

**Fairfax County History Commission
Electronic Meeting
December 1, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on December 1, 2021. The Commission gathered virtually at 7:00 p.m. for an annual holiday get-together.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair called the December 1, 2021 meeting to order at 7:31 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the following script:

To conduct this meeting wholly electronically, the History Commission needs to make certain findings for the record to evidence our compliance with all applicable laws. These motions address this compliance.

First, I am going to conduct a roll call and ask each board member participating in this meeting to state your name and your location. I ask that each of you pay close attention to ensure that you can hear each of your colleagues.

Roll Call

The Chair proceeded to conduct a roll call as follows:

Commissioners Present per Districts:	Location:
Cheryl-Ann Repetti, <i>Chair</i>	Sully
Mary Lipsey	Braddock
Gretchen Bulova	Braddock
Elise Murray	Vienna
Barbara Naef	Reston
Anne Stuntz	Hunter Mill
Steve Sherman,* <i>Secretary</i>	Franconia
Phyllis Walker Ford	Clifton
Barbara Peters, <i>Treasurer</i>	Annandale
Robert "Bob" Beach*	Fairfax
David Meyer** ***	City of Fairfax
Anne Barnes**	Gunston
Sallie Lyons	Colchester
Tammy Mannarino	Mt. Vernon
Sue Kovach Shuman	Mantua
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, <i>Vice Chair</i>	Springfield

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Jordan Tannenbaum

Esther McCullough

Fairfax

Sully

Commissioners Excused:

Carole Herrick

Subhi Mehdi

McLean

McLean

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*

***Joined after roll call*

**** Not present for voting*

County Liaisons Present:

Denice Dressel, Heritage Resources and Plan Development Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Dr. Elizabeth "Liz" Crowell, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Chris Barbuschak, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library; Stephanie Langton, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

Guest:

Christopher Daniel, Chair, Fairfax County Architectural Review Board (ARB)

Staff Present:

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

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

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

The motion was passed unanimously.

2. Need for an Electronic Meeting:

Second, I move that the History Commission certify that the State of Emergency caused by the COVID-19 pandemic makes it unsafe for this Commission and the public to physically attend this meeting in person, and the usual procedures cannot be implemented safely or practically. As a result, I further move that the Fairfax County History Commission conduct this meeting electronically through a dedicated video- and audio-conferencing line, and that the public may access this meeting by calling 1-571-429-5982 and entering access code 955 061 040#.

The motion was passed unanimously.

3. Need to Dispense with FOIA's Usual Procedures to Assure Continuity in Government/Continue Operations:

Finally, I move that the History Commission certify that the matters on its agenda today relate to the COVID-19 emergency itself, are necessary for continuity in Fairfax County government, and/or are statutorily required or necessary to continue operations and the discharge of the History Commission's lawful purposes, duties, and responsibilities.

The motion was passed unanimously. The virtual gavel was returned to the Chair.

Presentation

Lake Anne Repairs and Renovations, Christopher Daniels:

- Christopher Daniels presented the issue of the structural repairs for infrastructure around Lake Anne. In response to the Lake Anne Infrastructure Cursory Assessment Report, the Architectural Review Board (ARB) sent a letter to Supervisor Walter Alcorn's Office and the Lake Anne of Reston Condominium Association (LARCA) President discussing the issues, site significance, and possible assistance. Due to the Historic Overlay District encompassing Lake Anne and the historical significance of Reston, the ARB wanted to ensure the Fairfax County History Commission is appropriately included in this issue and process. See [Attachment 1](#) for a copy of the letter.
- An open discussion ensued regarding the issues, historic integrity, and pathways forward.
 - Jordan Tannenbaum and Barbara Naef voiced support for the Commission to draft a letter to Supervisor Alcorn endorsing a supplementary study be conducted of the Lake Anne property.
 - Christopher Daniels noted that the ARB envisions this process as a collaborative effort between the appropriate county government organizations, LARCA, and other interested stakeholders.
- Barbara Naef clarified that the ARB is seeking a letter of support from the History Commission. Christopher Daniels affirmed this and added that any additional participation from Commissioners on future task forces or advisory bodies in this process would also be greatly appreciated.
 - Esther McCullough requested that the Commission wait to send their letter of support until all Commissioners have read the ARB's letter.
 - Elise Murray agreed and suggested that the Commission prepare a motion and draft their letter of support in preparation for the next meeting.
- It was decided that the ARB letter will be distributed to all members of the History Commission, and a draft letter of support will be prepared for consideration at the next History Commission meeting.
- The discussion continued regarding the desire for the History Commission and the Architectural Review Board to work collaboratively together more frequently. A joint meeting was proposed, possibly at Lake Anne, sometime early next year.

