

**Fairfax County History Commission
Monthly Meeting
March 1, 2023, 7:30 p.m.**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on March 1, 2023.

Call to Order

1. Audibility of Members' Voices

The Chair called the March 1, 2023 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:

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, *Chair, At-Large*
David Meyer, *Vice Chair*
Tammy Mannarino
Esther McCullough
Anne Barnes
Tom Shoop
Kevin Bradley
Sue Kovach Shuman
Steve Sherman*
Anne Stuntz, *Secretary*
Jordan Tannenbaum
Carole Herrick
Sallie Lyons
Cheryl-Ann Repetti
Subhi Mehdi
Robert "Bob" Beach**
Russell Brooks
Julianne Mueller
Elise Murray

Location:

Springfield
City of Fairfax
Mount Vernon
Sully
Mount Vernon
Braddock
Braddock
Mantua
Franconia
Hunter Mill
Springfield
Dranesville
Colchester
Sully
McLean
Fairfax
Franconia
Mason
Hunter Mill

Jenee Lindner

Springfield

Commissioners Excused:

Gretchen Bulova

**Joined by phone (voice-only)*

***Joined after roll call*

(!) Technical difficulties

County Liaisons Present:

Laura Kviklys, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Stephanie Newman, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Aimee Wells, Archaeology and Collections Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; David Buchta, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority; Jenna Gilbert, Heritage Resources Branch, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development; Christopher Barbuschak, Virginia Room, Fairfax County Public Library,

Staff Present:

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

At this point, the Chair passed the virtual gavel over to David Meyer 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 Elise Murray 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 993 767 333#.

The motion was seconded by Esther McCullough 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 Carole Herrick and passed unanimously. The gavel was passed back to the Chair.

Welcome and Announcements

Chair Announcements, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge announced that the next Commission meeting will be **in-person** on April 5, 2023 at 7:30 PM, at the Fairfax City Public Library, Conference Rooms A-B.
- Lynne read a short quote and gave a statement regarding Women's History Month.

Introduction, Russell Brooks:

- Russell Brooks introduced himself to the Commission by summarizing his background and professional work at the U.S. Department of State.

Introduction, Julianne Mueller:

- Julianne Mueller introduced herself to the Commission by summarizing her personal and professional background in historic preservation. Upon Jordan Tannenbaum's request, Julianne explained her family's experience as Jewish refugees.

Minutes

Approval of the February 1, 2023 Minutes

A motion was made by Cheryl-Ann Repetti to approve the February 1, 2023 History Commission Meeting Minutes:

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

Esther McCullough seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report

- Sue Kovach Shuman reviewed the Treasurer's report for the period ending February 27, 2023. See [Attachment 1](#) for the February report.

Staff Reports

Heritage Conservation Branch, David Buchta:

- David Buchta, Fairfax County Park Authority, gave project, program, and event updates regarding the Heritage Conservation Branch. See [Attachment 2](#) for the staff report.

- Notably, David highlighted a virtual public meeting where the decision was announced by the Fairfax County Park Authority to demolish the house at the White Gardens property. Lynne Garvey-Hodge opened the floor for discussion about this decision.
 - Julianne Mueller asked for David to explain the Park Authority's decision-making process and the procedures to inform other entities on these decisions beyond public hearings.
 - David explained that the Resident Curator Program (RCP) did discuss notifying the History Commission. However, they are required to follow a process, which involved notifying the Evaluation Committee first. The decision was made to hold that meeting in a public forum. David concluded his remarks by stating that the decision to demolish the house was made administratively, with support from the Board of Supervisors, and not by the Heritage Conservation Branch.
 - In addressing a follow-up question regarding prior investment into the site by the RCP, David explained that there was not an intention to demolish the site until the last few months following the public comment and review period. Until that point, the Park Authority was working towards a curator at the property.
 - Julianne Mueller asked if the bond funds that were used towards the site will have to be reimbursed. David replied that a portion of the funds that were used at the site came from the operations and maintenance budget, not the RCP bond. The funds that were used from the RCP bond were for a historic structure report and a cultural landscape report.
 - Anne Stuntz commented that the decision during the meeting was abrupt from the standpoint of the History Commission. Anne underscored the working relationship between the Commission and the Park Authority, that the Resident Curator Program is a joint effort, and that the History Commission is responsible for the Inventory of Historic Sites. She stated that the Commission should have been made aware of this sooner.
 - Jordan Tannenbaum questioned the administrative process behind the decision, specifically asking if the process could be changed so that any consideration of demolition is brought before the History Commission. Jordan suggested that the Commission develop recommendations to change the administrative process to ensure properties' historic integrity are taken into proper consideration before a decision to demolish the structure is made.

Jordan Tannenbaum made the following motion:

I move that the Fairfax County History Commission create a committee to look into the possibility of inserting the Commission into the decision-making process prior to the demolition of any properties owned by the Park Authority.

Tammy Mannarino seconded the motion.

- The floor was opened for discussion of the motion:

- Tammy Mannarino voiced her support for the motion by reemphasizing the points made by her colleagues and focused the question to how did the decision-making process work this time and why did it not involve the History Commission upfront.
- Subhi Mehdi asked if the committee formed would be an ad hoc committee or would it be folded into the RCP committee?
 - Elise Murray replied that the work of the RCP committee concluded a few years ago and so there should be an ad hoc committee formed. She noted that Bob Beach should be a member.
- David Meyer asked about the administrative guidelines of the Park Authority and if those are different than the guidelines to the RCP. Either way, David noted that those need to be reviewed to ensure the History Commission is included in that process.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge explained that the process in the past has included the History Commission and that when assets were going to be demolished, those structures were well-documented by the County.
- Upon discussion with the Chair, Jordan Tannenbaum amended the motion:

Jordan Tannenbaum amended the motion to state:

I move that the Fairfax County History Commission develop a process that might include the establishment of an ad hoc committee to review the current Park Authority's process of reviewing and deciding upon historic properties proposed for demolition that will ensure that the History Commission is a part of that process when the Commission may have an influence on the outcome of that process.

Elise Murray seconded the motion.

- The floor was opened for discussion on the amended motion.
 - Elise Murray asked if the intent is only for properties under the RCP or for all properties owned by the Park Authority. Jordan replied that it should be broad to incorporate all properties on the historic inventory owned by Fairfax County, regardless of the department or entity overseeing it.
 - Tammy Mannarino emphasized that this issue should also be taken before the Board of Supervisors, considering there are a number of historic properties that are under threat of demolition.
 - Julianne Mueller suggested that the Commission postpone a decision until next month to give the Commission time to deliberate and wordsmith the motion.
 - Russell Brooks agreed with Julianne that the Commission should table the motion until more research can be conducted.
 - David Meyer noted that the Commission should look at neighboring jurisdictions' review of historic properties as well.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge called the question. Due to a number of nays, the Commission moved to a roll-call vote.

