

Confederate Names Taskforce Meeting Minutes: 10/11/2021

Roll Call	
Committee Members	
Evelyn Spain, Chair, At-large	Alex Berke, Providence District
Bunyan Bryant, Mason District (Remote)	Michael Champness, At-large
Richard Correia, Braddock District	Elizabeth Crowell, At-large
Robert H. Floyd, Braddock District	Shirley Ginwright, Mt. Vernon
Barbara Glakas, Dranesville District	Edwin Henderson, Providence District
Isham Lamba, At-large	Jeanne Leckert, Braddock District
Susana Marino, At-large	Jenee Lindner
Peyton Onks, Springfield District	Blake Myers, Springfield District
Cheryl-Ann Repetti, Sully District	Marvin Powell, Sully District (Remote)
Roni Robins, Braddock District	Sue Kovach Schuman, Providence District (Remote)
Pastor Paul Sheppard, Providence District	Tim Thompson, At-large
Julie Park Tsui, Providence District	Jevon Walton, Braddock District (Remote)
Ed Wenzel, Springfield District	Philip Wilkerson, Providence District
Phylcia Woods, Providence District	

Present

1. The meeting was called to order by Chair Spain at 7:10 PM. Roll call confirmed an in-person quorum. Additionally, four members attended virtually. Their attendance was confirmed in accordance with the Virtual attendance guidelines, read by Chair Spain, and affirmed by the in-person members.
2. Chair Spain thanked the FCDOT staff and members of the sub-committee for their work on the strategy for public outreach.
3. Chair Spain called for an adoption of the minutes for September 13 and September 20. The minutes were not adopted because of incorrect attendance and omission of changes previously submitted by some task force members. Chair Spain apologized for the omission and asked if those comments could be “re-sent” to her and Malcolm, the recorder, for an update. A motion was made to delay approval of minutes until the next meeting. At this time, minutes from the current meeting and the previous two meetings, will be presented for approval. The motion was seconded and approved by unanimous vote.
4. Several members expressed their concern about submitted documents not being shared with the task force members and asked for clarification of the process. Chair Spain requested this information be shared.
5. Members of the FCDOT staff shared a presentation on Road Renaming in adjacent jurisdictions (City of Alexandria, Arlington, Loudon, City of Fairfax and Prince William County). The presentation included the strategies these jurisdictions executed/are executing on

the subject of Confederate markers, statues, and street names. While the presentation was well received, a member expressed a concern on the cost, if the decision is made to change the name and wanted to know the impact to homeowners and businesses. It was noted that the county's website lists the costs associated with changing names. FCDOT staff stated they were in communication with Loudoun County on their costs. It was noted that the FCDOT does not have a policy on road name changes, however, the State does. Others felt Fairfax was lagging behind. Others felt that what other jurisdictions have done or were doing has no impact on what Fairfax County does. It was also noted the strategy used by the Task Force is aligned with that of surrounding counties. It was reiterated that the final decision whether to change or not change the highway names will be made by the Board of Supervisors, and the task force is only to make a recommendation and alternative names.

6. Sue Novak Shuman and Javon Walton provided an overview of the work provided by the sub-committee relating to public engagement strategy and timeline. The postcard strategy was approved by majority vote (17 yea and 2 abstained). Changes will be incorporated, and the postcard is expected to be mailed without a delay.

7. Members were asked to review and approve the draft survey that would be sent to over 450K residents. It was mentioned that the survey did not take into consideration the language barriers and understanding of some immigrants and business owners. An example given was the use of the word "impact." An extensive discussion was held on some of the terminology and method for capturing information, resulting in changes for questions 4, 7, 8, 9, 14, 15 and 16 by majority vote of the Task Force (17 yea and 2 abstained). The FCDOT staff will incorporate the changes. It was noted, however, that there might be a little delay, since the survey is in several languages, and each must be changed.

8. Listening Sessions will be held at three locations and one virtual. Each session is meant to "listen" to the community. Task members requested, and it was agreed, that data from the Listening Sessions, survey and community comments be provided, in a timely manner, preferably after each session, for review and analysis. Members were asked to attend as many of the Listening Sessions as possible. Task Force members will not be identified. Chairman Spain will provide the opening remarks at each session. Each session will be facilitated and have security presence.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.