

**Fairfax County History Commission  
Electronic Meeting  
May 4, 2022, 7:30 p.m.**

The Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on May 4, 2022.

**Call to Order**

**1. Audibility of Members' Voices**

The Chair called the May 4, 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:**

**Location:**

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

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

**Commissioners Excused:**

Anne Barnes  
Subhi Mehdi  
Barbara Peters

*\*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; Stephanie Langton, Heritage Conservation Branch, Fairfax County Park Authority.

**Staff Present:**

Elliot Meyer, History Commission Clerk

**Guests Present:**

George Mason University (GMU) Capstone students: Akbar Suri, Roman Patrick, Samuel Pitch, Fernando Galarza, Brian Do, and Steve Cheuko.

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 Esther McCullough 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 837 601 372#.*

The motion was seconded by Sue Kovach Shuman 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 Tammy Mannarino and passed unanimously. The gavel was passed back to the Chair.

## **Presentation**

African American History Inventory Database, Akbar Suri, GMU Capstone student:

- On behalf of the team of George Mason University (GMU) Capstone students, Akbar Suri presented the completed AAHI database and website. The team of six students have worked with Mary Lipsey and Phyllis Walker Ford over the past eight months to develop a public-facing, online database that documents African American contributions in Fairfax County. The inventory of primary sources includes churches, homes, schools, events, photographs, and more.
- Akbar first reviewed process of the entire project, including changes, qualified impacts of the database, cost, technical structure, and future use.
  - The team estimated that research will take a third of the time that it would previously have taken with the consolidation of this information into the database.
  - The database will grow through user submissions and has a guide for assisting website managers with updating entries.
- Akbar then walked through the final website with the Commission and showed the different features of the site, including tags, advanced search, collections, and an interactive map.
- Akbar then concluded the presentation and opened the floor for questions:
  - The Commission commended Akbar and the GMU team for a tremendous job with the project.
  - Tammy Mannarino noted that the GMU team's estimation of the time savings from the creation of the database is conservative, and it will probably be even more time saved for researchers.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked who will be the long-term managers of the website and when will the website be going live.
    - Akbar explained that the team is currently working with the Fenwick Library (that is hosting the database) to develop a transition plan. Akbar expects that the work of maintaining the database will be conducted by a graduate teacher assistant because the person that maintains the website will need GMU credentials to access the Fenwick server.
    - Akbar explained that the website is currently live, but does not have the final URL yet. Once the team has the final web address, then the project will be formally public.
  - Jordan Tannenbaum asked if the website could include video entries and if original documents could be digitized to be able to be seen on the website.



- Akbar answered that the website should be able to display videos, but the file size should be considered in regards to the hosting capabilities.
  - Akbar noted that any original documents can be displayed on the website, so long as the document can be scanned and in a pdf file format.
- Jordan Tannenbaum also asked how much money this would cost if the Fenwick Library was not covering the cost of hosting.
  - Akbar ballparked the cost between \$200-500, but the cost could rise as the database grows.
- Aimee Wells praised the team for making the database relational and creating an interconnected researching experience.
- Jenee Linder clarified that the team will be graduating and noted that this might be a great resource to share with the Black Lives Next Door.
- Bob Beach asked Akbar to estimate the number of hours this took in total.
  - Akbar first expressed the team's appreciation to the History Commission for their hard work. He noted that it is hard to quantify, especially when the project took a few unexpected turns, which made for a fantastic learning experience.
- Sue Kovach Shuman asked what is a "Dublin Core."
  - Akbar explained that a Dublin Core is a set of core elements that describe every resource, like a title, date, creator, etc.
- Sue then noted that her husband, who is a GMU professor, ballparked that this project was about 1,500-2,000 hours of time and would value the project at least \$100,000-\$300,000.

### **Approval of the April 6, 2022 Minutes**

**A motion was made by Jordan Tannenbaum to approve the April 6, 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 Esther McCullough and passed unanimously.**

### **Treasurer's Report**

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

### **Staff Reports**

Archaeology and Collections Branch (ACB), Aimee Wells:

- Aimee Wells, Fairfax County Park Authority, referred the Commissioners to the staff report for the full update See [Attachment 2](#) for the staff report.



Heritage Conservation Branch, Stephanie Langton:

- Stephanie Langton, 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.

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.

Heritage Resources, Denice Dressel:

- Denice Dressel, Fairfax County Department of Planning and Development gave project and program updates. See [Attachment 5](#) for the staff report.