Roll call vote on the motion:

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| • David Meyer | Yea |
| • Sue Kovach Shuman | Yea |
| • Anne Stuntz | Yea |
| • Anne Barnes | Yea |
| • Kevin Bradley | Yea |
| • Russel Brooks | Nay |
| • Carole Herrick | Nay |
| • Jenee Lindner | Yea |
| • Sallie Lyons | Yea |
| • Tammy Mannarino | Yea |
| • Esther McCullough | Yea |
| • Subhi Mehdi | Yea |
| • Elise Murray | Yea |
| • Julianne Mueller | Abstained |
| • Cheryl-Ann Repetti | Abstained |
| • Tom Shoop | Yea |
| • Steve Sherman | Nay |
| • Jordan Tannenbaum | Yea |
| • Lynne Garvey-Hodge | Yea |

Yea: 14 | Nays: 3 | Abstains: 2

The motion passed.

- Following the vote, Lynne Garvey-Hodge said she would reach out to David Buchta in an effort to create a continuous partnership with the History Commission and with all other county organizations.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked David Meyer to organize and lead the ad hoc committee, and requested that any Commissioners interested in serving on the committee leave a comment volunteering themselves in the chat during the meeting.
 - The members that volunteered for the Committee are David Meyer, Jordan Tannenbaum, and Elise Murray.
- Carole Herrick asked two follow-up questions to David Buchta regarding other details of the staff report.
 - First, Carole asked when the Dranesville Tavern will be opened to the public. David answered that the work is expected to conclude later this year, but when it will be opened for public use is unclear. Once the work is finished, then it will be considered for the RCP.
 - Seconded, Carole clarified the work on the Brzezinski property and it was noted that the property is not under consideration for the RCP.

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, provided ACB staff, project, and program updates to the Commission. See [Attachment 3](#) for the staff report.

Virginia Room, Christopher Barbuschak:

- Christopher Barbuschak, Fairfax County Public Library gave program, collection, and staff updates regarding the Virginia Room. See [Attachment 4](#) for the staff report.

Heritage Resources, Laura Kviklys:

- Laura Kviklys, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development, gave projects, program, and staff updates. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.
 - Specifically, Laura highlighted FOIA procedures and the return to in-person meetings, noting that monthly meetings will take place in the Fairfax Regional Library conference room with the exception of two months where there are conflicts: May and November.
 - In the interest of time, Laura requested that Commissioners email her with any questions regarding the staff report, including any questions regarding the return to in-person meetings. Laura and Stephanie Newman will compile a FAQ document about the return to in-person meetings and distribute it in the coming week.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked Commission members if they would prefer to change the dates for the May and November meetings.

Tammy Mannarino made the following motion:

I move that the Fairfax County History Commission meet virtually on May 3 and November 1 to keep them on the first Wednesday of the month.

Jenee Lindner seconded the motion.

- The floor was opened for discussion of the motion:
 - David Meyer offered to assist the Commission in finding an alternative location on those dates if they needed to meet in-person.

The question was called and the motion passed unanimously.

Unfinished Business

I-495 SEL Project Section 106, Cheryl-Ann Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti stated that there are no updates regarding the project.

Dunn Loring School Demolition, Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge thanked Sue Kovach Shuman for her work on the letter that was sent out on behalf of the Commission to the Fairfax County School Board regarding the proposed demolition of the Dunn Loring Schoolhouse. See [Attachment 6](#) for the letter.
- Sue Kovach Shuman noted that the letter was sent out Saturday, February 25 and she has not heard back from anyone yet. Sue said that she would make a friendly follow-up call to the School Board if she has not heard back by next Monday.

- Tom Shoop commended Sue for her letter and noted that the FCPS website does address a few of the concerns of the Commission.

Renaming of Fort Belvoir, Tammy Mannarino:

- A group of Commission members crafted a letter to the Board of Supervisors regarding the renaming of Fort Belvoir. See [Attachment 7](#) for the letter.
- Tammy stated that the letter was developed from enriching discussions and set the Board of Supervisors up to ask in-depth questions regarding this issue.

African-American History Inventory (AAHI) Database Project, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge stated that AAHI is an ongoing project for which Mary Lipsey will continue to be the point person. She expects that there will be a brief an update about it next month.

Update on “Drover’s Rest” letter to the National Register of Historic Places, Carole Herrick:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge commended the work of Carole Herrick and Cheryl-Ann Repetti for drafting a letter of support for the Drover’s Rest property to be considered on the National Register of Historic Places.

List of County History Groups, Subhi Mehdi:

- Subhi Mehdi thanked Sue Kovach Shuman and Gretchen Bulova for their initial work developing this list. Subhi explained that the link provided to the Commission is for a Google Sheet, where Commissioners can access and update it automatically.
 - Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked if Subhi could publish this document on the website, with a short description. Subhi replied that sharing the current link would allow the public to modify the list and will look into adjusting the access settings accordingly.
 - Anne Stuntz and Julianne Mueller asked for clarification around the parameters of the submission. Subhi explained that there is a working definition for what is considered a history preservation organization, which will be included with the document.

New Business

NEPA Survey Cell Tower Letter, Julianne Mueller, Jordan Tannenbaum, and Kevin Bradley:

- Julianne Mueller made some calls to the point of contact crafted regarding the impacts of a communications tower in her district. Julianne explained that she does not believe there will be any adverse effects on any historic properties.

Committee Reports

Budget and Inventory Committees, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray stated that the Financial Review Committee plans to meet on March 6.
- The Inventory Committee shared a nomination for the Commission to consider in the upcoming month. See [Attachment 8](#) for the Committee Reports.

- Bob Beach noted that the dendrochronology report to date the Little Ballantrae Estate was finalized and the building was constructed between 1844 and 1846, which is pre-Civil War.
- Tammy Mannarino later noted that her input regarding the Randall Estates was also included in the sharefile, and Tammy encouraged the Commissioners to review that as well. See [Attachment 9](#) for the Randall Estates overview and timeline.

History Conference and Awards Committees, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge reviewed confirmed details for the 2023 History Conference. The next Committee meeting will be on March 20 at 7:30 PM. See [Attachment 10](#) for the Committee Report.

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz noted a few events that were attended in the past month and encouraged commissioners to attend future events. See [Attachment 11](#) for the Committee Report.

Anne Stuntz made the following motion:

I move that the Fairfax County History Commission approve the Advocacy Committee's request \$850 for two, 8-foot-long tablecloths with logos.

Sue Kovach Shuman seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Annual Report, Subhi Mehdi:

- Subhi Mehdi discussed the 2022 Annual Report. The deadline for due dates for bios was on February 28th and she is missing two bios. Subhi is also missing two Committee updates and requested that these be submitted no later than March 5.

