

**Fairfax County History Commission  
Electronic Meeting  
June 1, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on June 1, 2022.

**Call to Order**

**1. Audibility of Members' Voices**

The Chair called the June 1, 2022 meeting to order at 7:30 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:**

Cheryl-Ann Repetti, *Chair*  
Mary Lipsey  
Gretchen Bulova  
Carole Herrick  
Barbara Naef  
Anne Stuntz  
Phyllis Walker Ford  
Barbara Peters  
Sallie Lyons\*  
Tammy Mannarino  
Sue Kovach Shuman  
Jenee Lindner  
Jordan Tannenbaum  
Esther McCullough\*\*  
Robert "Bob" Beach  
Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Vice Chair*  
David Meyer

**Location:**

Sully  
Braddock  
Braddock  
McLean  
Reston  
Vienna  
Clifton  
Annandale  
Colchester  
Mt. Vernon  
Mantua  
Springfield  
Springfield  
Sully  
Fairfax  
Clifton  
City of Fairfax

**Commissioners Excused:**

Steve Sherman, *Secretary*

Subhi Mehdi

Elise Murray

Anne Barnes

*\*Joined by phone (voice-only)*

*\*\*Joined after roll call*

*(!) Technical difficulties*

**County Liaisons Present:**

Denice Dressel, Heritage Resources and Plan Development Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Aimee Wells, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Christopher Barbuschak, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library; Sarah Petroff, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

**Staff Present:**

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to Vice Chair Lynne Garvey-Hodge that she might 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 seconded by Anne Stuntz and 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 973 841 133#.*

The motion was seconded by Barbara Naef and 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 seconded by Jordan Tannenbaum and passed unanimously. The gavel was passed back to the Chair.

### **Approval of the May 4, 2022 Minutes**

**A motion was made by Jordan Tannenbaum to approve the May 4, 2022 History Commission Meeting Minutes:**

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

**The motion was seconded by Lynne Garvey-Hodge and passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending May 25, 2022. See [Attachment 1](#) for the May report.

### **Staff Reports**

#### Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB program and staff updates. See [Attachment 2](#) for the staff report.

#### Heritage Conservation Branch, Sarah Petroff:

- Sarah Petroff, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave program and staffing updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. Updates included operation and maintenance, Historic Sites Volunteer Corps, and the Resident Curator Program. See [Attachment 3](#) for the staff report.
  - Anne Stuntz commented that she and her husband attended the two open houses at the Clark/Enyedi and Stempson properties and really enjoyed the event.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked about the status of the Lahey Lost Valley house and the mold issue in the detached artist cottage on the property.
    - Sarah explained that the house is experiencing some foundational issues with water intrusion. The Heritage Conservation Branch is working with the ACB to develop a long-term strategy to correct the problem.
    - Regarding the mold in the artist cottage, Sarah explained that the Branch is strategizing a solution that solves both problems simultaneously, considering the mold is also stemming from water intrusion.
    - Aimee Wells noted that there are dehumidifiers running in the property to minimize the moisture, and that the artist studio has improved significantly.



- Jenee Lindner asked about the status of the Marybrook property.
  - Sarah explained that the property is currently in the Branch's review process for consideration for the Resident Curator Program.
  - A brief discussion ensued regarding the condition of the property, transference of the property to Fairfax County, and a ceremony to honor the late property owner, Winifred Meiselman.

Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak:

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library gave staff and program updates regarding the Virginia Room. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.
  - Additionally, Christopher announced that the Fairfax County Historical Society held their first meeting since November, 2019. Sue Kovach Shuman is the new President and Carole Herrick is the new Vice President of the Society.

Heritage Resources, Denice Dressel:

- Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development gave project and program updates, including historic overlay districts, surveys, National Register nominations, and approved bylaws. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.
  - Cheryl Repetti and Denice expressed their appreciation for the Commissioners who joined the Board of Supervisors meeting to answer any questions regarding the bylaws.

**Unfinished Business**

Fairfax County Courthouse, Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Sue Kovach Shuman provided a short update regarding the conditions at the Fairfax Historic Courthouse. WRA, the site contractor, was authorized to survey the exterior conditions at the site at the end of May and provide more details about the issues. There are not any further details regarding the public-private partnership at this time.
  - Jenee Lindner mentioned an issue with the partnership and asked to have a more in-depth conversation with Sue about it.
  - David Meyer discussed funding for the project with Joe Mondoro, Chief of Staff to Supervisor Palchik. Although the final costs of the repairs are not yet known, Joe reassured David that the funding for the project will be secured.