**Unfinished Business**

Fairfax County Courthouse, Sue Kovach Shuman:

- Sue Kovach Shuman updated the Commission about the meeting with Supervisor Palchik regarding more immediate action by the County to address the deteriorating exterior conditions of the Historic Fairfax County Courthouse. Last month, Sue, Jenée Lindner, and Denice met with Supervisor Palchik to assess the seriousness of the situation after it was agreed upon that the Providence District Supervisor needed to be directly involved during the History Commission's April meeting.
- Supervisor Palchik assured the Commission that their office will seek funding for this initial restoration project and that grant funding will not be necessary.

Dulles Airport Capital One Sky Lounge, Jordan Tannenbaum:

- Jordan Tannenbaum provided an update regarding the development of the Dulles Airport Capital One Sky Lounge.
  - Following the History Commission's letter of recommendations, the developers revised certain aspects of the project.
  - The developers submitted a determination of no adverse effect of the revised project. Jordan reviewed the determination and identified a few aspects of the project he believes could have an adverse effect if left unaddressed.
    - Jordan has not seen comments from the State Historic Preservation Office yet.
  - Jordan prepared a response complimenting the developers on the revisions and provided recommendations for further revisions.
    - Cheryl received Jordan's draft letter. Cheryl will format it and post it in the shared folder.

**New Business**

Fairfax County History Commission Budget Report, Elise Murray:

- Elise Murray gave an overview of the History Commission's budgetary standings and annual commitments, following last month's agreement to outline the Commission's budgetary commitments to allow for the Commission to allocate funding appropriately. See [Attachment 6](#) for the Budget Report.
- After reviewing the budgetary standing of the Commission, Elise referred to the attached financial review plan for the Commission's future consideration.
  - Mary Lipsey asked about the potential increase for marker program costs. Elise assured Mary that there will be enough funds to adjust for the increases as needed.
  - Sue Kovach Shuman expressed her appreciation to Elise for compiling these materials.
  - Cheryl asked if the funding commitments to the marker proffers were for specific signs. Elise and Mary explained that the allocated funds are for specific signs.
  - Tammy Mannarino received clarification that the Edith Sprouse funds are earmarked for something specific.
- Elise concluded the discussion by noting that the details of this budget should be discussed further in a Budget Committee meeting, which will need to happen once the fiscal year ends. Cheryl Repetti noted that a deadline will be determined in the discussion of the financial review plan.

**Committee Reports**

History Conference Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne Garvey-Hodge discussed the outline for the 2022 History Conference and reviewed the different pieces of the event, including the specifically discussed key topics of the conference, speakers, and format. See [Attachment 7](#) for the Committee Report and draft agenda for the conference.
  - Presenters Shawn and Susan Dilles, who are co-authoring a book about the Jewish community history in northern Virginia and Fairfax County, were recommended by Chris Barbuschak.
  - Jordan Tannenbaum applauded Martha Catlin's involvement in the conference.
- The next History Conference Committee meeting is May 25, 2022.

Awards Committee, Lynne Garvey-Hodge:

- Lynne noted that there were no updates and reminded the Commission that the deadline for award nominations is June 1.

African American History Inventory Committee, Phyllis Walker Ford:

- The AAHI Committee met on April 12, 2022 and finalized the remaining templates and images for the website. The AAHI Committee discussed the formal launch of the



website, as well as a press release, presentation to the Board of Supervisors, and a webinar for the public. The Committee also discussed recognition for the Capstone students and will continue that discussion at the next meeting. The next AAHI Committee meeting will be May 10, at 2:30 pm.

- Mary Lipsey requested that the Commissioners withhold sharing the temporary URL for the database until the final URL is confirmed.
- Mary summarized the Committee's discussion about how to honor the work of the GMU Capstone students.

**Mary made the following motion:**

*I move that a letter of recognition and appreciation be written to the George Mason University I.T. engineer seniors who created the Omeka Database and coordinated with the George Mason University Fenwick Library to host the database.*

**Barbara Naef seconded the motion. The motion was opened for discussion:**

- Jordan Tannenbaum recommended to amend the motion by first changing "be written" to "be sent," and that copies of the letter be sent to the student's professors.
- Mary Lipsey noted that the Committee discussed formal letterhead and stock of the letters.