Markers Committee, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti met with Stephanie Newman earlier in the week and reviewed the applications for five of the six new markers. Cheryl reviewed the Marker Committee's work over the past month as well. See [Attachment 12](#) for the Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough gave updates from the February 21st meeting. Esther reported that the Committee decided to conduct oral history with the County's oldest citizens.

Resident Curator Program, Bob Beach:

- Bob Beach did not have anything further to add to the Resident Curator Program staff updates.

Bylaws Committee, Anne Barnes:

- Anne Barnes reviewed the meeting held on February 28. The Committee reviewed the bylaw proposals providing authorization of the awards program and publication grants. The committee voted on the proposed changes, and will submit the revised version of the bylaws back to the County Attorney's Office.

Architecture Review Board Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray noted her January and February reports were provided to the Commission ahead of the meeting. See [Attachment 13](#) for the reports.
 - Anne Stuntz asked Elise if the ARB is involved in White Gardens. Elise explained that the ARB was also involved in the establishment of the RCP and it will be important for them to also weigh in on the property.

City of Fairfax, David Meyer:

- David Meyer underscored substantial progress on the restoration of Old Town Hall. If any of the Commissioners are interested in seeing the progress at the site, David suggested that the Commission arrive at the Fairfax City Library around 6:00 PM ahead of the next History Commission meeting, given that Old Town Hall is directly across the street. David will arrange someone from the project to meet the Commission and explain the progress.
- Additionally, the 250th Anniversary of the signing of the Fairfax Resolves is coming up in 2024 and there will be programs in both the City and the County around this.

Website Coordination, Cheryl Repetti:

- Cheryl Repetti updated the About Us section to include the newest members, Russell Brooks and Julianne Mueller.

Announcements

- Anne Stuntz noted two projects underway in the Town of Vienna – a bridge project and an archaeology project.
- Bob Beach commented that the Women's Suffragist Memorial won a third award in February. Tammy Mannarino noted that these awards should be included in the 2023 Annual Report.
- Sallie Lyons highlighted that the Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society will be hosting Alice Reagan and Kenena Spalding about their recent book about the Lorton Prison on Sunday, March 19 at 2:00 PM.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge commended Anne Stuntz for her recent media appearance and noted that she will be participating on a panel discussion for the League of Women Voters.
- Jenee Lindner highlighted the presentation at the Mott Community Center to celebrate the community and contributions of the Mott family.

- Steve Sherman mentioned that there will be a luncheon at Mount Vernon, hosted by Glenn Fatzinger, to raise money towards the Northern Virginia Community College education scholarship on March 15.

Lynne Garvey-Hodge adjourned the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission



Date: 5/3/2023

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Fairfax County History Commission

Attachments

- [Attachment 1](#): March Treasurer's Report
- [Attachment 2](#): Heritage Conservation Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 3](#): Archaeology and Collections Branch Staff Report
- [Attachment 4](#): Virginia Room Staff Report
- [Attachment 5](#): DPD Staff Report
- [Attachment 6](#): Dunn Loring School Demolition Letter
- [Attachment 7](#): Renaming of Fort Belvoir Letter
- [Attachment 8](#): Inventory Committee Report
- [Attachment 9](#): Randall Estates Overview and Documentation
- [Attachment 10](#): History Conference Committee Report
- [Attachment 11](#): Advocacy Committee Report
- [Attachment 12](#): Marker Committee Report
- [Attachment 13](#): Architecture Review Board Liaison Report

Attachment 1

Fairfax County History Commission

Treasurer Report March 1, 2023

Fairfax County Account reported by county on Feb. 27, 2023

Beginning balance: \$69,121.44

Budget adjustment \$112.19

1/31/2023 Pooled Interest \$112.19

Expenses:

2/10/2023 Pay clerk for January 2022 minutes \$450.

2/10/2023 FICA and Medicare for clerk \$34.42

2/13/2023 National Trust membership for 2023 \$250.

2/15/2023 VDHR Cost Share Program 2023 \$7,500.

SUBJECT:	MID-CENTURY MODERN ARCHITECTURAL SURVEY
YEAR:	2022-2023
GRANT:	COST SHARE
FUNDING:	
COUNTY, DPD SHARE:	\$ 15,000.00
COUNTY, HISTORY COMMISSION SHARE:	\$ 7,500.00
COUNTY, ARB SHARE:	\$ 7,500.00
VDHR SHARE:	\$ 16,200.00
TOTAL PROJECT AMOUNT:	\$ 46,200.00

Ending balance: \$61,111.40

Treasurer has not yet received county Virginia tax-exempt form to distribute to all commissioners for any 2023 expenses (history conference, advocacy, other). Please use the form. You will not be reimbursed for Virginia tax if you pay it.

Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman

FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 2

Heritage Conservation Branch
Resource Management Division
History Commission Updates

March 2023

Location:

Operations and Maintenance

- Repairs at Dranesville Tavern will soon move into the next phase. Updates are posted on the Resident Curator website. [Resident Curator Program | Park Authority \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](#)
- HCB is collaborating with PDD to obtain bids for foundation repairs at Lahey Lost Valley.

Historic Sites Volunteer Corps

- HSVC collaborated with a local high school for a private landscape clean-up at the Brzezinski property on 2/25.
- HSVC's first public event for 2023 will take place at Mt. Gilead on 3/11.

Resident Curator Program Updates

- A virtual public meeting was held on 2/27 to review the next steps of the White Gardens property regarding the Resident Curator Program.

Attachment 3

Date: 27 February 2023
To: Fairfax County History Commission
From: Aimee Wells, Senior Archaeologist, Resource Management Division
Subject: March History Commission Archaeology & Collections Update

- This Saturday, March 4th, is the Gunston Hall Archaeology Symposium. Held in partnership with the Friends of Fairfax County Archaeology and Cultural Resources, and the Fairfax County Park Authority. The theme is archaeology of cemeteries and the title is “Remember Me as You Pass By” For more information see:
<https://gunstonhall.org/events/remember-me-when-you-pass-by-the-archaeology-of-cemeteries/>
- The ACB highlighted a historic museum collection item for Black History Month. The pews at Frying Pan Meeting House were used by African American worshipers at the Baptist Meeting House in the mid-to-late 1800s. <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/artifacts>
- Mark your calendars now for Riverbend Park’s annual Bluebells at the Bend festival! This event will take place on 4/8/2023 and includes activities for the whole family. ACB will have a table at the event to speak to Riverbend Park’s rich Virginia Indian history.
- ACB staff held an all-day internal cemetery survey training to enhance their ability to identify unmarked graves as well as better photograph difficult to capture monuments.