**New Business**

Annual Financial Review, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti discussed the annual process of forming a Financial Committee and the role of the Committee.
  - As stipulated in the Commission's bylaws, the Committee and the Treasurer must review the Commission's financial records and provide a report to the

Commission within two months of the close of the fiscal year, which is June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Committee must consist of four regular members from the Commission, excluding the Treasurer.

- Cheryl then opened the floor for discussion and for volunteers:
  - Cheryl Repetti volunteered to serve and requested three more volunteers.
  - Anne Stuntz volunteered to serve on the Committee.
  - Tammy Mannarino suggested overlapping members with the Budget Committee for continuity and familiarity with the Commission's financial standings.

Non-Commission Members on Standing Committees, Jordan Tannenbaum:

- Jordan Tannenbaum presented a proposal to amend the bylaws to allow non-Commission members of the public to serve on the History Commission's standing committees. The proposal is a strategy for the History Commission to increase public participation in the duties and activities of the Commission, while drawing upon public expertise across the County. Additionally, this could allow members of the public that may be interested in serving as a commissioner to gain experience working with the Commission first.
  - Currently, the bylaws only allow Commission members to serve on standing committees. Jordan and Denice Dressel met with Assistant County Attorney Martin (Marty) Desjardins regarding this idea, and Marty agreed that the Commission would need to amend the bylaws to allow for non-Commission members to serve on standing committees.
- Jordan opened the floor for discussion and a consideration for a motion.
  - Barbara Peters asked about the involvement of Mike Irwin serving on a committee following his resignation from the History Commission.
  - Anne Stuntz explained that her interpretation of the bylaws was that they specified five standing committees (the Executive, Financial Review, Budget, Bylaws, and the Nominations Committees). Those five were specified as commissioner-only committees because of their administrative duties. In Anne's interpretation, the public can serve on any committee beyond those five.
    - Additionally, Anne noted that the bylaws allow for the public to serve on Committees in official advisory capacities.
    - Denice Dressel clarified that the language of the clause in the bylaws reads "*shall include, but not be limited to the following.*" Therefore, the standing committees include those five, but could include the other active committees.
    - Anne Stuntz and Denice acknowledged the ambiguity around what constitutes a standing committee for the Commission and Denice noted that ad hoc committees were created in the past for specific functions.
  - Denice reiterated the Assistant County Attorney's opinion that the bylaws would need to be amended to allow for non-commission members to serve *as members* on these Committees. Currently, guests or subject-matter experts are able to provide their input to the Committees.
  - For further clarification, Cheryl Repetti read the language of the bylaws.
  - Tammy Mannarino stated that she likes this idea, but has a number of questions regarding specific aspects, including whether these participants are counted in a



quorum, do they have voting power, is there a limit of the number of non-Committee participants, how are they vetted and approved, etc.

- Jordan Tannenbaum responded by stating that if the Commission approves this, then a process can be developed around their involvement.
- Jenee Lindner spoke in support of this idea and discussed her personal experience providing her input as a non-Commission member on a few of the Committees prior to her appointment on the Commission.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that past involvement of non-Commission members has been allowed because all the Committee meetings are open to the public. Lynne emphasized that voting privileges and self-representation in the community are two important aspects to determine for non-Committee members.
- Sue Kovach Shuman voiced her support for the amendment.
- David Meyer voiced his support and provided a perspective of how the City of Fairfax allows committee participation from members of the community.
- Cheryl Repetti noted that to amend the bylaws, the proposed amendment must be given at a prior regular meeting and passed with two-thirds vote of approval.
- Barbara Naef suggested a task force be created to review the questions raised in the discussion of the proposed changes to the bylaws.
  - Further discussion ensued regarding the language of standing committee members in the bylaws.

**Barbara Naef made the following motion:**

*I move that the History Commission appoint a working group to consider all the ramification of having non-Commissioners serving on our committees.*

**Lynne Garvey-Hodge seconded the motion.**

- An open discussion was opened in regards to the motion.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge and Cheryl Repetti clarified that the meetings are open to the public, but this idea is regarding public participation on the Committees.
  - Tammy Mannarino clarified the definition of “ramifications” in the motion with Barbara Naef.

**The motion was called to a vote and passed unanimously.**

- Jordan Tannenbaum agreed to lead the working group, with assistance from Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Tammy Mannarino, Jenee Lindner, and David Meyer.

**Committee Reports**

Inventory Committee, Tammy Mannarino:

- Tammy Mannarino provided a summary of the last Inventory Committee meeting. See [Attachment 6](#) for the Committee Report.

Awards Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge provided updates regarding the current standings of the nominations.
  - Lynne asked Denice Dressel for clarity around the process of giving Fairfax Heritage Awards to public officials (specifically educators/and employees of FCPS).
  - Lynne checked in with Carole Herrick regarding a nomination from last year.
  - Lynne will have a summary of the Award submissions forwarded to the committee members by the end of the month.