**Mary restated the amended motion:**

*I move that a letter of recognition and appreciation be sent to the George Mason University I.T. engineer seniors who created the Omeka Database and coordinated with the George Mason University Fenwick Library to host the database. A copy of the letters will be sent to the student's professors.*

**Barbara Naef seconded the amended motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Barbara Naef asked Denice for an update on the County's effort to map the historic African American communities. Denice clarified that the One Fairfax Office are aware of the AAHI database project and are using the inventory data to map the communities that were identified. The office is looking at demographic changes from beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century to the present.
  - Barbara Naef thanked Denice for her explanation as an example of this database's value and Denice agreed that this is a much-needed and fantastic resource for the County.

Semiquincentennial Commemoration, Grechen Bulova:

- Grechen Bulova provided updates regarding the Semiquincentennial Commemoration at the state and county levels. See [Attachment 8](#) for the Semiquincentennial Report.
  - At the state level, the Commission is working on a logo process and grant procedures. The next Commission meeting is on May 13, 2022, at 10 am.



- At the county level, the first workgroup met in March and will develop a committee structure during its next meeting on May 25, 2022 at 1:00 pm.

Inventory Committee, Elise Murray:

- The Committee met on April 28, 2022 and was joined by Jenee Lindner to review the request from Supervisor Patrick Herrity for the History Commission to evaluate a proposal to name the Police Department's renovated helicopter hanger after retired Deputy County Executive and Retired FCPD Chief David Rohrer.
- The request was forwarded to the History Commission pursuant to the Board of Supervisors' policy for "Naming County Facilities at a Board Member's Request." However, upon reviewing Section IV of the policy, the Committee concluded that they are not the appropriate agency to evaluate the naming of the hanger. See [Attachment 9](#) for the Inventory Committee Report.

**Elise Murray made the following motion:**

*I move that the Fairfax County History Commission pass the recommendation that the History Commission is not the appropriate agency to evaluate the naming of the hanger onto Supervisor Patrick Herrity.*

**Barbara Naef seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.**

- Elise noted that Supervisor Herrity is aware that the Commission is making this recommendation.

Annual Report, Elise Murray and Anne Stuntz:

- Elise Murray updated the Commission about the 2019 and 2020 reports. The 2019 Annual Report is about to be finished. However, there were not a lot of materials received for the 2020 report and Elise asked if this should be a joint 2019-2020 annual report.
- Anne Stuntz clarified that Committee Chairs would just need to add the 2020 updates to their sections.
- Following a discussion of the matter, it was agreed that the 2019 and 2020 annual reports will become a joint report with Elise taking the lead.

Advocacy Committee, Anne Stuntz:

- Anne Stuntz reviewed the Advocacy Committee meeting from April 21, which included the budget, staff request, and events. The next Advocacy Committee meeting will be on May 19.
  - Specifically, Anne noted that Sue Kovach Shuman ensured that the fee was waived for the Commission's table at the Tinner Hill event.

- Tammy Mannarino provided updates regarding the 2021 Annual Report, which is very close to being finalized. Tammy thanked the Commission for their thoughtful input during the process.

Markers Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided updates regarding the Markers Committee, including the increased cost for markers and the Fairfax County Marker Project. See [Attachment 10](#) for Committee Report.
- Bob Beach, Jordan Tannenbaum, and others thanked Mary for her outstanding job managing the County's markers.

Cemetery Preservation Committee, Mary Lipsey:

- Mary Lipsey provided an update regarding the Cemetery Preservation Committee. See [Attachment 10](#) for the full Committee Report.

Ethnic and Oral History Committee, Esther McCullough:

- Esther McCullough provided an update regarding two additional interviews scheduled for Friday, May 13. The series of interviews, "Fairfax Looks Back," is being coordinated between the Committee and Channel 16. The next Committee meeting is May 24, 2022 at 7:00pm.

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.

Architecture Review Board (ARB) Liaison, Elise Murray:

- Elise noted that the most significant change is new applicants from the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District. See [Attachment 11](#) for the ARB Report.

Fairfax City, David Meyer:

- David announced that the restoration of the Old Town Hall has officially begun and the contractor is on-site. He provided a detailed explanation of the restoration process and the engineering issues that caused the column to collapse.
  - Bob Beach asked if copies of the photos of the original construction crew from the 1950s that installed the porch on Old Town Hall could be made available to the Virginia Room. David stated that it would be and that the current process will be diligently documented and provided to the Virginia Room.
- David then discussed the Connecting Fairfax City for All efforts to identify and change certain nomenclature and symbols in the City to be more inclusive. The City Council will be deciding which names will be renamed in June.



