History Conference – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

Distributed and discussed draft budget for 2019 History Conference.

Concerning a request for \$3000 for the 2019 History Conference, a motion was made by Commissioner Garvey-Hodge, seconded by Commissioner Tannenbaum, **that the History Commission approve \$3000 for the 2019 History Conference.**

A vote was taken, and the motion carried.

Further discussion followed regarding the budget.

Commissioner Garvey-Hodge proceeded as follows:

- Distributed and discussed the draft agenda for the History Conference –
- 50 Years of Historic Preservation in Fairfax County – 1969 – 2019.
- Noted that all the presenters and speakers have been contacted.
- The next committee meeting will be held Wednesday, June 26, 2019, at 7:30 p.m. in room 103, at the library.

Awards – Commissioner Garvey-Hodge Reported:

- Have received a number of submissions.

- Next Awards Committee meeting is scheduled July 3, 2019, at 6:00 p.m., at the library, before the History Commission Meeting. Submissions will be discussed then.

ARB – Commissioner Murray:

Consent Calendar Action Items: None

Items for Action:

- Approved: ARB-19-CTV-02- Proposal to replace exterior deck flooring on the Utterback House, located at 13916 Braddock Road, located in the Centreville Historic Overlay District. Sully District.
- Approved: ARB-19-LOR-04 Proposal and site plan review for increased parking at the Laurel Hill Chapel (R-40) located in the Reformatory section of the Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse project, Mount Vernon District

Workshop Items:

- ARB-18-LFK-05 Proposal for architecture of a new single-family dwelling and architectural modifications to existing Mackall Hall House located at 1011 and 1013 Turkey Run Road, located in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District. Dranesville District

Website – Commissioner Repetti

There was no website report in the absence of Commission Repetti from the meeting.

New Business

State Legislative Session Program for 2020

Discussion was held. It was noted that the History Commission does not have anything to submit at this time.

County Cemetery Ordinance – Commissioner Lyons Reported:

That at a meeting of the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources she learned that Fairfax County does not have a cemetery ordinance. Archaeologists present recommended the Prince William County ordinance as a good model

After further discussion, a motion was made by Commissioner Lyons, seconded by Commissioner Lipsey, **that the Board of Supervisors consider instructing staff to prepare a draft ordinance for preservation of cemeteries in Fairfax County**

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Commissioner Lyons agreed to contact Supervisor Dan Storck requesting that the instruction to staff to prepare a draft ordinance become a Board matter.

National Bank Inventory Nomination

This item was discussed and action was taken under Inventory, earlier during the meeting.

Unfinished Business

Soapstone Connector/Association Drive

Commissioner Tannenbaum reported that he has been informed that no zoning action will take place for a while, and that there will be time to go through the 106 process. He added that according to documents he has reviewed, there seems to be a difference of opinion between the State and the FHWA, which could delay the process. Meanwhile, he continued, the History Commission will need to wait and see what the Keeper will do.

Virginia Chamber Orchestra Eisenhower (VCOE) Study Guide:

A discussion was held regarding VCOE's request for History Commission sponsorship of their Study Guide.

Concerning request for sponsorship of the Eisenhower Study Guide, a motion was made by Commissioner Lipsey, seconded by Commissioner Murray, that the History Commission donate \$500 toward the Study Guide.

A vote was taken, and the motion carried unanimously.

Scimores Academy MOA

Commissioner Tannenbaum noted that this is a very good example of the 106 process in which the History Commission has participated. He added that he signed as consulting party on behalf of the History Commission.

Collingwood

Discussion was held regarding Collingwood. Commissioner Lyons reported that no response has yet been received from the owner to the letter from the Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society and her requesting to talk concerning the historical significance of Collingwood.

Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District Citizens Advisory Group

Commissioners Murray and Fatzinger both reported that they attended the Hollin Hills Advisory Group meeting. Commissioner Murray noted that she represents the History Commission on this advisory group. She added that the HOD process has begun.

Follow Up April 4 Meeting with Supervisor McKay – Commissioner Bulova Reported:

Commissioner Bulova reported that following the Commission's meeting with Supervisor McKay regarding the loss of historic structures on April 4, the Board Matter went to the Board May 7. After discussion, Commissioner Bulova noted that she will continue to follow up on it and keep the Commission posted on the progress.

Annual Report – Commissioner Murray Reported:

The Annual Report will be presented to the Board June 25, 2019. The proclamation of the 50th anniversary of the History Commission will also be made by the Board.

Celebrate Fairfax is this weekend

Commissioner Murray asked for volunteers wanting to work the History Commission table. She noted that they will be provided with passes.

The schedule is:

- Saturday from 10 – 5
- Sunday from 11 – 5

The Acting Chair thanked Commissioner Murray for taking up the Annual Report Project.

Announcements/News

Commissioner Garvey Hodge reported as follows:

- She and Commissioner Beach will be attending the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial event June 6, 2019.
- Saturday will be Rolls Royce Civil War picnic with civil war reenactors at her house.

Commissioner Bulova announced that June 6 is the 75th anniversary of D-Day

Commissioner Naef reported that May 10, she and Commissioner Murray were interviewed concerning the Inventory of Historic Sites at Colvin Run Mill Historic Site

Commissioner Lyons announced as follows:

- Her mother celebrated her 75th anniversary on Monday, June 3. The Normandy Invasion occurred on the second day of her honeymoon.
- Mt. Vernon Regional Historical Society will have a meeting and tour at Historic Huntley on June 29.

Commissioner Lipsey announced as follows:

- The 18th century Fitzhugh home Oak Hill open house will be held Saturday, September 21, noon to 4 pm.
- On Saturday June 1 Boy Scout Andrew Friedly led a cemetery clean up at Lee Chapel Cemetery. Approximately 30 scouts, parents, and members of the Burke Historical Society and Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association participated in cleaning gravestones, righting tilted gravestones, trimming etc.
- Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association has created veteran data bases for six wars on its website, which includes military info of Fairfax County men who died while in service. The Viet Nam War data base will be added soon.

Commissioner Fatzinger announced as follows:

- He knew two people who were a part of the D-Day invasion,
- He talked to McLean Historical Society on World War I on June 14. There were about 20 people present.
- Mt Vernon Historical Society will be having an on-site visit at Historic Huntley. He added that Commissioner Repetti will be the historical interpreter.

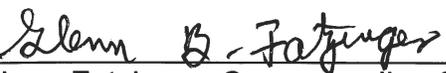
Commissioner Tannenbaum announced that he will be teaching a 106 class in California for the U.S. military in about two weeks.

Adjournment

With no other business to discuss, the June 5, 2019, History Commission Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

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



Glenn Fatzinger, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 8/2/19

June 6, 2019

Fairfax County History Commission

Treasurer Report

FOCUS Account as of May 31, 2019

Beginning balance: May 1, 2019 \$56,268.79

Revenue:

4/30//2019 Budget Adjustment (Interest) \$ 71.82

Expenses:

5/24/2019 Winifred Clement-Nelson (minutes 4/3/2019) \$ 515.00

Ending balance: May 31, 2019 \$55,825.61

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

Submitted by: Barbara Peters, FCHC Treasurer