Approval of the November 3, 2021 Minutes

A motion was made by Jordan Tannenbaum to approve the November 3, 2021 History Commission Meeting Minutes:

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

The motion was seconded by Barbara Naef and passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Barbara Peters reviewed the Treasurer's Reports from November and December. See [Attachment 2](#) for both reports.

FOCUS Account as of November, 2021

Beginning balance: October 27, 2021 \$66,620.74

Revenue:

10/31/2021 Budget adjustment (?) \$2,695.85

10/31/2021 Interest \$2.07

Expenses:

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Balance carryover \$1,899.81

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Unfinished Business

Confederate Names Task Force Recommendation, Sue Kovach Shuman and Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- Sue provided the Commission with an update regarding the Confederate Names Task Force that she and Cheryl-Ann Repetti serve on. During the last meeting, the Task Force held a vote to change the names of Lee Highway and Lee Jackson Highway.

- 20 members voted in favor of changing the name of Lee Highway, and 6 members voted against the name change.
 - 19 members voted in favor of changing the name of Lee Jackson Highway, with 6 members voted against the name change, and one member abstained.
- The next step for the Task Force is to provide the County with alternative name recommendations. Additionally, Sue and Cheryl believe that the recommendations include a professional historian documenting the history of those street names.
 - Cheryl and Sue discussed the public feedback that the Task Force received, and the Commission discussed the importance of this all to be included in the public record, as well as the Virginia Room.
 - If Commissioners have naming suggestions, they must submit their ideas to the Task Force by Friday, December 3.

Confederate Names Inventory Update, Barbara Naef:

- Barbara Naef gave a short anecdote about a recent conversation she had with a Penn State journalism student from Caroline County, Virginia, who read the Task Force report and was interested in the work that the Commission has been doing. Barbara congratulated the hard work of her colleagues and reminded them that their work stands as an example for other localities in the Commonwealth.

New Business

Proposed Capitol One Lounge at Dulles Airport, Cheryl-Ann Repetti and Jordan Tannenbaum:

- Cheryl-Ann Repetti explained that the History Commission was asked to be a consulting party on a Memorandum of Agreement for the proposed Capitol One Lounge in Dulles Airport.
 - Jordan clarified that the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority (MWAA) has not responded to the History Commission's comments to the Sky Chef Building.
 - There was concern that the date for a response from the Commission was too soon for the full Commission's review of the matter. Anne Stuntz recommended that the Commission allow Cheryl-Ann Repetti and Jordan Tannenbaum to respond to this letter on behalf of the Commission as appropriate.

Elise Murray agreed and made the following motion:

I move that, for the matter of the proposed Capitol One Lounge at Dulles Airport, Chairman Cheryl-Ann Repetti and Commissioner Jordan Tannenbaum, respond before the next meeting if a response is required.

Barbara Naef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Moving Staff Reports Earlier in the Agenda, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- Cheryl-Ann explained that this proposed change would allow staff to present to the Commission earlier and not have to wait so long during the meetings.
 - It was noted that this would reverse a change made a few years prior to move new business up on the agenda to ensure the Commission had the energy to direct to those matters.

Esther McCullough made the following motion:

I move that the Commission rearrange the agenda and support Chairman Repetti doing so to provide that staff updates are moved to the beginning of the meeting.

Anne Barnes seconded the motion.

- Esther McCullough spoke to the motion, noting that the staff is very supportive of the Commission and they should ensure that the Commission is being respectful of the staff's time.
 - Cheryl agreed, and encouraged staff to keep to highlights of the staff reports to ensure the meetings remain efficient.

The question was called. 17 Commission members voted in favor of the motion. One Commission member voted in opposition to the motion. The motion passed.

Staff Reports

Archaeology and Collection Branch

- Dr. Elizabeth Crowell, Fairfax County Park Authority, noted that the staff report will be submitted to the Clerk following the meeting, due to an IT issue.
 - Liz noted that she had consulted a natural resources expert to provide naming recommendations to the Confederate Names Task Force for renaming the streets after official state species.
 - The Branch is continuing to work on collections and other business, as usual.

Heritage Conservation Branch

- Stephanie Langton, Fairfax County Park Authority, highlighted program and project updates. See [Attachment 3](#) for the staff report.