- Cheryl asked the webmaster to post the Fairfax County Colored Association Anniversary Booklet on the AAHI page. Cheryl reminded the Commission to send her any further website updates.
  - Lynne Garvey-Hodge asked for a Save the Date for the 2022 History Conference.


### **Announcements**

- Sue Kovach Shuman announced that Fairfax County Historical Society will hold a walking tour of Herndon on May 22, at 2:00 pm.
- Tammy Mannarino noted that the Mount Vernon Regional Historical Society held a meeting last night where Kevin Green, co-owner of the Virginia Florist, gave a well-attended presentation on Mount Vernon maps. Sallie Lyons noted that the Historical Society's next event is a tour of Woodlawn Plantation in July.
- Lynne Garvey-Hodge will be presenting to the National Association of Federal Employees as Ms. Robert Walker on May 11.
- Sallie Lyons reminded the Commission that Eagle Fest will be held on May 7 at Mason Neck State Park. Sallie noted that this would be a good place for the History Commission to have a booth next year.

*Cheryl-Ann Repetti adjourned the meeting at 9:43 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted:

D. Elliot Meyer  
Clerk, Fairfax County History Commission

  
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Steve Sherman, Corresponding Secretary  
Fairfax County History Commission

Date: 6/14/22

### **Attachments**

- [Attachment 1](#): Treasurer's Report, May
- [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](#): 2022 Budget Report
- [Attachment 7](#): History Conference Committee Report and Draft Agenda
- [Attachment 8](#): Semiquincentennial Report, May
- [Attachment 9](#): Inventory Committee Report
- [Attachment 10](#): AAHI, Markers, and Cemetery Committee Reports
- [Attachment 11](#): ARB Liaison Report



Attachment 1

Fairfax County History Commission  
Treasurer Report May 4, 2022

FOCUS Account as of April 25, 2022  
Beginning balance March 25: \$ 56,114.68

Revenue:

3/31/2022 Interest \$ 3.96  
(Budget adjustment \$ 3.96)

Expenses:

4/12/2022 Minutes for March 2022 meeting - Meyer \$450.  
4/12/2022 FICA & Medicare \$34.42

Ending balance: April 25, 2022 \$55,638.181.2  
FC Park Authority/History Conference Account

Balance carryover from FY2021: \$2,351.76  
FY2021 conference expenses: \$330 total

Available balance: \$2,021.76 (same as last month)

Submitted by Sue Kovach Shuman  
FCHC Treasurer

Attachment 2

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

- ACB staff monitored the demolition of the tenant house at Mount Air to ensure the protection of archaeological resources on the site.
- ABC staff monitored the removal of invasive species on a known archaeological site at Ellanor C. Lawrence Park to protect resources and assist with questions.
- ACB launched a new webpage for the public to follow along with the cemetery survey efforts. It has already had an impact, with many county residents emailing with information on family cemeteries or offering their volunteer help.
- ACB staff met with members of the Jermantown Cemetery group in order to learn about their project, share objectives, with the hope of future collaboration.
- ACB staff will present to the Fairfax Genealogical Society regarding the cemetery project, acknowledging that similar work has been done for decades by FGS members.
- ACB staff were present for the re-dedication of Summers Cemetery in Lincolnia. The Park Authority Director, Jai Cole, offered comments at the event which was hosted by the Daughters of the American Revolution, Henry Clay Chapter.
- May will bring further fieldwork at Riverbend Park, analysis, and progress toward the reporting of earlier work at Hidden Pond Nature Center, Mount Air, Ash Grove, and Patriot Park North.
- Finally, ACB was successful in the re-grading of a collections manager position, which was advertised the last week of April as an HRS III, with responsibilities for managing both archaeological and museum collections. The advertisement closes on May 5<sup>th</sup>.

Attachment 3

**Heritage Conservation Branch  
Resource Management Division  
History Commission Updates  
May 2022  
Location: Winchester, 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**

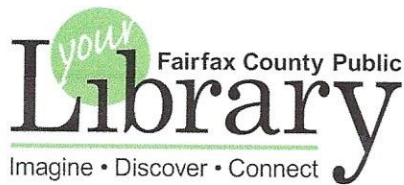
- The next HSVC event is a landscape clean up scheduled for Saturday May 14<sup>th</sup> at **Fairfax Arms**

**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**. To foster continued dialogue on the topic, the Park Authority has extended the deadline for public comment until Friday, May 13, 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/parks/white-gardens)



Attachment 4



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

**May 2022**

- Virginia Room Librarian, Laura Wickstead, retired on Friday April 22, 2022, after nearly ten years of working in the Virginia Room. We will miss her!
- Staff attended Fairfax History Day at Historic Blenheim and had an outreach table. They talked with members of the public about the Virginia Room's resources and assisted them with looking up who owned their Fairfax County property in 1860.
- The Friends of the Virginia Room held their annual book sale during the weekend of April 22-24<sup>th</sup>.