Attachment 4



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

March 2023

Updates

- Elaine McRey retired on Monday February 13th after 23 years of working for Fairfax County Public Library.

Programs

- The Virginia Room hosted the Scottish American Women's Society of Washington, D.C. on Saturday February 11. They were given an overview of the library's Scottish genealogy resources and a tour of the Virginia Room.

Donations

- Jerry McCoy of the Silver Spring (Md.) Historical Society donated a 1967 Alexandria Drafting Company *Northern Virginia Street Map Book*.
- Karen Moore donated color slides from the 1950s of her family's house under construction in Westmore in the City of Fairfax; Bernie's Pony Ring at Fairfax Circle; and an antique car show at the General Motors Training Center.

Upcoming Programs

Meet the Author: Derek Baxter

Saturday March 25, 11:00 a.m.

Join local author Derek Baxter for a discussion about his new book, *In Pursuit of Jefferson*, a memoir in which he follows the Founding Father's original, now 200+ year old travel guide through Europe. Baxter's tour through the continent led him through his own personal revelations while discovering the legacy Jefferson left behind—his accomplishments and shortcomings alike. His talk will be infused with plenty of Virginia history, including Jefferson's connections to Fairfax!

Attachment 5

Staff Report:

Ongoing Projects:

African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide- The final survey draft is complete and is available online for review and comment and is available online: [African American Historic Resources Survey and Report | Planning Development \(fairfaxcounty.gov\)](https://fairfaxcounty.gov/planning-development/african-american-historic-resources-survey-and-report-planning-development) Public comments on the draft report must be submitted by midnight on Friday, March 24 in order to be reviewed and considered before the report is completed. The final survey report is expected to be published in late spring 2023.

Meeting details:

Monday, March 6, 2023 at 6:30 p.m.

[Virtual Meeting - WebEx](#)

Meeting Number: 2428 868 0497

Password: fcYvw79B8jn

Call-in Number: 1-866-692-4530

Access Code: 24288680497

- **Mid-Century Modern Countywide Survey-** DPD staff met with VHR and Dovetail Consultants on February 23 for the Mid-Century Survey kick off. The consultants are conducting background and archival research and will be holding meetings with DPD staff as the project moves forward.

Other Items

- **Staff Positions-** Grace Davenport, Planner II, has accepted a position with the Maryland SHPO. Grace's last day with DPD is Friday March 3, 2023.
- **Public Input for Lake Anne Plaza:** Public comment is being accepted on a new effort to create an "economic vision" for the Lake Anne area of Reston. The effort was initiated by Supervisor Walter Alcorn (D-Hunter Mill). For more information on the study and to provide comment, please use the following link: [Lake Anne Economic Visioning - Survey](#)
- **African American Markers Program:** On February 7, the Board of Supervisors celebrated the student participants of the African American Markers Program ([Fairfax County Youth Honored for Participating in the Historical Marker Project - YouTube](#)). Additionally, Stephanie Newman developed a complementary exhibit housed at the Government Center. The Review Committee met on February 27 and approved the final text for 5 of the 6 markers. The final marker draft text will be discussed at the upcoming meeting on March 14.
- **National Register Nomination:** Please review and submit comments or a letter of support by March 13th.

Administrative Items

- **Egnyte:** Fairfax County has switch file sharing platforms from Sharefile to Egnyte. Instructions for uploading/downloading/viewing documents are available in the March 1, 2023 History Commission folder. DPD staff will continue to create folders for the full Commission meeting; any Committee who wishes to share documents can email Stephanie Newman (stephanie.newman@fairfaxcounty.gov). Egnyte folders are time sensitive and all contents will be **deleted after 30 days**.
- **Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Compliance:** Any document developed and circulated by the History Commission falls under FOIA. As representatives of Fairfax County, History Commissioners are permitted to provide **official** documents to members of the public when asked. All FOIA requests must be completed within 5 business days. Commissioners who receive and respond to requests should alert the Chair and the Secretary of the request.
- **Requesting Committee Meetings:** DPD staff asks that all future Committee meetings are submitted via the "Meeting Notification Request," through email *two weeks prior to the meeting date*. The template is available for download via Egnyte, and will be distributed to the Commission. All Committee meeting requests should be sent to Stephanie Newman (stephanie.newman@fairfaxcounty.gov).
- **In-person Meetings:** The Board of Supervisors lifted the State of Emergency beginning March 1, 2023; therefore, all BACs must host in-person public meetings moving forward. DPD staff will continue to host the monthly History Commission meetings, providing an in-person and virtual option. The History Commission's Remote Meeting Participation Policy is available via Egnyte.

What to Expect:

Monthly History Commission Meetings

- DPD will provide a physical meeting room and AV equipment to support a virtual option for remote participants. Meeting space has been secured at the City of Fairfax Regional Library (10360 North St, Fairfax, VA 22030) for the remainder of 2023.
 - *The location for the May and November 2023 meeting will be held at a different location; or the date of the meeting will need to change.*
- **Although virtual participation is permitted, a physical quorum must be in attendance during the meeting.**
- Members of the public will *not* be permitted to join virtually.

Committee Meetings

- Committee Chairs will need to request a meeting via Meeting Notification Request template and provide location information, date, time, and participants to DPD staff.
- Chairs are responsible for securing meeting location, quorum, and virtual attendance compliance.
- Chairs (or committee members) are responsible for providing a laptop or other electronic equipment for remote participants.

Attachment 6



Fairfax County History Commission

10360 North Street
Fairfax, Virginia 22030-2514
fairfaxcounty.gov/history-commission/



February 26, 2023

Rachna Sizemore Heizer, Chairperson
Fairfax County School Board
8115 Gatehouse Administration Center
Falls Church, Va. 22042

**IN RE: Status of Dunn Loring Historic School building, Providence District,
Fairfax County, Virginia**

Dear Ms. Sizemore Heizer,

In 2021 the Fairfax County School Board decided to repurpose the Dunn Loring Administrative Center by returning it to its original function as an elementary school. Because the school is on Fairfax County's Inventory of Historic Sites and likely is eligible to be included on the National Register of Historic Places, we have attempted to be part of the planning for the reuse of the building. We and the community learned in November 2022 that there were plans for the historic building to be demolished.

We take our responsibility to identify, document, record and preserve our county's historic past seriously and immediately followed up with School Board members to understand the planning process, and request that the Fairfax County History Commission be included in it. Our questions were:

1. Were decision makers and the community made aware of the historic nature of the school?
2. To what extent have alternatives to demolition been explored with stakeholders?
3. What is the current status of the project?