Virginia Room

- Chris Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library, highlighted two collection releases to the Commission. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.

Heritage Resources

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- Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development noted that the results of the community poll in support of the Hollin Hills HOD moving forward will be presented to the workgroup meeting on Monday, December 6, 2021. This was the only update to the written report. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.
 - Cheryl doubled-checked that the County Attorney is reviewing the Commission's bylaws, as denoted on the staff report. Denice confirmed that this is the case.

Committee Reports

Nominations Committee, Elections, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz announced election nominations for the 2022 History Commission officers.
 - Chair: Cheryl-Ann Repetti
 - Vice-Chair: Lynne Garvey-Hodge
 - Secretary: Steve Sherman
 - Treasurer: Sue Kovach Shuman

Barbara Naef made the following motion:

I move to accept the slate of officers for 2022.

Barbara Peters seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge announced that at the next Board of Supervisors meeting on January 26, 2022, Lynne will either be appointed as a Commissioner At-Large or the Historian I Commissioner.

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge gave a summary of the virtual, 2021 History Conference to the Commission, and explained the adjustments with speakers and live streams. Lynne ended with a great thanks to all the commissioners who helped put the conference together.
 - Esther noted that they emphasized the work of the AAHI to the conference attendees so the public would know about the research that they are doing.
- The first meeting of the new year will be on January 26, 2022 at 7:30 PM.

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford:

- Phyllis directed the Commission to the committee report. See [Attachment 6](#) for the AAHI Committee Report. Phyllis noted that the templates submitted by the Commissioners had been received and will all be submitted to the Capstone team. Templates will be submitted by December 8, 2021.

Semiquincentennial, Gretchen Bulova:

- The most recent meeting of the state commission took place last week and the commission hired an executive director. The Commission is requesting \$15 million in the upcoming state budget. See [Attachment 7](#) for the Committee Report.

Term Limits Investigation Task Force, Jordan Tannenbaum:

- Jordan Tannenbaum reached out to other jurisdictions to see if and how other commissions use term limits. Most boards and commission do use term limits. There is an acknowledgement of the trade-off of losing institutional knowledge, but gaining fresh perspectives and expertise. The two commissions that responded that do not use term limits noted that it was because they struggled to get people to serve.
- An open discussion ensued around term limits and serving on the Commission:
 - Tammy Mannarino asked how other boards and commissions in Fairfax County handle term limits and would like to more about emeritus members or youth members.
 - Lynne noted that in recent discussions with Chairman McKay's Office, it was indicated that term limits would not be of interest to the Board because they struggle to recruit volunteers to serve.
 - Commissioners discussed their personal experiences to being appointed to the Commission.

Inventory Committee, Budget Committee, and Annual Report, Elise Murray:

- Nothing to report to the Commission.
- Cheryl clarified when the audit will need to be conducted and how the Committee is formed.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey opened her remarks by expressing her appreciation to Barbara Peters for her work as the Commission Treasurer.
- Upon Mary's recommendation, the History Marker Contest is now the History Marker Project. The focus is not that there is a "winner," but encourage all students to participate.
- Mary provided updates regarding the Markers Committee. See [Attachment 8](#) for the committee report.
 - Mary noted that she included information regarding the interpretation by the County Attorney's office of the maintenance responsibility of individual markers in the after-meeting committee report.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided Cemetery Preservation Committee updates, including:
 - A cemetery clean-up at Jermantown Cemetery was conducted and the cemetery is working on forming a 501(c)3.
- See [Attachment 8](#) for Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Nothing to report.

Resident Curator Program, Robert “Bob” Beach:

- Nothing additional to report.

Bylaws Committee, Anne Barnes:

- Nothing to report.
- Anne Stuntz clarified that the History Commission is still operating from the 2019 bylaws until the revised 2021 bylaws are review and approved. This affects the composition of the members serving on the Audit Committee.

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz noted that the next Advocacy Meeting will take place virtually on December 9, 2021 at 7:00 PM. The minutes from the last meeting will be submitted at the next Commission meeting.

ARB Liaison, Elise Murray:

- No additions to add to the report provided. [Attachment 9](#) for the full report.

Fairfax City, David Meyer:

- David Meyer noted that Fairfax City is still hopeful to receive funding for the repairs on Old Town Hall.
- The City will be coordinating with the County on the name changes around Lee Highway and Lee Jackson Highway.
- The City also supports the County’s preservation of the Historic Courthouse. David noted recent proposals to develop a property adjacent to the Courthouse.