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge reviewed the conference speakers and conference format. See [Attachment 7](#) for the draft conference agenda.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge requested graphics for the conference materials from all members who helped secure presenters as soon as possible.
  - Cheryl Repetti confirmed that the Save the Date was posted on the History Commission website. It was noted that the submission date was not changed on the site for 2022.
- During the announcements at the end of the meeting, Lynne noted that the next History Conference Committee meeting will take place on June 22, 2022 at 7:30 pm via Microsoft Teams.
- Additionally, Lynne Garvey-Hodge gave an update regarding Naomi Zeavin and requested that Commission members reach out to her directly by post mail.

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford:

- Phyllis Walker Ford provided updates regarding the African American History Inventory (AAHI) Committee. See [Attachment 8](#) for the Committee Report.
  - The Committee sent out letters of appreciation to the GMU Capstone students and to the professor. The Committee continues to work with Fenwick Library and the project team leader to draft a Memorandum of Understanding for hosting the site.
- Mary Lipsey clarified the process of the MOU.
  - Jenee Lindner asked about the involvement of a specific GMU professor.

Semiquincentennial Commemoration, Gretchen Bulova:

- Gretchen Bulova provided updates regarding the Semiquincentennial Commemoration at the state and county levels. See [Attachment 9](#) for the Semiquincentennial Report.
  - The main workgroup meeting was rescheduled for June 29, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Annual Report, Anne Stuntz:



- The Annual Report Committee met on May 19. Tammy Mannarino reported that the Annual Report was included in the submitted materials for the Board of Supervisors meeting on June 28<sup>th</sup>. Cheryl Repetti will present the contents of the Annual Report at that meeting and Commissioners are encouraged to attend.
  - Denice Dressel requested that the presentation be forwarded to her once it is finalized so she is able to assist during the Board of Supervisors presentation.
  - Mary Lipsey commended the Commissioners who worked on the Annual Report and the presentation.

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz reviewed the Advocacy Committee meeting from May 19 and specifically discussed the efforts by Commissioners to engage with the public at community events across the county. Anne requested that the Commissioners let the Advocacy Committee know about events in their communities so that the History Commission can increase public outreach.
  - Carole Herrick noted that she recently attended McLean Day and handed out History Commission brochures.
  - Sue Kovach Shuman gave a short update on the Tinner Hill Festival.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey gave brief updates regarding the Frying Pan Meetinghouse marker and the County Historical Marker Project. See [Attachment 10](#) for Committee Report.
  - Tammy Mannarino asked if Mary knew when the results of the Marker Project will be announced. Mary answered that there is not an exact date, but results are expected to be announced sometime in July.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey gave a review of the activities of the Cemetery Preservation Committee for the month of April. See [Attachment 10](#) for the full Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough noted that there is nothing to report from the Ethnic and Oral History Committee this month. The one interview that was scheduled for May was postponed and the next round of interviews will happen in the upcoming quarter.

Resident Curator Program, Robert "Bob" Beach:

- Bob Beach did not have anything additional to add to the program update from the Heritage Conservation Branch staff report.

Fairfax City, David Meyer:



- David Meyer provided an update of history-related matters in Fairfax City, including an upcoming vote by the City Council to change Confederate-related names and the restoration progress on Old Town Hall. Additionally, the City is doing a building inventory update to Fairfax City Historic District for the National Park Service.
  - Jenee Lindner noted Fairfax High School's recent graduation and Esther McCullough noted the conclusion of the recent high-profile trial in Fairfax City.

Website Coordination, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti announced that the Conference Save the Date and the Tinner Hill Festival are both live on the History Commission website.

**Announcements**

- Jordan Tannenbaum provided an update to the Section 106 process regarding an exception request from tribal leaders for electric vehicle equipment from the Federal Government.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge noted that she received a response from Chairman McKay regarding the request for Collections facilities to preserve the natural and cultural heritage. Lynne read the Chairman's response to the Commission. See [Attachment 11](#) for the correspondence between the History Commission and Chairman McKay.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge will perform as Angel Grimké at the Fort Stevens Recreation Center at Fort Stevens Day on July 16.
- Anne Stuntz announced that Liberty Amendments Month will be happening for four weeks beginning June 18, 2022.
- David Meyer noted that Fairfax City is considering a complementary Amendments celebration for June, 2023.
- David Meyer also noted a discussion that took place about solar panel infrastructure in the Fairfax City Historic District.
- Mary Lipsey noted that she attended a remembrance ceremony to honor six Fort Belvoir soldiers who were killed in an accident while doing community service. The community has been working to improve the memorial that honors those six soldiers.
- Barbara Naef offered a presentation on the CNI and the AAHI to a lifelong learning group at Barbara's church.