These questions have gone unanswered. We are told the project is in the design phase. This school website page--Dunn Loring Capital Project: Repurposing of Property With New School Construction--indicates that a decision has already been made: <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/building-our-future-capital-project-status/dunn-loring-elementary-capital-project>

Dunn Loring School was built in 1939 during the presidency of Franklin Delano Roosevelt by the Federal Emergency Administration of Public Works, more commonly known as the Public Works Administration (PWA). PWA was one of many government agencies created to put unemployed people whose livelihoods were ravaged by the Great Depression back to work. The PWA provided grants and loans to construct public buildings throughout the nation. Dunn Loring was constructed using PWA funds. The 4 acres on which the school was built were donated by a former enslaved man, Joseph Taylor, and his wife Lavenia Seals Taylor. The architecture of Dunn Loring School is in the Colonial revival style, similar to the traditional brick houses and commercial buildings found in colonial Virginia. Here is a link to the FCPS history page for the Dunn Loring School: <https://www.fcps.edu/about-fcps/history/closed/dunn-loring>.

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We understand that county schools operate separately from the county Board of Supervisors, yet we are optimistic that they can work together. We also are mindful that the county Architectural Review Board has a role here as well.

We would like to be assured that the historic significance of the building is being fully considered. This is a sturdy brick building, with handsome and welcoming Colonial architecture. The History Commission would strongly recommend a variety of alternatives including repurposing, adaptive reuse, modifications and, at the very minimum, signage as well as any needed mitigation to designate its significant role within Fairfax County's historic timeline from 1939 to the present.

The Fairfax County History Commission is very concerned at the prospect of losing an asset on the Inventory of Historic Places. Also, the McLean Citizens Association has studied enrollment figures and discovered that a new, larger school is not needed. The History Commission requests that the hired design team and school facilities staff explore the options that meet the needs of a community school while acknowledging the historic structure's significant history. The History Commission is also requesting that we serve as a consulting party in order to assist in this extremely important matter.

Respectfully,

Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Chairperson
Fairfax County History Commission

cc. Fairfax County School Board
Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
Dalia A. Palchik, Providence District Supervisor
Chris Daniels, Architectural Review Board
Tracy Strunk, Planning and Development
Leanna O'Donnell, Planning and Development
Denice Dressel, Planning and Development
Laura Kviklys, Planning and Development
Dr. Michelle Reid, Superintendent, Fairfax County Public Schools
Chuck Fanshaw, Fairfax County Public Schools
Jessica Gillis, Fairfax County Public Schools
Heather Diez, Fairfax County Public Schools

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Background and Timeline, Dunn Loring School project.

At a community meeting in June 2022 the design team hired by the School Board revealed three plans for the building.

The community was told in November 2022 in a community meeting, after an attendee asked for clarification, that a demolition was planned. The community shared concerns about historic significance, traffic patterns on and off the site, noise from traffic and use of the student sport fields.

The following communication was sent to the Providence District history commissioner on September 30, 2021, by Jackie Marmol, staff aide to School Board member Karl Frisch.

“Here's an update received from Facilities and Transportation:
‘The Dunn Loring Elementary School (ES) capital project is in the planning/design stage from Fiscal Year (FY) 2021 to FY 2022, estimated to be in the permitting stage in FY 2023, and estimated to be in the construction stage from FY 2024 to FY 2026. This information can be found on pages 41 and 57 of the adopted Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Capital Improvement Program (CIP) FY 2022-26. Please note that the FCPS CIP is a working document and is updated annually to reflect changing conditions within our schools and communities’.
Adopted FCPS CIP FY 2022-26: <https://www.fcps.edu/sites/default/files/media/pdf/Adopted-CIP.pdf>.”

FCPS staff conducted preliminary analysis during FY 2021 and is working on the next steps this Fall, including a review of the project timeline. The design review process will include analysis and recommendations on compliance of the design with the historic and architectural significance at this site. There will be an opportunity in the future to review and discuss the design proposal with FCPS staff and the design committee.”

In mid-November Supervisor Palchik’s office was unable to provide information on when the design team decided against repurposing the historic site. That office was not in the loop because it is a school, not county, project, and because the zoning permits by-right development, so no zoning applications were required. In December the Providence history commissioner was told by Karl Frisch that Dunn Loring is still in the design stage. She requested a meeting with facilities staff to learn whether repurposing was considered in light of the historic status. No meeting has taken place.

Attachment 7

Jeffrey C. McKay, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
2023
12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 530
Fairfax, VA 22035

February 4,

Dan Storck, Mt. Vernon District Supervisor, Mt. Vernon Governmental Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Mt. Vernon, VA 22306

Subject: **Recommendations Regarding the Fort Belvoir Name**

Dear Chairman McKay and Supervisor Stork,

The History Commission has been asked by Supervisor Storck to advise the Board of Supervisors regarding the potential renaming of Fort Belvoir. At this time the United States Department of Defense criteria for renaming locations remains somewhat undefined. The Commission does recommend, however, that a full and accurate analysis of research into the history of Fort Belvoir be conducted and the public be transparently engaged before a decision is made concerning any renaming of the post.

Fort Belvoir is both a historic site and a monument: its name as a military facility memorializes its historic past, while also identifying a military facility important to Fairfax county in the modern era. It is a military base and a place important to Fairfax County both historically and in the modern era. It is, in fact, the largest employer in Fairfax County. There is an inherent tension between the dual identities of Fort Belvoir that add to the complexity of evaluating its name. As a Commission we recognize that there are multiple points of view about its naming, but we unanimously agree that, as a site of enslavement, it is critically important that Fort Belvoir be more than a name. It is a site of conscience that demands a full and accurate telling of its history. A motion to this effect was unanimously passed at the monthly Fairfax County History Commission meeting on Wednesday, February 1, 2023 that reads:

“...that the Commission write a letter to the Board of Supervisors taking the position that a full and accurate analysis of research into the history of Fort Belvoir be conducted before a decision is made concerning renaming the Post.”

On September 9, 2017 the Fairfax County History Commission also voted unanimously to acknowledge the National Trust for Historic Preservation’s position: *“We differentiate symbolic monuments from historic sites that have developed over time, some of them places built by African Americans held in bondage. These historic sites today must serve as critical places to explore the legacies of slavery and discrimination, and as sites of conscience where the honest exploration of our shared history and reconciliation can occur.”* **And, specifically noted is this statement,** *“We should always remember the past, but we do not necessarily need to revere it.”*

<https://savingplaces.org/press-center/media-resources/national-trust-statement-on-confederate-memorials-2017>

In a spirited discussion around the motion stated at the February 1st meeting, we touched upon a variety of topics and of utmost importance was information gleaned through our work on our recently revealed African American History Inventory (AAHI). This work identified four significant sites on the property where Fort Belvoir now sits, (1) The Belvoir Ruins—site of the Fairfax Manor house where at least 15 African Americans were enslaved (circa 1741-1783, (2) The Free Black community of Woodlawn (circa 1860-1941), (3) The Colored Civilian

Conservation Corps Camp (circa 1935-1939) and (4) The site of Youngs Village, a racially segregated housing for African American Army personnel and their families (circa 1940- 1963). We believe these stories should be told. And we also believe seeking insight from descendants of African American enslaved people from the Belvoir plantation, as well as surrounding communities to include the African American Community of Woodlawn, the League of Descendants of the Enslaved at Mount Vernon and members of present day Gum Springs is imperative.