## **Staff Report: FINAL**

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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 – NO UPDATE. 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 – NO UPDATE.** On April 1, 2022, staff submitted the application to the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR) 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 (from the original estimate of ~\$62,000). 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.
- **Lorton Visioning Study (Plan Amendment 2021-IV-LP1), Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE. Background:** The County is undertaking the Lorton Visioning 2040 study to bolster the sense of place within the Lorton community over the next 20 years. More information about the project can be found on the project's webpage, [Lorton Visioning Study](#), or contact [Denice Dressel](#).
- **African American Context Study and Architectural Survey, County Wide –NO UPDATE. 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 Dresse](#) if you have any questions.

#### **National Register Nominations**

- **Pride of Fairfax National Register Nomination, Mount Vernon District – NO UPDATE. 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 Dresse](#) 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. 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 Request for Admin Position** – 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.
- **History Commission Bylaws Revisions – NO UPDATE.** The memo to the Board outlining the revisions to the History Commission and ARB bylaws was distributed earlier in February. This memo was prepared for the Board prior to the BOS hearing for approval of the bylaws revisions, to allow an opportunity for the Board members



to get more information for clarification, if needed. The anticipated Board date for approval is now May 10, 2022.

- **Historic Courthouse, Providence District – NO UPDATE.** The History Commission received a response from Chairman McKay to their letter regarding needed repairs at the historic courthouse. The Architectural Review Board received the same response.

### **Development Reviews**

- **SEA 880V-064-05 Original Mount Vernon High School, Mount Vernon District –** The ARB recommended approval of the Special Exception to the Board of Supervisors at its April 14, 2022, meeting. **Background:** This is the first application received under the new Zoning Standard: Alternative Use of Historic Buildings which allows the Board to consider a special exception to allow certain nonresidential uses in historic structures listed on the Fairfax County Inventory of Historic Sites. All applications that include exterior modifications to the structure or site are to be reviewed by the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The proposed uses for the project include Early Childhood Education Center, Gymnasium, Teen and Senior Center, non-profit programs with a focus on education, career and workforce development, and financial literacy, education, culinary incubation, business incubation, visual and performing arts, commercial kitchen for education and to serve building uses, and flexible community use spaces. This project will be using only state Historic Tax Credits, they will not be seeking federal tax credits.

Attachment 6

Budget Report

May 4, 2022

The History Commission currently has \$55,000 in the DPD FOCUS account with another \$21,000 coming in July. Long-term commitments are about \$10,500 in marker proffer funds and Edith Sprouse's \$7,700. The History Commission is not in imminent danger of running out of funds.

The request for FY 2024 will be due in the fall. The Commission should focus on updating the \$21,000 base budget to more accurately reflect current costs and programs. The most recent base budget is attached.

Attached is a proposed Financial Review Plan for consideration.

Submitted by Elise Murray.

erm 5/2/2022

**Fairfax County History Commission  
FY 2021 Base Budget**

Minutes Recording & Transcription	\$6,180
Copying, Postage & Supplies	200
Memberships and Subscriptions	325
Conferences & Meetings	150
Preservation, Education & Related	288
Preservation Consultants	2,000
Archeology Consultants	2,500
Historical Marker Program	4,220
Historical Marker Maintenance	1,000
Awards Programs	1,000
Publications	0
Oral History	150
History Conference	<u>3,000</u>
Total	\$21,013

### **Financial Review Procedure**

**Mission:** The Financial Review (Audit) Committee shall meet with the Treasurer to conduct an annual review of the financial records and submit a report to the Commission within two months of the close of the fiscal year, which is June 30<sup>th</sup>. (The mission was not amended beyond the name.)

**Committee:** At least four members. Until the Board of Supervisors approves the amended bylaws, none of the officers may serve. The preparer of the financial statement should not serve, as well.