***Cheryl-Ann Repetti adjourned the meeting at 9:41 p.m.***

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Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer

Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary  
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 7/19/22

**Attachments**

[Attachment 1](#): Treasurer's Report, June

[Attachment 2](#): Archaeology and Collection Branch Staff Report

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

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

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

[Attachment 6](#): Inventory Committee Report

[Attachment 7](#): Revised History Conference Draft Agenda

[Attachment 8](#): African American History Inventory Committee Report

[Attachment 9](#): Semiquincentennial Report

[Attachment 10](#): Markers and Cemetery Preservation Committee Reports

[Attachment 11](#): Collections Facilities Correspondence between Chairman McKay



Fairfax County History Commission  
Treasurer Report June 1, 2022

Fairfax County Account as of May 25, 2022

Beginning balance: April 25, 2022 \$55,638.1811

Revenue:

1/31/2022 Interest \$5.47

Budget adjustment \$ 5.47

Expenses:

5/10/2022 Minutes for December 2021 - Meyer \$ 450.

5/10/2022 FICA & Medicare \$ 34.43

Ending balance: May 25, 2022 \$55,164.691.2

Park Authority/History Conference Account

Actual FY2021 balance carryover was \$2,351.15

Interest \$.97, so \$2,352.12

Available balance now after 2021 expenses paid: \$2,022.12

Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman  
FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 2

**Date:** 26 May 2022  
**To:** Fairfax County History Commission  
**From:** Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Resource Management Division  
**Subject:** May meeting, staff report

- ACB staff continues to survey the upland ridges at Riverbend Park when weather allows.
- ABC staff continues to test and refine both a public and staff cemetery survey reporting application and associated database.
- ACB will be partnering with the Fairfax Genealogical Society to review and where possible digitize their archival cemetery survey records.
- ACB staff conducted internal training on identifying and classifying quartz debitage (the remains of stone tool making) which is the most common artifact type found in Fairfax County.
- ACB staff assisted the placement of a memorial bench at Hidden Pond Park.
- ACB staff has inventoried and improved the filing system of their internal library of archaeological reports and research materials. They have begun the process of scanning reports that the VA Department of Historic Resources does not have in their database.



Attachment 3

**Heritage Conservation Branch  
Resource Management Division  
History Commission Updates  
June 2022  
Location: Vienna, VA**

**Operations and Maintenance**

- Wood window repairs at Ash Grove and White Gardens have started and will go through July 2022, with funds awarded through the Environmental Improvement Program for Historic House Efficiency Improvements.
- Recent approval with engineering company TMG will allow work to begin at Dranesville Tavern to repair termite damage.

**Historic Sites Volunteer Corps**

- Due to poor weather, our May event is now rescheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> and will be a landscape clean-up at Fairfax Arms.

**Resident Curator Program Updates**

- A pre-construction meeting was held at Ellmore Farmhouse by the curator, ServiceSource and its contractor. Work will begin this summer, pending County permit approvals, with plans to complete all improvements within 6-12 months.
- Over the past several weeks, the Park Authority has received many comments and questions about the Resident Curator Program (RCP) proposal for White Gardens. The deadline for the public comment closed after Friday, May 13th, 2022. A Frequently Asked Questions document and recordings of previous RCP evaluation team meetings are available on the RCP website: [White Gardens | Park Authority \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/park-authority/white-gardens-rfp)
- We proceeded with scheduling two open house events on May 28, 2022 at the Clark/Enyedi property and the Stempson property. The resident curators provided tours of the properties and discussions about their work and involvement with the Resident Curator Program.

Attachment 4



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

**June 2022**

- The Virginia Room's Court Public Access Network (CPAN) terminal is now officially available for free usage to the public. Researchers can access Fairfax County Circuit Court records from 1742-present.
- Applications for the Virginia Room manager position closed on May 13<sup>th</sup>.
- School yearbooks from Annandale, Fairfax, Falls Church, Herndon, Lake Braddock, Langley, Lee, Madison, Mount Vernon, Oakton, Robinson, Stuart, and Woodson high schools are being sent out for digitization as part of the Library of Virginia's yearbook scanning program.
- A member of the Dancin' Unlimited Jazz Dance Company donated records from 2005-2015. The company initially formed in 1973 as the Dance Theatre Company of Northern Virginia.



