

## Confederate Names Taskforce Meeting Minutes: 09/20/2021

Roll Call	
Committee Members	
Evelyn Spain, Chair, At-large	Alex Berke, Providence District
Bunyan Bryant, Mason District	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
Roni Robins, Braddock District	Sue Kovach Schuman, Providence District
Pastor Paul Sheppard, Providence District	Tim Thompson, At-large
Julie Park Tsui, Providence District	Jevon Walton, Braddock District
Ed Wenzel, Springfield District	Philip Wilkerson, Providence District

### Present

- Welcome by Chair Evelyn Spain. She provided information on how the public can participate in the taskforce meeting. See information above.
- Motion on Virtual Quorum was taken and met
  - Each members voice must be clear, audible and appropriate volume
  - All voted to the affirmative
  - Each member of the task force gave a brief introduction stating their name, city of residence/district, and affiliation that brought them to the task force.
  - Roll Call attached
- Chair Spain moved that COVID-19 has made it unsafe for the committee and members of the public to physically attend this meeting. She also moved that the Task force Meeting will be held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The public can access to view the meeting live on the Fairfax County Government Cable Channel 16 and on the County website live stream at <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/cableconsumer/channel16/stream>), or by listening in via phone by calling 703-324-5300.
- Chair Spain moved All matters on the agenda previously furnished and posted on the Fairfax County website are necessary for continuity to carry out duties and responsibilities
  - All voted – yes
- Adoption of the August 16<sup>th</sup> Taskforce meeting minutes
  - All voted- motion carried
  - Barbara Glakas and Robert H. Floyd abstained
- **Review of Roadmap for the work ahead – Facilitators**
  - Julie Shedd speaks on the work ahead set forth in the Project Plan for the Task Force

- High level strategy for next steps for the conversation
  - Concerns about the cost of the name change voiced
  - Blake Myers concerned about the lack of specificity and substance in the "roadmap" - current version is merely a meeting schedule with no information or plan on how the TF is actually going to accomplish its tasks by December 2021.
    - Recommend leveraging the knowledge, experience and expertise of the 27 TF members by establishing committees/subgroups to work specific actions in-between TF meetings.
- Robert Floyd: Shares the concern by Mr. Myers. Also concerned that the work being done by the Taskforce is proforma. Also thinks that his concerns are being exacerbated by the fact that the meetings thus far have been held remotely. Regarding the work ahead/timeline, if the Taskforce decides to recommend changing the names of the roadway signs, what are the associated costs. There might be significant tax dollars associated with the changing of the roadway signs.
- Chair Spain: The budget is not within the scope of the Taskforce. The concerns about cost can be noted in our recommendation to the Board. And we will begin having in person meeting in October. Further, the concerns that are being express, share information with the Taskforce.
- Ed Henderson: If we're not going to change the names, there no purpose of us being here. Further, it not our purview. He would like to know if there can be a baseline established regarding whether or not we should change the name.
- Julie Shedd reiterated the charge given to the Taskforce by the Board of Supervisors. They are being intentional about not asking everyone to vote right now.
- Open discussion
- **Update on plans for community feedback / engagement – Chair Spain**
  - Fairfax county wide survey- postcard
    - All residents
  - Open discussion
    - Taskforce member are asked to participate in the development of the survey by Dr. Shedd. Send to Malcolm Watson for compilation of materials
    - Ed Wenzel does not believe that this is an open and inclusive process set forth by the board of supervisors. "While we heard a lot about One Fairfax, DEI, and inclusion at the first meeting, this Taskforce is not inclusive – rather it is deliberately exclusive. We are deliberately excluding the voters and tax payers of Fairfax County. No thirty hand-picked individuals should make recommendations for changing primary highway names because a question like that should only be on a ballot referendum."
      - Asked that the decision be put on the ballot
    - Shirley believes that there should be a public hearing of each district should be held
      - Mail should not be the only way for public to access
    - Supervisors district by district

- Community Briefings
    - Group request to meet in person
- **Questions /reactions regarding packet materials (History Commission’s report, etc.) – Facilitators**
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- **Discussion: Focusing on the Future – Characteristics of the Community We Most Want & Identifying Our Key Principles**
  - What do we want the community to be?
    - Open discussion