In bringing this issue before you, we worked collegially with the Commission on the Naming of Items of the United States Department of Defense that Commemorate the Confederate States of America or Any Person Who Served Voluntarily with the Confederate States of America (hereafter the Naming Commission) from September 2021 until the issuance of their Final Report in September 2022. Concurrent with the Naming Commission, we conducted in-depth research on the history of Fort Belvoir and the 1935 name change; we would be pleased to provide our research findings to the Board of Supervisors and the United States Department of Defense. We respect the effort undertaken by the Naming Commission historians but do not believe the interpretation of history presented in the Naming Commission report is a full and impartial weighing of historical evidence.

As members of the Fairfax County History Commission and authors of the Confederate Names Inventory, we take seriously our responsibility to provide the Board of Supervisors and other decision makers information that is as accurate and objective as possible. In assembling the Confederate Names Inventory we had a clear goal to identify the names of roads and other places named for Confederates. The Naming Commission had a similar objective regarding United States military place names. It concluded that the Fort Belvoir name did not fall within the scope of its remit (“that renaming Fort Belvoir falls outside the legislative language provided in the FY21 NDAA for making a recommendation to rename the base”). The question then is, “What are the criteria for deciding whether to rename non-Confederate places such as Fort Belvoir?”

In summary, we suggest not only that additional research be done, but respectfully request that the United States Department of Defense clearly articulate any criteria for changing the Fort Belvoir name. Then with all suggested research complete and validated, we together will have been contributors to a history that allows us to “...always remember the past, but [a past] we do not necessarily need to revere.”

Thank you for your time, attention and support of this important and vital discussion for the future of the County of Fairfax in Virginia.

All good things,

Lynne Garvey-Hodge
Chairperson, Fairfax County History Commission
and Commission Members

cc: Fairfax County History Commission

Attachment 8

Inventory Committee Report

February 13, 2023,

The Committee met on Monday, February 13, 2023 at 7:30 p.m via Teams with Anne Stuntz, Cheryl Repetti, Sallie Lyons, Sue Kovach Shuman and Tammy Mannarino in attendance. Kevin Bradley attended as a guest.

1. William H. Randall Estates District Nomination

The Committee reviewed the revised Randall Estates District Nomination noting the key points we had asked the nominator to revise:

- Clarification of the chain of title using primary source documents, specifically regarding the transfer of property from descendants of George Mason IV to the African American families.
- Photos and some additional biographical details of Mr. Shiver and community residents to support the criteria “identified with a person or group of persons who influenced society.” This was a community with well-educated individuals in a variety of disciplines who had lasting impacts: The Pulley center at West Potomac High School is named for Earl Pulley (see Jeff Clark’s piece on him [here](#)), Ulysses Calhoun was President of the Alexandria chapter of the NAACP, Arthur Bracey was a longtime teacher in Alexandria City Schools who with his wife Miriam, owned the Peoples Flower Shop in Alexandria....etc.
- Improved arrangement of primary and secondary sources in the Bibliography

The Committee felt that these revisions had been made and found the results very well done. They did find areas that needed minor clarifications. Anne Stuntz made the following motion:

- *I move that the Inventory Committee approve the District Nomination for William H. Randall Estates with minor clarifications for inclusion in the Agenda for the March 1, 2023 meeting and recommends it for the approval by the History Commission.*

The motion was seconded by multiple Committee members. Discussion ensued and the Committee settled on 2 minor clarifications:

- In section 8, at the top of page 12: While the Manassas Industrial School did continue to operate until 1958, Fairfax County opened Luther Jackson High School on September 1, 1954, and therefore left the partnership in Manassas Industrial prior to 1958. The Committee suggested the change “Until 1954, Black teenagers from five Northern Virginia counties, covering 2000 square miles primarily attended one high school...” This would also allow that some Black families were able to send their students to the high school in DC.
- Some Committee members noted that the Bibliography did not contain all the sources listed in the footnotes. They suggested that the Bibliography Heading be changed to

“Selected Bibliography.” Under Chicago style a full bibliography “is not required in works that provide full bibliographic information in the notes.”

The Committee also discussed the conventions for presenting the Nomination to the entire History Commission. Laura Kviklys confirmed that the Inventory Chair or one of the Committee members presents the package to the Commission and Commission members are given one month to consider the nomination. The Commission then votes at the next monthly meeting.

2. Topics for the Next Inventory Committee Meeting

a. Carter-Taliaferro Cemetery and Willie Preston Gravesite.

The Committee reviewed some of the problematic aspects of these waiting nominations: citations, questions of Virginia or Fairfax County residency of some persons, site boundaries, consistence among cemetery sites on the inventory. The Committee determined that creating a specific list of items to be addressed is the highest priority for the March meeting of the Inventory Committee.

b. Multiproperty Nominations

At a previous meeting, Anne Stuntz and Barbara Naef provided proposals for approaching Multiproperty Nominations. The Committee agreed that this is something that would be helpful to pursue for Fairfax County. We will share previously provided materials ahead of the March meeting.

c. Inventory Site Plaques

Background work has been done for the plaques, but we need to decide on the next step to take. This will also be on the agenda for March.

Due to the end of the State of Emergency caused by Covid-19, the next meeting of the Inventory Committee will take place in person. The Committee determined that the Fairfax Regional Library is an appropriate location to hold the meeting. The next meeting is scheduled for March 20 at 7:00pm at the Fairfax Regional Library, Room 103. If possible, the Committee will shift to Room 214.

Submitted by Tammy Mannarino

Attachment 9

Randall Estates Overview for the Fairfax County History Commission – March 1, 2023

- On February 13, 2023, the Inventory Committee unanimously passed the following motion put forward by Anne Stuntz and seconded by multiple committee members: *I move that the Inventory Committee approve the District Nomination for William H. Randall Estates with minor clarifications for inclusion in the Agenda for the March 1, 2023 meeting and recommends it for the approval by the History Commission.*
- The Inventory Committee received this nomination in April 2022 and has worked with the nominator to revise and strengthen the package.
- The Inventory believes that William H. Randall Estates meets the four criteria selected in the nomination.
 - It is a community built from 1962-1974 on 42 original lots in the Mount Vernon District. It was built by an African American developer for middle class African American families on land that was in African American hands from 1867.
 - The developer and the original owners influenced society in Fairfax County and beyond in their roles as businesspeople, educators and community leaders.
 - All 42 of the original homes were custom built to the specification of the owners. The accompanying photos show that they exemplify architectural styles that were popular in the mid-century.
 - William H. Randall Estates represents a community important to Black history and the African American experience in Fairfax County.
- Conventionally, the History Commission takes a month to review the nomination package and votes on whether or not to include the property on the Inventory of Historic Sites at their next meeting.