**Staff Report: DRAFT**

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**Historic Overlay Districts**

- **Holmes Run Acres Potential HOD, Mason District** –The next workgroup meeting is scheduled for June 15, 2022, at 6:30pm via Teams. Staff will be concluding our work with the workgroup and preparing for a community wide meeting in late July. 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, Mount Vernon District** – Working with a small group of community leaders, staff has prepared a Request for Proposal (RFP) to hire a consultant to conduct a cultural resources study for the Gum Springs Community. The RFP is under review and should be released for response in the near future.  
**Background:** This project is being funded by a carryover budget request made by Supervisor Storck last year. If you would like additional information, please contact [Denice Dressel](#).

**Survey Efforts**

- **Modern Architectural Survey, County Wide** – Staff received notification last week that our request was fully funded through Virginia Department of Historic Resources' (VDHR) Cost Share Grant program. The survey should get underway sometime in early fall 2022. **Background:** On April 1, 2022, staff submitted the application to the (VDHR) to their Cost Share grant program for a county-wide selective survey of mid-century architectural resources. This application was truly a team effort, with the History Commission supporting the required matching funding along with the ARB; the Virginia Room assisting in the identification of the resources to be surveyed; and the Virginia Chapter of the AIA assisting in drafting the background context and scope for the survey. A total of 18 districts and 167 individual resources were identified, bringing the total estimated cost down to \$42,200. Staff thanks the History Commission for its continued, generous support of \$7500 in matching funds. The Architectural Review Board also pledged \$7500. The Department of Planning and Development will contribute \$15,000. Our final request to DHR for funding amounted to \$16,200. This will also include DHR's support in administering the survey.
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide** – VDHR recently granted the consultant a brief extension to complete the survey and report on the county's African American historic resources. A public information meeting is planned for the end of July to share the results of the survey with the community. **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. 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** – Staff recently shared with History Commission members that The Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298 nomination was approved and is now National Register Listed. It was shown on the listing of approved nominations in April 2022. **Background:** On December 9, 2021, the Virginia Board of Historic Resources & State Review Board approved listing the Pride of Fairfax County Lodge #298 in the Virginia Landmarks Register and recommended the nomination to the National Park Service for listing in the National Register of Historic Places. This project was partially funded by a Certified Local Government Grant DPD received from VDHR. Please contact [Denice Dressel](#) with any questions.
- **Wolf Trap National Park Historic District, Dranesville District – NO UPDATE.**

### **NHPA Section 106 Reviews**

- **McMillen Farm Mitigation, Dranesville District – NO UPDATE.** Anne Stuntz, representing the History Commission, and staff have been in further contact with Dovetail Consulting concerning the interpretive installation called for in the MOA which resulted from the Section 106 Consultation process with the developer, the Army Corps of Engineers, SHPO, the History Commission, and the County.
- **Soapstone Connector/Association Drive Office Complex, Hunter Mill District – NO UPDATE.** Staff recently reached out to FCDOT for an update on the draft MOA. FCDOT indicated that they are planning to hold a Public Information Meeting this spring, possibly this month, to present the draft MOA. **Background:** 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. 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.

### **Other Items**

- **History Commission Bylaws Revisions** –The Board approved the updated History Commission bylaws at its May 10, 2022, meeting with one revision – to remove the reference to Honorary Members serving without compensation.
- **Historic Courthouse, Providence District** – DPWES informed Courthouse Records staff that the consultant, WRA, was authorized to survey the condition of the existing masonry brick and mortar at the Historic Courthouse and provide a report that will include elevation sketches documenting the locations of the recommended repairs/repointing, typical repair details and 3rd party cost estimate. Survey will start on 5/31 and anticipate the survey will be completed by 6/2. They will be taking mortar samples from the existing walls and send the samples to a laboratory to determine the exact composition of the existing mortars for matching purposes.
- **History Commission Request for Admin Position – NO UPDATE.** The Department of Planning and Development received the History Commission's request for a dedicated staff position and the request is currently under review. Staff will report back on next steps as more information becomes available.



### **Inventory Committee Report**

May 31, 2022,

The Committee met on May 26, 2022 at 7:30 p.m with Elise Murray, Anne Stuntz, Cheryl Repetti, Sue Kovach Shuman and Tammy Mannarino in attendance.

The Committee reviewed the status of a few items of business before moving on to the primary purpose of the meeting, reviewing the District Nomination Documents for William H. Randall Estates.

- Carter-Taliaferro Cemetery and Willie Preston Gravesite: Elise Murray plans to hold an informal meeting with Liz Crowell and Blake Myers to review the nominations.
- Nomination Process: The website, nomination form and instructions need to be revamped to make the process clearer for the nominators. All members should review prior to the next meeting
- Inventory Site Plaques: Cheryl Repetti shared the design for the plaque and the draft letter to send to people who have inquired. Committee members should review and provide her feedback before the next meeting.
- Randall Estates District Nomination: Committee members were enthusiastic about the recommendations. Tammy Mannarino is documenting some recommended changes to the nomination to strengthen support for a couple of the areas of significance. These will be provided to the applicant with the intent of a relatively quick turnaround.