**Materials to Review:**

- Minutes for the just-completed fiscal year
- All monthly financial reports from both the Department of Planning and Development and Park Authority finance offices, along with any relevant correspondence.
- Unspent Funds Lists from previous years
- Treasurer's Reports
- Financial Statement and supporting detail

**Tasks:**

- Compare the treasurer's reports to the materials from both the DPD and Park Authority finance offices to ensure that the treasurer's reports are accurate.
- Compare the treasurer's reports to the minutes to ensure that all expenditures were approved and did not exceed the approved amount.
- Prepare a list of expenditures approved, but not made before year end and determine whether the funds are to be carried over to the next fiscal year.
- Compare the treasurer's reports to unspent funds lists from previous years for expenditures not in the current minutes.
- Compare the financial statement supporting detail to the materials from both the DPD and Park Authority finance offices to ensure that the data entry is correct and that the expenditures are categorized correctly.
- Compare the financial statement supporting detail to the the unspent funds lists to ensure that the unspent funds are accounted for correctly.
- Compare the entries on the financial statement to the supporting detail.

The tasks may be divided up and completed before the committee meets in full.

The Financial Review is not completed until a majority of the committee agrees that the treasurer's reports and the financial statement are accurate.



Attachment 7

**Dressel, Denice**

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**From:** lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com  
**Sent:** Monday, May 2, 2022 1:16 AM  
**Cc:** Dressel, Denice; 'Elliot Meyer'; lynnegarveyhodge@gmail.com  
**Subject:** Update & Draft of Fairfax County's 18th Annual Fairfax County History Conference - 11/5/2022 - Sherwood Community Center & Live-Stream  
**Attachments:** FCHC.HC.2022.DRAFT Agenda.5.2.2022.docx  
**Importance:** High

(bcc to FCHC/HC Team, S.Hellman, B.Naef, A. Barnes, M. Catlin, Shawn & Susan Dilles, Amir & Maddy)

Good evening, Team!

Although a small committee meeting, Liz Crowell, Jordan Tannenbaum, Sue Kovach Shuman, Grace Davenport & Denice

Dressel & myself gathered to discuss the content & speakers of this year's Conference: **"WE Are Fairfax**

**County – Part II,**

**"Early Immigrant Groups of Fairfax County – Sewing the Seeds of Today's Fairfax County"**

on Wednesday, April 27, 2022, 7:30pm. We were able to confirm most of the attached list of presenters and ended within record time at approximately 8:15pm. 😊

Please see the attached DRAFT Agenda!

Please also share any reactions, suggestions, thoughts, etc. with directly with me before our next FCHC mtg. on this coming Wednesday, 5/4/2022.

Our next meeting will be scheduled for **May 25, 2022, 7:30pm.**

Please forward any graphics/photos/content info. asap so we can begin developing our "Save the Date" flyer.

THANK YOU!

*Lynne Garvey -Hodge*

Fairfax County History Commission, Vice Chairperson,  
Historian I, At-Large Commissioner &

Annual Conference & Awards Chairperson

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***"We must learn to live together as  
brothers and sisters  
or we will perish together as fools."***

***--Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.***

**Fairfax County History Commission's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual History Conference**  
**"WE Are Fairfax County – Part II,**  
**"Early Immigrant Groups of Fairfax County – Sewing 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 - A G E N D A**

<b>SPEAKER (MC = LMGH)</b>	<b>TOPIC</b>	<b>Notes/Background Info.</b>
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>  <i>Awards presentations to Fairfax County Awards Recipients</i>	*Confirmed *Confirmed pending schedule; may tape or remote in (poc – Amir) *Confirmed pending schedule; may tape or remote in (poc, Maddy White)
Esther McCullough, FCHC Commissioner + Anne Barnes (need to confirm Anne)	<i>The Earliest African-American Churches &amp; their Communities in Fairfax County (1st Baptist, Vienna &amp; Bethel Baptist, Gum Springs, &amp; Others (Clifton Primitive Baptist Church??))</i>	*Confirmed; Intended to be a segue from 2021 Conference & indicate the realities of early 20 <sup>th</sup> c. Segregation
Martha Catlin, Historian for the Alexandria Monthly Meeting of Friends at Woodlawn	<i>The Quakers of Fairfax County – Their Heritage &amp; Their Impact Author of "As They Were Led: Quakerly Steps and Missteps Toward Native Justice 1795 - 1940."</i>	*Susan Hellman is not available & she strongly recommends Martha *Not confirmed as yet
Dr. Eric Larsen or Dr. Michael Phillips, the Germanna Foundation	<i>"The German Influence in our area – from the 18<sup>th</sup> c. Germanna Colony"</i>	*Recommendations by Liz Crowell & Barbara Naef; *No confirmations at this time
Dr. Martha Pallante & Dr. Donna DiBlasio	<i>Looking beyond the "Big Apple": Investigating the Immigrant Experience in Understudied Communities</i>	*They are doing a case study of an Italian community in Ohio *Not certain of confirmation *Colleagues of Liz Crowell
Shawn & Susan Dilles	<i>Early Jewish Immigration to Fairfax County</i>	*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 building Tyson's Corner and Reston) and establishing landmark stores in the area like Giant, Hechingers, Shoppers Food Warehouse, Hechts and the Vienna Inn to name a few *Confirmed via Susan KS & Jordan T -with a hearty THANK YOU!! 😊
John Murphy, Fairfax Station Railroad Museum & St. Mary's Church	<i>Fairfax County's Earliest Irish Citizens</i>	*Discussed & tentatively confirmed * Member Ffx.Sta.RR Museum & St. Mary's Church