Announcements

- Mary Lipsey congratulated Barbara Naef on receiving the Mayo Stuntz Award from the Fairfax County Park Authority.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge is officially a docent at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Lynne also provided a few small details about her community involvement in Clifton.
- Sallie Lyons thanks the Commission for their support over the past few weeks following the death of her mother, Allie May Brown, who was known to many on the Commission and was an Fairfax County History Commission event fan.

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Cheryl-Ann Repetti motioned to adjourn the meeting and the meeting adjourned at 10:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer

Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 1/11/22

Attachments:

[Attachment 1](#) – Fairfax County ARB Letter to Supervisor Alcorn and LARCA

[Attachment 2](#) – Treasurer Reports, November and December

[Attachment 3](#) – Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report

[Attachment 4](#) – Virginia Room Staff Report

[Attachment 5](#) – Heritage Resources Staff Report

[Attachment 6](#) – AAHI Committee Report

[Attachment 7](#) – Semiquincentennial Report

[Attachment 8](#) – Markers and Cemetery Committee Reports

[Attachment 9](#) – ARB Commissioner Report

Attachment 1



Fairfax County Architectural Review Board

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November 13, 2021

Walter L. Alcorn,
Hunter Mill District Supervisor
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
1801 Cameron Glen Drive
Reston, VA 20190

George Hadjikyriakou
Association President
Lake Anne of Reston
Condominium Association
Reston, VA 20190

Supervisor Alcorn & Mr. Hadjikyriakou,

As the Chairman of the Fairfax County Architectural Review Board (ARB), I am writing to express the ARB's concerns over the findings of the Lake Anne Infrastructure Cursory Assessment Report, completed this September for the Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services (FCDPWES) at the request of Lake Anne Reston Condominium Association (LARCA). The results of the report highlight an unfortunate situation for Lake Anne Village Center, a Historic District listed in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP) and Fairfax County Historic Overlay District (HOD).

Nationally significant for its social history and architecture, Lake Anne Village Center (Lake Anne) represents the vanguard of our nation's history of planned communities. Showcasing the new town movement, Reston featured social, architectural, and land-use development innovations that would influence planning across the country. As the first village of Reston, Lake Anne represents a first among firsts as the nation's first planned unit community zone, and through its reliance on Reston's founder's seven goals, Lake Anne embodies a history to design and develop an inclusive and lived-in community. While this legacy continues throughout the continued development of Reston, it is hallmarked through the unique architectural gem that is Lake Anne, which the County recognized as a HOD in 1984.

Pursuant to Section 8103.4 of the Zoning Ordinance, the purpose of the ARB is to administer the regulations of HODs (Section 3101) and to advise and assist the Board of Supervisors in its efforts to preserve and protect historic, architectural, and archaeological resources in Fairfax County. The recent report represents a call for action to protect a historic and architectural landmark that is both valuable and vulnerable, and as stewards of the County's heritage resources, we have an opportunity to preserve and enhance Lake Anne for future generations.

The Cursory Assessment Report conducted by Samaha Associates, P.C. recognizes Lake Anne Village Center as a Historic District listed in the NRHP and notes that the “site has restrictions and protections preserving the history that composes Lake Anne[;]” however, the report does not evaluate those recommendations within the appropriate context of historic preservation and Lake Anne’s designation as a HOD, specifically the relevant standards and guidelines that would aid LACRA in future initiatives to address current conditions in a manner that is responsive to resident needs and preservation of a HOD. Additionally, Fairfax County adopted the 2018 Uniform Statewide Building Code, effective July 1, 2021, Part II of which is the 2018 Virginia Existing Building Code; however, the recent report does not address which building code was used in identifying compliance issues and proposed remedies. This is particularly relevant as the International Existing Building Code accommodations for existing buildings equally apply to historic buildings like Lake Anne. Further, the report does not make recommendations for financial preservation incentives potentially available to National Register properties, such as grants, and critically, Federal and State Rehabilitation Tax Credit Programs.

In response to these deficiencies, the ARB, through the aid of the County’s contracting authorities, has sought quotes for the development of a supplemental report to expand on the Cursory Assessment Report. This supplemental report will assess the findings of the original through the lens of historic preservation, including the application of the *Secretary of the Interior’s Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties*, the guidelines the ARB uses when evaluating all land development and construction projects proposed within a HOD, to which many of the identified repairs to Lake Anne would be subject. This information will be critical in aiding in applications submitted for review to the ARB. Additionally, the supplemental report would highlight how the application of these standards could then be utilized to seek financial incentives in the form of tax credits, which would not be available if techniques harmful to Lake Anne’s historic character were utilized. The range of estimates provide suggest such a study would range from \$10,000 to 12,000. While the ARB is willing to lend its support to seeing a supplemental report completed, our limited budget would require us to seek assistance from other sources, including, but not limited to, LARCA, the Department of Planning and Development (DPD); FCDPWES; other County Boards, Authorities, and Commissions; the Board of Supervisors (BOS); and other state and local preservation partners.