The next meeting is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm using Teams.

Submitted by Tammy Mannarino

Attachment 7

**Fairfax County History Commission's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual History Conference**  
**"WE Are Fairfax County – Part II,**  
**"Early Immigrant Groups of Fairfax County – Sowing the Seeds of Today's Fairfax County"**  
**Saturday, November 5, 2022**  
**Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax, Virginia & Live-Streamed via Channel 16**  
**(both confirmed)**  
**D R A F T - AGENDA – revised 5.20.2022**

<b>TIMES</b>	<b>SPEAKER (MC = LMGH)</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Notes/Background Info.</b>
8:30 – 9:30am	The Honorable David Meyer, Mayor of The City of Fairfax Chairman of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Jeff McKay Congressman 11 <sup>th</sup> District, Commonwealth of Virginia, Gerry Connolly	<b>WELCOME!</b> <b>Awards presentations to</b> <b>Fairfax County Awards Recipients</b>	*Confirmed *Confirmed pending schedule; may tape or remote in (poc – Amir) *Confirmed pending schedule; may tape or remote in (poc, Maddy White)
9:30 – 10:15am	Esther McCullough, FCHC Commissioner + Anne Barnes (need to confirm Anne)	<b>The Earliest African-American Churches &amp; their</b> <b>Communities in Fairfax County</b> (1st Baptist, Vienna & Bethel Baptist, Gum Springs, & Others (Clifton Primitive Baptist Church??))	*Confirmed; Intended to be a segue from 2021 Conference & indicate the realities of early 20 <sup>th</sup> c. Segregation
10:15 - 11:00am	Dr. Eric Larsen, the Germanna Foundation	<b>"The German Influence in our area – from the 18<sup>th</sup> c.</b> <b>Germanna Colony"</b>	*Recommendations by Liz Crowell & confirmed at this time
11:00 - 11:45am	Martha Catlin, Historian for the Alexandria Monthly Meeting of Friends at Woodlawn	<b>The Quakers of Fairfax County – Their Heritage &amp; Their</b> <b>Impact, Author of "As They Were Led: Quakerly Steps and</b> <b>Missteps Toward Native Justice 1795 - 1940."</b>	*Confirmed, unless COVID re-occurs * bio is attached
11:45 – 12:30pm	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>	<b>LUNCH</b>
12:30 – 1:15pm	Dr. Martha Pallante & Dr. Donna DiBlasio	<b>Looking beyond the "Big Apple": Investigating the</b> <b>Immigrant Experience in Understudied Communities</b>	*They are doing a case study of an Italian community in Ohio * Confirmed via Liz Crowell * Need bio & background info.
1:15 - 2:00pm	John Murphy, Fairfax Station Railroad Museum & St. Mary's Church	<b>Fairfax County's Earliest Irish Citizens</b>	*Discussed & tentatively confirmed * Member Ffx. Sta.RR Museum & St. Mary's Church
2:00 - 3:00pm	Shawn & Susan Dilles	<b>Early Jewish Immigration to Fairfax County</b>	*Have long been researching & will discuss the three waves of Jewish immigration that impacted Virginia (and the whole U.S), and the first Reform, Conservative and Orthodox congregations to serve the county. We also have some accounts of second (sometimes third) generation folks who left a visible mark on the area (for example by

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***"WE Are Fairfax County – Part II,***  
***"Early Immigrant Groups of Fairfax County – Sowing the Seeds of Today's Fairfax County"***  
***Saturday, November 5, 2022***  
***Sherwood Community Center, Fairfax, Virginia & Live-Streamed via Channel 16***  
***(both confirmed)***

			building Tyson's Corner and Reston) and establishing landmark stores in the area like Giant, Hechingers, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Hechts, Vienna Inn, etc. *Confirmed via Susan KS & Jordan T -with a hearty THANK YOU!! 😊



Martha Claire Catlin is the Historian for the Alexandria Quaker Meeting at Woodlawn. In 2010, she retired from a career in historic preservation at the federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Building on over thirty years of research, her current emphasis is on the Woodlawn settlements of antislavery Quakers and African Americans of the pre-Civil War and 19th century eras in the Mount Vernon area.