Attachment 8

History Commission  
Semiquincentennial Report  
May 4, 2022

Submitted by Gretchen Bulova, Committee Chair

*State Commission*

1. The commission is working on a logo, logo usage process, granting process, and other baseline functions.
2. Legislators have not been appointed to date.
3. A larger advisory committee is still being coordinated.
4. The next meeting is planned for May 13 at 10 a.m. in Richmond at the Virginia Museum of History and Culture.

*Fairfax County Workgroup*

1. The next meeting will take place on May 25 at 1 p.m. at the City of Fairfax Regional Library, 10360 North Street, Fairfax Conference Rooms A/B
2. All Supervisors have selected an appointee to the workgroup. The first workgroup was held March 30<sup>th</sup> at the Government Center.
3. The next meeting will work to implement a committee structure.

*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.



### **Inventory Committee Report**

May 4, 2022

The Committee met on April 28, 2022. The Committee was joined by Jene Lindner from the Springfield District. The primary purpose of the meeting was to consider Springfield Supervisor Patrick Herrity's request that History Commission evaluate a proposal to name the Police Department's renovated Helicopter Hangar after retired Deputy County Executive and Retired FCPD Police Chief David Rohrer.

This request was forwarded to the History Commission pursuant to the Board of Supervisor's policy for "Naming County Facilities at a Board Member's Request." However, under Section IV, Policy, ¶ A

Any such request will be initiated as a Board Matter at a regular meeting of the Board of Supervisors, then referred to the History Commission or other such appropriate County agency as may be necessary, for evaluation. After the evaluation of the History Commission or other such appropriate County agency is complete and has been presented to the Board, the request will be considered by the Board.

It is the opinion of the Committee that:

The History Commission is not the appropriate agency to evaluate the naming of the hanger.

The meeting also included an update on our three outstanding nominations, a new and several ongoing projects.

Submitted by Elise Murray

Attachment 10

AFTER History Commission Meeting May 4, 2022

**African American History Inventory Committee**

Motion Made:

I move that a letter of recognition and appreciation be sent to the George Mason University IT engineer seniors who created the Omeka Database and coordinated with the George Mason University's Fenwick Library to host the database. A copy of the letter will be sent to their professor.

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

**Marker Committee**

The marker foundry Sewah Studios has increased the cost of the markers including shipping to \$2685, a \$345 increase.

**The Total Cost for the marker including shipping and installation will be \$3580 until the end of the year at least.**

If a marker is placed on VDOT property, there is a fee of \$110 that would raise the total to \$3690.

Waiting to hear about the status of the marker Civil War at the Frying Pan Spring Meeting House, which was sent for repainting.

**Fairfax County Marker Project**

The deadline for submissions was this past Saturday, April 30.

The county received 58 submissions.

Next step is the voting committee to review the submissions.

**Cemetery Committee**

A draft of the Memoranda of Agreement between the Cemetery Committee and the Fairfax County Cemetery Preservation will be submitted to the County Attorney for review. Various activities are planned at the following cemeteries:

Laurel Grove Baptist, Pohick Church, Sons and Daughters of Liberty on Woodburn Rd ( Pine Ridge Park)

-1- Elise Ruff Murray May 3, 2022

**Architectural Review Board Report**

**March 10 and April 14, 2022 Webex Meetings**

**Consent Items: None**

**Action Items:**

**March: Approved: Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District - Design Guidelines.** The Hollin Hills HOD was approved by the Board of Supervisors on March 8, 2022. The Hollin Hills HOD consists of 492 parcels located within tax map grids 93-1, 93-3, 93-4, and 102-1. The proposal is to adopt Design Guidelines for the Hollin Hills Historic District previously presented to the ARB at its February 2022 meeting. Laura Arseneau, DPD Staff, represents the application. **Mount Vernon District.**

