

**Electronic meeting
Confederate Names Committee of the
Fairfax County History Commission
October 28, 2020- DRAFT**

The Confederate Names Committee of the Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on October 28, 2020.

1. Call to Order

The Chair, Barbara Naef, called the meeting to order at 2:00 p.m. Before proceeding, she read the required emergency procedure script, conducted a roll call confirming the audibility of members' voices, and confirmed the need for an electronic meeting.

Committee Members Present:

Barbara Naef, Chair
Anne Stuntz
Liz Crowell
Denice Dressel
Chris Barbuschak
Mary Lipsey
Carole Herrick
Phyllis Walker Ford
Tammy Mannarino

Location:

Reston
Vienna
Staff, PA-ACB
Staff, DPD-HR
Staff, Virginia Room
Springfield
McLean
Clifton
Mount Vernon

Committee Members Absent:

Greg Wilson

Commission Members in Attendance:

Cheryl Repetti

2. Opening Statements

The Chair began by recognizing the hard work of Denice Dressel and Chris Barbuschak in bringing the final report together. This was followed by Committee applause. She also called attention to a Virginia Africana lecture that had been suggested by Phyllis Walker Ford, commenting that it was important for the work we have been doing. The Chair summarized the status of the final report assuring Committee members that proposed edits were being addressed with each version getting better. There have been some changes to the formatting and they have moved from using word counts for section length to using page counts.

3. Approval of Minutes

The Committee accepted the September 30th CNC meeting draft minutes as final with no further changes.

4. Discussion and Approval

The Chair introduced the latest versions of a few sections of the CNC report for discussion.

- a. The Civil War in Fairfax County. The most recent version of this section is annotated with the date 10/28 at the top. There was a question regarding the number of Union soldiers referenced in the third paragraph that has been resolved in discussion with Greg Wilson.
- b. Lost Cause Ideology. Committee members agreed that the reference to the John Quincy Marr Monument should be updated to reflect decisions and any follow-up actions made by the Board of Supervisors. In addition, there was consensus that the final paragraph would benefit from a concluding sentence tying back to the Lost Cause.
- c. Totals By Category – Fairfax County Historical Markers. The Committee reviewed the table commenting on markers that have been recently identified. A description of the “MISC.” category is found in the write up.
- d. County Historical Family Names in the Civil War Years and Beyond. The Chair noted that this section has been updated to reflect that family names not only predated the Civil War, but also were attached to the properties during post-war and twentieth century development. She coined the phrase “heritage of place” to capture the idea that the names reflect land ownership and habitation rather than Confederate service.

5. Staff Report

Denice Dressel reported that the filtered lists with notes have been compiled for each District. These have been returned to the contributors for review with the exception of the Mount Vernon, Providence and Springfield sections that will be sent soon. The Family Names summaries have been eliminated as they were generally duplicated in the notes section of the filtered lists. She noted that there are three resources that cross Districts: Lee Highway, Lee Jackson Highway and Pender community. She asked for comments and questions to be provided to her no later than Friday morning, October 30th, as the entire draft report will be posted that afternoon ahead of the History Commission meeting next week.

6. Next Meeting

This is expected to be the final meeting of the Confederate Names Committee. If a meeting becomes necessary, the date and time will be communicated via email and on the website.

7. Adjournment

The Chair adjourned the October 28th, 2020, Confederate Names Committee of the History Commission Meeting at 3:13 p.m.