Additionally, three documents were submitted as in accompaniment to the overview. Those files are submitted as external attachments, due to their size and length.

Attachment 10

Fairfax County History Commission's History Conference Planning Committee

Present: Mike Irwin, Esther McCullough, Sallie Lyons, Anne Barnes, Cheryl Ann Repetti, Liz Crowell, Lynne Garvey-Hodge, Chair; **Absent:** Jordan Tannenbaum, David Meyer, Sue Kovach Shuman

(Honorary member, as available: Naomi Zeavin)

We opened with the County recommended COVID protocol script and moved onto discuss items posted in the Agenda. We reviewed Reports back from the January 25, 2023 meeting:

- * Reviewed copy of Cheryl's letter to GMU Migration and Policy & Advocacy Fellows; She will be securing actual names of professionals with whom we can share information about our 11/4/2023 Conference. (see attached)
- * Jordan had indicated that he had no luck contacting the restaurant on Rt. 1 that was run by a successful immigrant; With Julianne on board it was discussed that her connections with the Afghan community might provide us with useful suggestions for other, local restaurants in order to include ethnic appropriate food, such as: Korean, Mexican, Libyan, Bolivian food for catering our breakfast and lunch
- * We discussed the Sherwood Community Center logistics & **NEW NOTE AS OF THIS EVENING (2/28/2023) – SCC has been locked down for our 11/4/2023 date at \$25/hour – which for approx. 9 hours equals \$225; Due to possible AV costs/needs we might want to budget somewhere between \$250-\$300.00**
- * **David Meyer has reached out to Mark Keam – who is busy with a new position in the Biden Administration.**
- * Conference Content – centered around the attached Matrix of individuals/theme from the T. Gjelten book, "A Nation of Nations". Matrix is an attachment to the email herewith. Assignments included:
 - * **Liz to reach out to Barbara Naef** to offer a presentation on The Reston Community – an intentionally designed to be inter-racial/culturally mixed community during the 1960's by Robert E. Simon
 - * **Esther** to research mixing in So. Korean themes/people/places, etc.
 - * **Lynne to follow up with:** Discussion centered around a possible 3-person panel mixing the individuals from the Gjelten book to possibly include: Dr. Esam Omeish & wife (Libyan/Muslim) & now an INOVA Surgeon, Victor Alcaron (Bolivia) & Marta Quintarilla (Mexican) – care should be taken to ensure the comfort of a participant in telling their story & honoring the reality of their feeling comfortable in a public speaking situation; also to contact the Imam at Dar-al-Hijrah; & Supervisor Penny Gross to see if she could commit to be a Speaker, too. **Also we need to craft a conference Title at our Next Meeting.**
- * **Liz** commented on the reality of Unconscious Bias and that the committee needs to be mindful of same. Liz had just completed a DE&I class and sees the need for our mindfulness around same to be very high as we prepare for the conference.

Lynne has contacted the offices & asked for the 11/4/2023 morning to be reserved by **Congressman Connolly & Chairperson, BOS, Jeff McKay**; also Cable Channel 16's **Albee Sinayoko's** office has been contacted to arrange for a possible hybrid event.

Two items missing from the last month's minutes were: 1. the recommendation to have someone assist with the handing of Awards plaques to Awardees to ensure a more expeditious photo shoot at the launch of the Conference and 2. Possibly including Hindu/Buddhist; Latino or other dancers/musicians to better reflect the cultures of those referenced in the "Nations" book.

Finally, we need to remember to encourage Tom Gjelten to consider bringing his books to sell/sign.

We ended the meeting at approx. 8:40pm & settled on 3/22 for our next meeting – with a location TBD. It will likely be a Conference Room at the FCPL. Stay tuned.

Please feel free to get back with me directly, if I have left anything out.

We will next meet on Wednesday, 3/22/2023 – 7:30pm.

Thank you all, again & looking forward to another fantastic conference this year!

All good things,

Lynne Garvey - Hodge

Attachment 11

Advocacy Committee Meeting
Fairfax County History Commission
Thursday, February 23, 2023 at 7 pm
(total members = 10 so 6 is a quorum)

Minutes

Attendance

1. Carole Herrick - absent	Dranesville/McLean
2. Lynne Garvey Hodge	At Large
3. Tammy Mannarino	Mount Vernon District
4. Subhi Mehdi 8:45	Dranesville Dist
5. Tom Shoop	Braddock District
6. Cheryl-Ann Repetti	Centreville
7. Sue Kovach Schuman	Providence District
8. Anne Stuntz	Vienna/Hunter Mill District
9. Jordan Tannenbaum absent	Springfield
10. Julianne Mueller	Mason

Minutes of January meeting are okay.

Dunn Loring Letter draft was discussed and generally agreed to, and ccs decided

AAHI branding: Tammy to follow up on post card that was designed by public information office last year. If Mary and Phyllis need promotional material including signs/banners, History Commission needs to support that since AAHI is product of History Commission.

White Garden: Monday public meeting. No news on status of the property in a long time, even though on Inventory and in Resident Curator Program.

Events Review

Chocolate Lovers Festival

Sue, Jenee, Lynne, Anne, Subhi. Good looking table and exhibits. Good interactions with public. No chocolate allowed in historic records room. Hilarious activities in the historic courthouse. A treat to share that space and the day with Historic Records staff who were great to give us the opportunity

Mount Vernon Town Hall

Lots of related groups there: Friends of Dyke Marsh, FOFA, Gum Springs Historic Huntley, NPS, Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society, etc.. Better attendance because at the end was Taste of Mt Vernon.

Venue is the Theatre at Old Mt V HS. Shared a lot about AAHI. Good amount of supplies. Nation of Nations was on display to promote History Conference

Some Upcoming Events:

April 22 – sully earth day.

April 22 - Lake Barcroft

April 22 - Fairfax City -

Last year environmental expo at Ft Hunt

April 29 – Taste of Annandale

We will need two sets of materials, so

Subhi moved that we request up to \$825 for 2 8' long tablecloths with logos. The motion passed.

Annual Report—Colleagues not being responsive to requests for information. Cheryl to reach out to Clerks Office for a date to present.

Next meeting March 23

Attachment 12

February 16, 2023, Marker Committee Report

A quorum was in attendance: Commissioners Cheryl Repetti, Carole Herrick, Jene Lindner, Tammy Mannarino, Elise Murray, Tom Shoop, Sue Shuman, and Barbara Peters (Advisory)

Following the roll call and passing the three motions related to conducting the meeting wholly electronically, the Committee discussed the proposed marker for Merrifield.