More broadly, I highly recommend Fairfax County emphasize training for relevant staff in the updated building codes and their application, specifically the sections for existing and historic buildings as noted above. These sections are less well known among architects and code officials due to a focus on new construction. However, the retention of existing building stock, historic and otherwise is critical to long-term goals of resiliency and sustainability – the greenest building is one that is already built. Moreover, it would be prudent for the County to consider having a code official dedicated to historic buildings like other surrounding municipalities.

In addition to these above efforts, the ARB, with the assistance of DPD staff, have engaged the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (VDHR) to discuss various opportunities and incentives that LARCA and the County may avail themselves of to assist in allaying the costs and challenges facing future repairs at Lake Anne. These include grant opportunities that LACRA, the County, and others might apply for as well as training opportunities for financial incentives such as tax credits. In concert with these efforts and as part of its efforts to preserve

historic buildings and sites in the County and assist in the review of applications in HODs, the ARB offers its assistance through the expertise of its membership, which includes architects, historians, and experts from other preservation fields. I urge LARCA and the County, where appropriate, to seek our membership's advice and counsel in any initiatives that might be formed to aid Lake Anne.

Invoking "The Dedication of Reston" by Anne Simon, "Reston is sturdy. Belief in the human potential governs its every innovation." Lake Anne is sturdy, and the human potential found in Fairfax County can rise to meet the challenge presented here today. I hope LACRA and the County will rise to this call with the ARB and agree that the protection and preservation of Lake Anne is of importance to the people of Fairfax County.

Should you have any questions or if would like to discuss this further, please feel free to contact me, or follow up with Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development (FCDPD) staff.

Sincerely,



Christopher Daniel
Chairperson, ARB

Cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Barbara Byron, FCDPD
Leanna O'Donnell, FCDPD
Laura Arseneau, FCDPD
Denice Dressel, FCDPD
Christopher S. Herrington, Director, FCDPWES
Cheryl Repetti, Chairman, Fairfax County History Commission
David Edwards, Director, VDHR Community Services Division
Megan Melinat, Director, VDHR Preservation Incentives Division
Elizabeth S. Kostelny, Chief Executive Officer Preservation Virginia,
Reston Museum
Reston Association
ARB members

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Treasurer Report November 3, 2021**

FOCUS Account as of October 27, 2021
Beginning balance: September 29, 2021 \$ 63,922.18119

Revenue:

9/29/2021 Budget adjustment \$ 3.17
9/30/2021 Interest \$ 1.61
10/14/2021 Proffer - Buckman Rd \$ 2,700.00

Expenses:

10/26/2021 Bank service fee \$ 6.22

Ending balance: October 27, 2021 \$ 66,620.74191.21

Park Authority/History Conference Account
Balance carryover \$ 1,899.81

Submitted by: Barbara Peters, FCHC Treasurer

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Submitted by: Barbara Peters, FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 3

**Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division
History Commission Updates
December 2021
Location: Winchester, VA**

Museum Collections

- The Museum Collections artiFACTS blog for November, highlighting a free frank envelope from 1792, was posted. [PSA. Blog.](#)
- The Museum Collections Manager attended a day-long conference, Inalienable Rights: Free and Enslaved Blacks Crafting a Life in the Shenandoah Valley, on November 13th.

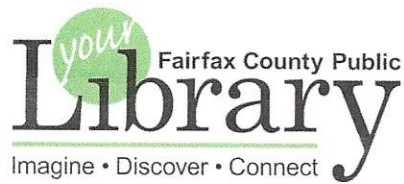
Volunteers HSVC

- A landscape clean-up event was held on November 13th at Mount Air.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- The application period for the curatorship of **Margaret White Gardens** closed November 10th. RCP staff received two applications which are currently under administrative review.
- The application period for the curatorship of **Ash Grove** closed November 17th. No applications were submitted.