*Additional background:*

Martha Claire Catlin is an independent researcher and author of *As They Were Led: Quakerly Steps and Missteps Toward Native Justice 1795-1940*, published by Quaker Heron Press 2021. From 1987 to 2009, she was a member of the professional staff to the presidentially appointed federal Advisory Council on Historic Preservation. Before her federal career, she held positions as adjunct assistant professor of architectural history at Montana State University; historic preservation officer for the City of Bozeman, Montana; consulting historian and architectural historian for the State of Montana; the cities of Bozeman and Butte, Montana; Fairfax County, Virginia; the City of Alexandria, Virginia; and the National Trust for Historic Preservation's Woodlawn-Pope Leighey House historic site. She was Associate Editor and staff writer for *Art West* magazine, Kalispell, Montana; and exhibits director of art centers, festivals, and galleries in Chicago, Illinois; Phoenix and Flagstaff, Arizona; and Helena and Chester, Montana. She holds a B.A.:Honors Program, Art History and Philosophy, Northern Arizona University, and an M.A. in American History, Montana State University. A lifelong Quaker, her childhood worship community was the Sandy Spring Monthly Meeting, Sandy Spring, Maryland. She currently serves as Historian for her longtime worship community, Alexandria Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, Woodlawn, Alexandria, Virginia.

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**From:** Crowell, Elizabeth A <Elizabeth.Crowell@fairfaxcounty.gov>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 18, 2022 1:50 PM  
**To:** Lynne Garvey Hodge  
**Subject:** Eric Larsen

Insights Into the Germanna Landscape: Changes on the Edge of Colonial Virginia

Eric L. Larsen, Ph.D.

Bio

Dr. Eric Larsen is the Director of Archaeology for the Germanna Foundation. Over the last seven years, Larsen has overseen a new project examining a widening complex of Germanna Sites. This work focuses primarily on the first half of the 18th century developments at Germanna, a small settlement built on a ridge overlooking the Rapidan River that today sits in Orange County, Virginia. Larsen also helps steward the 1757 Georgian house known as Salubria, the oldest brick structure in Culpeper County, Virginia.

Dr Larsen has worked more than 30 years in the Mid-Atlantic Region. He has worked with the National Park Service at Harpers Ferry National Historical Park. He led a project for the University of Maryland on an African-American neighborhood – the Anne-Arundel County Courthouse block -- in Annapolis, Maryland. After this, he worked with the City of Alexandria helping remove the gas station from the Freedman's Cemetery Site and then later helping with excavations at Ferry Farm.

Get [Outlook for IQS](#)

Attachment 8

AAHI Committee Minutes May 10, 2022, 2:30pm

In Attendance: Phyllis Walker Ford, Co-Chair, Mary Lipsey, Co-Chair  
Barbara Naef, Tammy Mannarino, Anne Stuntz, Esther McCullough, Carole  
Herrick  
Cheryl Repetti, Sue Kovach Shuman, Liz Crowell, Denice Dressel

Discussion: Phyllis thanked Denice for answering Board of Supervisor questions on May 9<sup>th</sup> BOS meeting. The BOS approved the FCHC bylaws at the May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting. Committee members praised the presentation the GMU Capstone students did at the FCHC May 4<sup>th</sup> meeting. The students will graduate on May 21. Discussion ensued as to how to show appreciation for the work the students did to develop the database. A letter of Appreciation would be sent to each student.

Next, a discussion centered around ways to introduce the Public to the African American History Inventory and the many opportunities for research. Tammy Mannarino introduced an idea for a postcard design. A podcast, webinar, presentation on Channel 16 were a few of the suggestions for outreach.

The remainder of the meeting was turned over to Denice Dressel and Mary Ruffin Hanbury to discuss boundaries of the historical Black communities of Fairfax County Survey.

Next Committee meeting is scheduled for June 14, 2022, 2:30pm



Attachment 9

History Commission  
Semiquincentennial Report  
June 1, 2022

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair

*State Commission*

1. Staff is being hired for the Commission
2. Considering a logo as well as a tag line
3. There will be an October symposium with Omohundro Institute at the College of William and Mary, October 28-30, 2022
4. Looking at signature launch event with other state representatives, March 11-13 2023, held at Colonial Williamsburg
5. A larger advisory committee is still being coordinated.
6. The next meeting is planned for July 8 at 10 a.m. in Richmond at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture.

*Fairfax County Workgroup*

1. Next meeting scheduled to take place June 29, 2022 at 1:00 – 2:30 p.m. at the Visit Fairfax Offices
2. Draft by-laws will be considered at this meeting

*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 10

**Committee Reports** History Commission Meeting June 1, 2022

**African American History Inventory Committee**

Letter of recognition and appreciation for the work of the GMU Students was written.

Commissioner Lipsey asked fellow commissioners to not share the website address for the database until it is available to the public.

**Marker Committee**

The status of the marker Civil War at the Frying Pan Spring Meeting House that was sent for repainting remains the same. It is still in line for refurbishment.