The discussion continued to focus on issues voiced at the Committee meeting in December about the relative merits of focusing on life of Mr. Merrifield vs the Merrifield community. It was noted that in the revised text the African American history of Merrifield was not addressed. Concerns were also raised about how the marker would be received by the community. Various editorial changes were also discussed.

A motion was made that the committee approve a marker addressing the theme "how Merrifield got its name." It was seconded. The motion was not carried.

After further discussion it was agreed that the Committee Chair would thank Mr. Robey for his submissions and invite him to revise the marker to focus more on the place, including Merrifield's African American history. Tom Shoop offered to assist Mr. Robey. Jene Lindner suggested that Tom or Mr. Robey reach out to Marion Cohen for sources and insight into the community's African American heritage.

A brief discussion regarding general procedures indicated the Committee's preference that a Commissioner knowledgeable about a proposed marker be recruited to work with an applicant to develop the marker to a final draft form for review by the Committee.

The Committee also discussed the status of the proposed Fort Hunt and West Grove markers and, per the process discussion, Tammy Mannarino offered to assist with these Mount Vernon District markers.

The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 16 at 7 pm at a location to be determined.

Attachment 13

Architectural Review Board Report

Virtual Meetings

January 12, 2023

February 9, 2023, Action Items and February 13, 2023, Workshops

Consent Items:

January

- **Ferguson Monument Sign**, located at 13890 Lowe St Chantilly VA, 20151, tax map 0342 01 0017E, in the Sully HOD. The applicant is proposing to replace (1) illuminated monument sign on existing support poles and concrete footing. GARY BRENT represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2022-SU-00036. **Sully District**

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- **Catchy Signs Permit - located at 3656 Centerview Dr., Ste 11, Chantilly**, tax map 0342 070011, in the **Sully HOD**. The applicant is proposing to install a sign with 3D plastic letters on aluminum panel. Omari Mohammed represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2023-SU-00001. **Sully District**
- **Brymor Early Education and Preschool located at 9060 Power House Rd, Lorton**, tax map 1071 09 H1, in the **Laurel Hill Adaptive Reuse Area**. The applicant is proposing an amendment to ARB approval ARB 22-LOR-03 for the development of an early education and preschool use in two of the historic Lorton Reformatory Buildings, 9050 and 9060, to comply with DHR requirements. Theresa del Ninno represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2023-MV-00004. **Mount Vernon District**

Action Items:

January

- Approved: **Pohick Church Accessibility Ramp, located at 9301 Richmond Hwy Lorton VA, 22079**, tax map 1081 01 0027, in the **Pohick Church HOD**. The applicant is proposing to build an accessibility ramp to provide access to Pohick Church. Tony Harriman represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2022-MV-00035. **Mount Vernon District**
- Approved: **Bobotek Residence Addition, located at 2102 Mason Hill Dr Alexandria VA, 22306**, tax map 0933 20 0010, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. The applicant is proposing to addition & renovation to existing 2 story single family residence in Hollin Hills. Andrew Cheng represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2022-MV-00031. **Mount Vernon District**
- Approved: **Infill Grading Plan, located at 5640 Ox Rd Fairfax Station Va 22039**, tax map 0771 01 0057, in the **St. Mary's Church HOD**. The applicant is proposing an Infill Lot Grading Plan for review and recommendation. This application is related to ARB 23-SMC-02WS for construction of a new single family dwelling. Sunny Raheja represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2022-SP-00034. **Springfield District**

February 9

- Approved: **Saint Mary's Special Permit Amendment, located at 5612 Ox Rd, Fairfax**
-2- Elise Ruff Murray February 28, 2023

Station, tax map 0771 01 0029, in the **Saint Mary's Church HOD**. The applicant is proposing an amendment to SP88-S-092 and VC88-S-158 to add land area, install accessory improvements, and make site modifications associated with the proposed expansion of an existing cemetery. Kathryn Taylor represents the application. PLUS# ARB-2023-SP-00005. **Springfield District**

• **Approved: Addition, located at 7204 Beechwood Rd, Alexandria**, tax map 0933 04 0217, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. The applicant is proposing the interior renovation of existing kitchen, half bath relocation, and mechanical systems; an addition of entry foyer on north end of existing structure; an addition over back, south end of existing structure; including a primary suite, living space; and the relocation of existing first floor half bath and laundry. Jeremiah Huth represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2023-MV-00003. **Mount Vernon District**

• **Approved: Addition, located at 7216 Rebecca Dr Alexandria**, tax map 0933 05 0016, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. The applicant is proposing to 480 square foot single story addition to single story house. Frank Willcoxon represents the application. PLUS #ARB-2023-MV-00002. **Mount Vernon District**

Workshop Items:

January

• **New Single Family Dwelling - located in the 5640 Ox Rd Fairfax Station VA, 22039**, tax map numbers 0771 01 0057, in the **St. Mary's Church HOD**. Construction of a New single family dwelling. Sunny Raheja represents the proposal. PLUS #ARBWK-2023-SP-00001. **Springfield District**

February 13

• **Kelly Residence Addition, located in the 2109 Popkins Ln, Alexandria**, tax map numbers 0933 04 0094, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. New two story addition, replace existing retaining wall, new rear walkway. Christine Kelly represents the application. PLUS #ARBWK-2023-MV-00002. **Mount Vernon District**

• **Vincent Residence Carport Addition, located in the 7606 Elba R, Alexandria**, tax map numbers 0933 12 0004, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. Proposed addition of carport, modification and update of screen walls, minor exterior modifications to existing structure (window), interior renovation. PLUS #ARBWK-2023-MV-00004. **Mount Vernon District**

• **Owens Residence Addition, located in the 7302 Rippon Rd, Alexandria**, tax map numbers 0934 05 0016, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. New kitchen addition, new primary bedroom addition, new detached shed, new patio, and patio screen. Christine Kelly represents the application. PLUS #ARBWK-2023-MV-00005. **Mount Vernon District**

• **Young Miller Residence Addition, located in the 2103 Popkins Ln, Alexandria**, tax map numbers 0933 04 0114, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. New entry foyer; new primary bathroom addition; new guest bedroom addition. Christine Kelly represents the application. PLUS #ARBWK-2023-MV-00006. **Mount Vernon District**

• **Addition, located in the 7309 Stafford Rd, Alexandria**, tax map numbers 0933 04 0078, in the **Hollin Hills HOD**. Renovation and addition to existing single family residence. Jacob Baer represents the application. PLUS #ARBWK-2023-MV-00007. **Mount Vernon District**

Presentations: None