Attachment 4



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

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- A new online guide was created that spotlights Fairfax County Black History resources available in the Virginia Room. The page highlights relevant books, school yearbooks, oral histories, manuscript and photograph collections, and subject files. It is not an exhaustive list and will continuously be updated. It is accessible online here:
<https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/local-history/black-history>
- Finding aids created for newly accessible collections in November include:
 - **Dunn Loring, Virginia Survey Collection**
This collection contains 2,660 color and black and white photographic slides spanning the years 1961-1998. Subjects consist of homes, churches, people, events, building exteriors and interiors, documents, portraits, and landscapes significant to Fairfax County's history. The collection is the result of donations by various photographers, both private individuals and county departments, although very few have been identified.
https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/ld.php?content_id=64492357
 - **The Photographic Archive of Fairfax County, Virginia - The Slide Collection**
This collection consists of 299 color photographic slides dating from 1988. They document houses, both contemporary and historic, in Dunn Loring, Virginia. None of the slides have identifying information on them. It is unknown if the full survey conducted by the Fairfax County Office of Comprehensive Planning Heritage Resources Branch was ever completed.
https://research.fairfaxcounty.gov/ld.php?content_id=64435620

Historic Overlay Districts

- **Hollin Hills Potential HOD, Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE** - Supervisor Storck requested the at community be polled about the potential establishment of the HOD before the staff report is published. The neighborhood poll has been completed and the survey results are being processed. Planning Commission and BOS public hearings are TBD until the survey results are completed. Once the staff report is published, and before the public hearings, staff will be presenting to the History Commission the Plan and Zoning Amendments for the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District. Further information on the study and community meetings can be found here: [Hollin Hills HOD webpage](#) or by contacting [Laura Arseneau](#).
- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Providence District** – The workgroup got started again in November, reviewing homes for contributing status to the historic character of the neighborhood. A workgroup meeting is scheduled for December 15 at 6:30pm where we will be discussing the revised design guidelines. Public hearings for this plan amendment have not been scheduled. More information can be found on the [Holmes Run Acres HOD project webpage](#) or by contacting [Denice Dressel](#).
- **Gum Springs Study, Potential HOD, Mount Vernon District** – The Gum Springs Citizens Advisory Small Group completed revising the draft scope of work and proposal evaluation criteria and will be meeting with the larger group of community leaders in December. Staff will continue to meet and work with the Small Group to identify consultants to solicit with the Request for Proposals (RFP) to complete a comprehensive survey for the Gum Springs community. **Background:** This project is being funded by a carryover budget request made by Supervisor Storck last year. Staff is working on creating a webpage for this project and will provide that link once created. If you would like additional information, please contact [Denice Dressel](#).

Survey Efforts

- **Lorton Visioning Study (Plan Amendment 2021-IV-LP1), Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE.** Staff has completed the archival review and conducted a windshield survey of the study area in October. We are in the process of compiling and analyzing our findings and will report to the History Commission once complete. Thank you to the Mount Vernon History Commission representatives for their input. **Background:** The County is undertaking the Lorton Visioning 2040 study to bolster the sense of place within the Lorton community over the next 20 years. More information about the project can be found on the project's webpage, [Lorton Visioning Study](#), or contact [Denice Dressel](#).
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide – NO UPDATE.** Staff met recently with representatives from VDHR and the consultants selected to conduct the survey, Hanbury Preservation Consulting. This is the same group that conducted the Reston architectural survey, which was very well received. Archival research followed by

field work will begin soon. **Background:** DHR will provide \$9,650 to match the county's offer of \$20,500 for a project budget of \$31,150. Heritage Resources' staff would again like to thank the History Commission for their support - through their monetary pledge of \$7,500, letters of support, and individual member's reviews of the research. Staff would like to note the Architectural Review Board's support of a monetary pledge of \$5,000 and letters of support, as well as DPD's support of \$8,000 towards the survey. Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) for more information about the project.

- **Reston Architectural Survey, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE.** The draft of the Heritage Resources section of the Comprehensive Plan text from the Task Force is still under review. It is staff's understanding that the History Commission will have an opportunity to review the draft at some point in the future. **Background:** Chris Daniel, Chair of the Architectural Review Board, is a member of the Reason Master Plan Task Force. Staff has been working with Mr. Daniel to craft language and draft maps to include in the Reston Master Plan update. The results of the [Reston Architectural Survey Report](#) were presented to the Reston Master Plan Task Force on May 10th. The task force is now working with staff to incorporate this information into the Comprehensive Plan where it can be used as a planning tool. More information can be found on the [Reston Area Study webpage](#). Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) if you have any questions.