**Fairfax County Historical Marker Project**

The voting committee is reviewing the submissions.

**Cemetery Committee**

Cemetery preservation was very active.

Commissioner Lipsey demonstrated how to clean grave markers using distilled water and soft plastic bristle brushes at Pohick and Laurel Grove church cemeteries.

She participated in three cemetery cleanups : Covert family cemetery in Springfield, Carter-Taliaferro family cemetery in Centreville, and Sons and Daughters of Liberty Cemetery at the Pine Ridge Park

Attachment 11

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
April 12, 2022  
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530  
Fairfax, VA 22035

Dear Chairman McKay,

As we move through the budget process, the History Commission has become concerned regarding the funding for the Archaeology and Collections Branch of the Park Authority. The proposed funding is far too low.

***In particular, we are concerned for the future of the Archaeology and Collections Facility at Lorton.***

The biggest danger lies in the projection to move the bond cycle from 4 to 6 years. The building of the Archaeology and Collections Facility was scheduled to be included in the next Park Authority bond, in 2024, design having been completed. The Branch has held 8 million dollars in reserve from the last bond towards the build but will need at least 4 million more for construction (from the projection several years ago.) If bond funding is put off from 2024 to 2026, or worse, 2032, inflation could vastly increase the cost, redesign might be necessary, and the project could collapse

In 2026 the American Association of Museums will begin the process of reaccreditation of the Archaeology and Collections Branch. The last accreditation was dependent on the building of the projected new facility to house the archaeological collections and museum collections. If this comes into question, the program could lose its accreditation, initiating a cascade of unfortunate outcomes for the county.

At the April 6 meeting of the History Commission a motion was passed:

***That a letter be sent to the chairman of the Board of Supervisors:  
The History Commission advocates for funding of the build of the Archaeology and Collections facility at Lorton, whether by maintaining the current 4 year bond cycle for the Park Authority, with a bond issue on the ballot in 2024, or by direct funding for the actualization of the now completed design.***

Subsequent information we have received indicates that the 8 million dollars set aside for construction may be diverted to another project. This further endangers the future of the facility. Perhaps this is the time for the Board of Supervisors to directly fund the completion of the Archaeology and Collections Facility at the Lorton Workhouse complex, or to move up a bond issue in support.

Thank you.

*Lynne Garvey -Hodge*

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May 12, 2022

**Submitted via email**

Lynne Garvey-Hodge  
Fairfax County History Commission

Dear Commissioner Garvey-Hodge, *Lynne*

Thank you for your letter and for your support of one of the key focus areas of the Board of Supervisors and Park Authority – to preserve our County's natural and cultural heritage.

As you know, Park Authority staff takes their role as stewards of our cultural resources very seriously and have worked to appropriately store and display archeological and museum collections at the James Lee Community Center, Ellanor C. Lawrence Park, and at the Fairfax County Government Center. The need for a larger centralized collections facility is clear as the sites mentioned above along with various storage facilities are at or near capacity.

Funding in the amount of \$2.32 million for site analysis, design, and permitting for the Collections Facility was included in the 2016 bond referendum and \$6.3 million was identified in the 2020 referendum for Phase 1 construction of the facility. As staff worked through the design and cost estimating processes, it became very clear that \$6.3 million would not be enough to construct Phase 1 of facility as designed. As we have seen throughout the County with major projects, historic supply chain issues, inflation, and labor supply shortages all combined to create steep and sustained cost increases. Additional funding from the next Park bond or another source is necessary to move to construction, however, staff are working to get the design, site, and construction plans fully approved and permitted with currently available funding. In the initial planning, construction was not going to start until 2025.

At the same time as this work is being done, Park Authority and County staff have been working together to assess the impacts of the bond cycle changes while also balancing increased project cost, aging infrastructure of our Rec Centers, parks, and trails. It has become very clear that the Park Authority must address this aging infrastructure in an expeditious manner. Since the various historical collections are being stored safely and securely, staff recommended to the Park Authority Board that some of the current funding for Phase 1 of the Collections Facility be reallocated to the current infrastructure needs, since the available Collections Facility funding was not enough for the first phase of the project.

The Park Authority Board agreed with this reallocation, with the condition that staff work with County budget and finance staff to identify construction funding for the Collections Facility moving forward.

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Thank you again for your letter and for your work in Fairfax County. Please know that the creation of this facility remains a priority of mine, as I know it was for Chairman Bulova as well.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J. McKay", written over the printed name.

Jeffrey C. McKay  
Chairman

cc: Members, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors  
Jai Cole, Executive Director, Fairfax County Park Authority  
William G. Bouie, Chair, Fairfax County Park Authority Board