

**Electronic meeting  
Confederate Names Committee of the  
Fairfax County History Commission  
August 19, 2020- DRAFT**

The Confederate Names Committee of the Fairfax County History Commission conducted a wholly electronic meeting on August 19, 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  
Phyllis Walker Ford  
Greg Wilson  
Mary Lipsey  
Carole Herrick  
Tammy Mannarino

**Location:**

Reston  
Vienna  
Staff, PA-ACB  
Staff, DPD-HR  
Staff, Virginia Room  
Clifton  
Great Falls  
Springfield  
McLean  
Staunton

**Commission Members in Attendance:**

**Esther McCullough**

**2. Opening Statements**

The Chair began by giving a general description of where the CNC stands in progress toward its mission. Whereas at our last meeting we were at the end of the beginning, we are now at the beginning of the middle. She thanked committee members for their work to date and continuing efforts.

### 3. Approval of Minutes

The Committee accepted the July 22<sup>nd</sup> CNC meeting draft minutes as final with no further changes.

### 4. Discussion and Approval

The Chair introduced a discussion of the 2013 **Sesquicentennial Civil War Brochure** "Conflict and Courage in Fairfax County: the Sites and Stories of the Civil War." She characterized the brochure as a period piece or artifact that shows Civil War-related markers, parks and other sites in Fairfax County. It was a county promotion and while members of the Committee would have issues with publishing it now, it demonstrates Fairfax County's role as central during the Civil war. Carole Herrick moved that the CNC include the brochure in our report to the Board of Supervisors. Tammy Mannarino suggested that the aforementioned characterization of the brochure should be included in our report to provide context. Liz Crowell shared that it was a heritage tourism piece. The Committee approved the motion.

The Chair then moved the discussion to the **Confederate Names Short List**. She related the methodology used to arrive at this list. Greg Wilson spearheaded the creation of the 1700-name Master List which was then reduced to 645 names after duplicate names were resolved. Matthew Knox used this list of 645 Confederate names to filter Fairfax County resources in each of the Districts for further analysis. A short list of 55 of the highest ranking or best-known Confederate Leaders in Fairfax County was excerpted to focus the Commission's efforts. Identification of resources named after these individuals should be prioritized. Mary Lipsey moved that CNC approve the Confederate Names Short list. Greg Wilson seconded the motion. The committee carried the motion with the understanding that it is a living list and other names may be added over time.

Denice Dressel led a discussion of the draft **Confederate Names Project Instructions** highlighting the tools that are available to Committee Members via ShareFile including administrative tools (e.g., 1760 and 1860 indexes, Board of Supervisors Minutes). This led into a discussion of additional tools provided and recommended by Chris Barbuschak including historical newspapers and the "Old-New Street Name List". The CNC agreed to use these tools in each District and contact Research Librarians for assistance when needed. Many committee members discussed their findings that resources appear to be named for families with long histories in Fairfax County rather than individual members of those families that served the Confederacy. The consensus was that a short history of these families should be written up separately rather than appearing in a template.

An update was provided on the letter sent to the Architectural Review Board (ARB). The CNC reached out to them as requested in the BOS motion to obtain their input on

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formulating guidelines for removing or recontextualizing Confederate Names. They have provided some informal thoughts. We have requested a formal response by the October 7<sup>th</sup> History Commission meeting.

#### **5. Committee Member Progress Reports**

**Mary Lipsey** reported that her work on identifying markers is nearly complete and that she is beginning her Braddock District work.

**Carole Herrick and Greg Wilson** reported most of their work in the Dranesville District was complete with some of it already provided to Denice.

**Anne Stuntz and Barbara Naef** are working with Elise Murray to document Hunter Mill District. They also summarized work occurring in other Districts. Lynne Garvey Hodges and Jordan Tannenbaum are working on the names for Springfield District and Barbara Peters is covering the Mason District. With the resignation of Mike Irwin from the History Commission, Mary Lipsey and community volunteer Sue Kovach Shuman will be working on the Providence District. Cheryl Repetti has been making good progress on the Sully District.

**Phyllis Walker Ford** reported that she has been working street names in the Lee District. She has prioritized streets using an individual's full name, since those are more likely to have been named for an individual rather than a family.

**Tammy Mannarino** reported that she has made a start on the Mount Vernon District and is running her results by fellow Commissioners Sallie Lyons and Anne Barnes.

#### **6. Upcoming Meetings and Events**

- Denice Dressel reported that the public hearing on the Marr Monument will be held September 15 at 4:30p.m. and has been advertised in the Washington Times.
- The next History Commission meeting will be held September 2.
- CNC members agreed to hold their next meeting on September 9<sup>th</sup> at 2p.m.

#### **7. Adjournment**

The Chair adjourned the August 19, 2020, Confederate Names Committee of the History Commission Meeting at 4p.m.