National Register Nominations

- **Pride of Fairfax National Register Nomination, Mount Vernon District –** The Pride of Fairfax Lodge #298 National Register nomination will be considered at the Next Quarterly Meeting of the Virginia Board of Historic Resources & State Review Board, December 9, 2021, at Halsey Lecture Hall, Virginia Museum of History and Culture, Richmond, Virginia. This project is being partially funded by a Certified Local Government Grant DPD received from the state. Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) with any questions.

NHPA Section 106 Reviews

- **Soapstone Connector/Association Drive Office Complex, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE.** Staff received draft Memorandum of Agreement from FHWA/FCDOT to respond to the adverse effects of the federally-funded project on the historic district. Staff feels that the MOA is a good start, but that the public history component of the proposed mitigation is insufficient. **Background:** During the Consulting Parties meeting, staff suggested HABS documentation of the buildings and HALS documentation of the cultural landscape, interpretive signage, and a public history interpretative display such as a website, or a traveling library display. Responses are due back to FCDOT by Tuesday, September 7, 2021.

Other Items

- **Inventory of Historic Sites Webpage Revisions –** On November 8, staff met with the Inventory Committee, Elise Murray to discuss changes to the webpage Ms. Murray has

suggested to receive input and further clarification. Those changes have been made to Ms. Murray's satisfaction.

- **History Commission Bylaws Revisions – NO UPDATE.** The Office of the County Attorney is reviewing the revisions to both the History Commission bylaws and the Architectural Review Board bylaws. The bylaws will be moved forward to the Board at a date TBD.
- **Historic Courthouse, Providence District – NO UPDATE.** Staff met with representatives from Capital Facilities to discuss the demolition of the non-historic wings of the courthouse. At that time, Capital Facilities representatives indicated that they were aware of issues that had been identified and were a concern and they were looking for a funding source to address the issues. Staff recommended that they present the demolition proposal to both the ARB and the History Commission. The History Commission will be updated as staff receives information to share. **Background:** A tour was being planned for the History Commission and ARB for some time in the future, once in-person meetings have resumed, to learn about the history and the resources at the Courthouse, and to discuss some of the pressing repair and interventions the building needs. Heather Bollinger, Historic Records Manager, and I discussed scheduling the tour the day of a regularly scheduled meeting, prior to the meeting start time and wanted to get the Commission's input. Dates TBD.

Development Reviews

- **PCA 81-C-111 (Zelinger Family Trust), Hunter Mill District – 1902/1904 Aubrey Place Court** – The Board of Supervisors held a Public Hearing on the Proffered Condition Amendment for the c. 1924 bungalow at 1902/1904 Aubrey Place Court. The applicant did not wish to place the house on the Inventory. However, they did agree to add to the proffer that the house was being retained "...because of contribution to the history of Fairfax County," and a new proffer was added which states, "Should the existing house on the Property be nominated to the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites by others, the Applicant will cooperate in the process and provide access for a survey of the house." Thank you to the History Commission for their letter of support for staff's recommendations that the applicant nominate the house to the County's Inventory of History Sites and reaffirm the original proffer to preserve the house, adding its historic significance as a factor.
- **SEA 880V-064-05 Original Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon District** – This is the first application received under the new Zoning Standard: Alternative Use of Historic Buildings which allows the Board to consider a special exception to allow certain nonresidential uses in historic structures listed on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites. All applications that include exterior modifications to the structure or site are to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The proposed uses for the project include Early Childhood Education Center, Gymnasium, Teen and Senior Center, non-profit programs with a focus on education, career and workforce development, and financial literacy, education, culinary incubation, business incubation, visual and performing arts, commercial kitchen for education and to serve building uses, and flexible community use spaces. This project will be using federal and state Historic Tax Credits.

AAHI Meeting November 9, 2021

Discussion was held about templates and possible inconsistencies. We agreed to ask the GMU students about the possibility at our next meeting.

Templates need to be edited prior to sending them to GMU Students.

Denice Dressel informed the committee that the county attorney did not see any problem with using a GMU site, as long as credit is given with any photos that may be used. We agreed that we did not intend to use photos.

We did not schedule a meeting for next month.

GMU Capstone Meeting November 15, 2021

Students are examining various sites in GMU as possible host for inventory.

Commissioners Ford and Lipsey were requested to submit a photo and bio for the student's presentations,

They also requested edited templates ASAP. They will be giving a presentation at GMU prior to Holiday break.

The students felt that they could handle any inconsistencies between templates.