**April:**

**Approved, after workshop in March: Difficult Run Pump Station Grit Mitigation and Pump Station Upgrades, located at 9950 Colvin Run Rd., Great Falls, in the Colvin Run Mill HOD.** The project proposes modifications to an existing pre-cast diversion gate structure associated with the Difficult Run Pump Station. James Newbold and Xiaolun Guo, Hazen and Sawyer, and Agata Fallon, Fairfax County Department of Public Works and Environmental Services, represent the application. PLUS # ARB-2022-DR-00005. **Dranesville District.**

**Approved: Renovation plan for Original Mount Vernon High School (OMVHS),** located at 8323 and 8333 Richmond Highway, 4100 Mohawk Lane, 8345 Reddick Avenue and 8405 Mount Zephyr Drive in Alexandria. The applicant, the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County, seeks a Special Exception (SEA 88-V-064-05) to allow for alternative uses of historic buildings for the Original Mount Vernon High School. The ARB has authority to review and provide recommendation over exterior renovations to historic structures under the new Alternative Use of Historic Buildings Special Exception in the Zoning Ordinance. The applicant proposes the demolition of portions of the buildings that have not been deemed historically significant and the addition of a welcome center to the rear of the building. Proposed uses include early childhood education, gymnasium, teen and senior center, non-profit programs and other community uses. OMVHS is listed on the National Register of Historic Places and the applicant is proposing to use state rehabilitation tax credits to help fund the project. Joe Celentano from VMDO Architects, and Susan England from Land Design on behalf of Fairfax County Capital Facilities, and Bryan Botello of Fairfax County Zoning Evaluation Division, represent the application. PLUS# ARB-2022-MV-00008. **Mount Vernon District.**

**Approved with conditions: Heck Residence Remodeling and Addition, located at 2213 Glasgow Rd, Alexandria, in the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District.** The project proposes to remodel and construct an addition to an existing home, including replacement of damaged



windows and doors throughout the house, MEP improvements, and repairs to the existing damaged roof and eave. Michael Cook and Roger Chien of Cook Architecture represents the application. **Mount Vernon District.**-2- Elise Ruff Murray May 3, 2022

**Workshops :**

**March: Monument Sign, located at Pohick Church, 9301 Richmond Hwy, Lorton, in the Pohick Church HOD.** The project proposes a new monument sign for the historic Pohick Church. Marissa Eyon, FASTSIGNS of Springfield, represents the application. **Mount Vernon District.**

**April:**

**Beltran Residence Addition, located at 1815 Drury Ln., Alexandria, in the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District.** The project proposes a 2-story addition and a 1 story entry addition to an existing home. Rebecca Bostick represents the proposal. **Mount Vernon District.**

**Grandpre/Bruscoe Addition, located at 2007 Martha's Rd, Alexandria, in the Hollin Hills Historic Overlay District.** The project proposes a small addition that will technically be a garage but will be used by the resident who is an artist and inventor, as a workshop. Ry Bruscoe represents the proposal. **Mount Vernon District.**

**Shrader Residence, located at 1000 Dogue Hill Ln, McLean, in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District.** The project proposes to create a dialogue between the architecture and the landscape by connecting the back terrace to the new garden around the proposed solarium per ARB 05-LFK-02 Amendment and by expanding views from inside the house to the landscape beyond. Modified design and additional improvements to the Front Arrival Garden. Mila Antova of Moody Architecture represents the proposal. **Dranesville District.**

**1102 Chain Bridge Road, located at 1102 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, in the Langley Fork Historic Overlay District.** The project proposes the demolition of the existing dwelling and site amenities on the parcel and construction of a new dwelling. Kayvan Jaboori of KJ & Associates represents the proposal. PLUS # ARBWK-2022-DR-00004. **Dranesville District.**

**Presentations:**

**March: Presentation of modifications to the site plan and change of use for a previously approved new construction of an office building located at 14001 Braddock Road in the Centreville HOD.** The site plan and building permit was issued to the property owner with an expired ARB approval. In addition, the approved site plan was revised to accommodate a change of use from the ARB-approved office building to a childcare center. Jimmy Jackson, Kingstone LLC, represents the project. **Sully District.**