They agreed that they could give a virtual presentation about the project to a History Commission meeting in the New Year.

The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 29.

Attachment 7

History Commission
Semiquincentennial Report
December 1, 2021

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair
State Commission

1. The Commission has hired an Executive Director of Virginia250 and a public announcement will be made next week.
2. An advisory committee, with representatives from throughout the Commonwealth, is being established. The selection will be made by March.
3. The Commission is requesting \$15M from the 2023 State budget.
4. The next meeting is planned for January 21 at 10 a.m. in Richmond.

Fairfax County Workgroup – a meeting has not been held since October 4, nothing new to report.

History Commission Committee

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

Attachment 8

Commissioner Lipsey Committee

Reports

History Marker Contest

1. New name History Marker Project
2. A small group plans to meet to create framework for the project
3. Residents will be encouraged to share life stories by submitting info online or by being interviewed at county club houses
4. Submissions can be made through a new website that describes the project, interviews, and inventory.

Markers

1. The Civil War at Frying Pan Meeting House Marker needs repainting
2. The repainting will cost \$800
3. Have contacted the Park Authority about dismantling the marker. The pole will remain. The marker text section needs to be strapped to a pallet and pick up arranged. The foundry, Sewah Studios, is financially responsible for pick-up and delivery. The whole process will take 8-12 weeks.
4. There are five markers in draft form. Each are in different stages of completion.
 - a. Pleasant Grove - waiting on FMD and VDOT agreeing on maintenance agreement
 - b. Dranesville Tavern
 - c. contraband camps
 - d. Annandale United Methodist
 - e. Wiley's Tavern
5. Is it possible to have an online submission for draft text and accompanying documentation for History Commission markers?

6. Can History Commission be held responsible for maintenance of CWT markers?

The Board of Supervisors, acting through the Fairfax County History Commission ("HC"), is **unlikely to be held responsible for the maintenance of the Civil War Trails, Inc. ("CWT")** signs installed by the Sesquicentennial Committee ("Fairfax County SC" from any

statements made by the Fairfax County SC that the property owners would not have to pay for maintenance.

The Board of Supervisors, acting through the HC, is unlikely to be held responsible for any statements based on any oral statement or written contract. I will preface this statement, however, that this is a general overview of what would likely happen in Court, but each marker will have to be analyzed on a case-by-case basis – I've noted this in the attached charts, but some easements were not fully executed and others were signed by members of the HC on behalf of CWT and may, therefore, be invalid. **Each marker will therefore have to be analyzed individually and this may vary the response.**

Cemetery Committee

November 13 Jermantown Cemetery had a group of 40+ doing a clean up , painting a metal fence around a family plot, and mapping and recording information on gravestones. Several descendants were there and participated in the clean up and helped locate burials.

Wreath making for Jermantown Cemetery and Sons and Daughters at Pine Ridge Park will take place December 11 and wreath laying December 18th.

Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation Association is organizing a consortium of cemetery preservation groups in Northern Virginia. First virtual meeting is planned for February or March.

Attachment 9

**Architectural Review Board Report
November 10, 2021 Webex Meeting**

Consent Items: None

Action Items

Approved: Sign Permit for GOPCHANG STORY BBQ restaurant, located at 13830 Lee Highway Ste 17, in the **Centreville Historic Overlay District**. The applicant is proposing a sign for a new restaurant. Anthony Han represents the application. **Sully District.**

Approved: Langley Ordinary addition, located at 1101 Chain Bridge Road, in the **LangleyFork Overlay District**. Applicant is submitting for approval the final construction drawings with materials and specifications, as stipulated in the approval for the conceptual development proposal ARB 20-LFK-01. Doug DeLuca represents the application. **Dranesville District.**

Approved Wellington at River Farm Design Guidelines, located at 7931 East Boulevard Dr. Laura Arseneau of Fairfax County Planning Division represents the proposed guidelines. **Mount Vernon District.**

Workshops

TESLA Solar Roof, located at 9105 Power House Rd. in the **Lorton Correctional Complex**. Applicant is submitting for workshop of TESLA Solar Roof system, roof vent pipe, and fan exhaust upgrade. Daniel Halstead represents the application. **Mount Vernon District.**

Screened porch with deck, stairs, and stone patio, located at 9393 Quadrangle St. in the **Lorton Correctional Complex**. Applicant is submitting for workshop of screened porch, deck, stairs, and stone patio in the Liberty subdivision. John Burton represents the application. **Mount Vernon District.**

Presentation: None