

County of Fairfax, Virginia

Fairfax County Confederate Names Task Force- Notes/Minutes

August 16, 2021, at 6:00 pm

Meeting will be held electronically due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The public will be able 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.

Purpose: To launch the Task Force's work by enabling members to get to know each other, creating shared agreements, and setting expectations about the timeframe and process

6:00 - 6:10 1. Welcome; Electronic Meeting, Roll Call, and FOIA Procedures; overview of meeting; and Introduction of Chair and Facilitators

- 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
 - George Alber: Centreville
 - Alex Burke: Providence District
 - Bunyan Bryant: Mason District
 - Michael Champness: Drainsville District Transportation Advisory Committee
 - Richard Correia: Present
 - Elizabeth Crowell: Alexandria – Park Authority
 - Robert Floyd – Braddock District
 - Shirley Ginwright – Absent
 - Barber Glakas – Absent
 - Edwin Henderson – Fairfax NAACP
 - Isham Lamba – Absent
 - Jean Leckark - Absent
 - Susana Marino – Absent
 - Black Myers – Springfield District – Bull Run Civil War Round Table
 - Peyton Onks – Springfield District – Pine Ridge Community in Fairfax
 - Marvin Powell – Absent
 - Cheryl-Ann Repetti – Chairman Fairfax County History Commission
 - Roni Robins - Absent (Chair received a note... inaudible)
 - Carol Robinson – Absent
 - Sue Kovach Shuman – Mantua – History Commission
 - Paul Sheppard – Absent
 - Tim Thompson – Hunter Mill District
 - Julie Park Tsui – Absent
 - Jevon Walton – Fairfax County NAACP
 - Ed Wenzel – Springfield District – Trustee of Monuments to Union Generals Carney and Stevens at the Ox Field Battlefield Park
 - Phillip Wilkerson - Absent
 - Phylicia Woods – Providence District

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- 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.
 - 1 no vote - Robert Floyd voted no for the interest of transparency and public discourse he prefers a live setting. All others voted yes.
- 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

6:10 – 6:40 2. Task Force Introductions

- Dr. Julie Shea- Facilitator
- Kristie Dooley- Facilitator

6:40 – 7:00 3. Our Process for Our Meetings

- Adopting Remote meeting policy
 - Moved to be approved
 - Point of order asked by Tim Thompson - What constitutes physical? What is quorum?
 - Only in place if meetings are in person not virtual meetings
 - Quorum is 15 people
 - Answered by Tom Biesiadny, Director, Department of Transportation
 - All voted – yes
 - Blake Myers question- will we receive a copy of that policy and how to contact the chair should we need to use the policy?
 - Answered yes
- Clarifying our charge and our roles
- FOIAA guidelines
 - Explained by Louis Nuzzo
- Media Requests
 - Explained by Robin Geiger
 - Chair is the official task force spokes person
 - Free to share personal view
 - Refer to chair for all business and work of the task force
 - You can decline

7:00 – 7:20 4. The County's One Fairfax policy – Karla Bruce

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- See the [policy](#). Karla Bruce presented on the county's joint racial and social equity policy.

7:20 – 7:30 Break

7:30 – 8:10 5. Defining How We'll Operate

- A number of members offered comments on how the task force should operate
 - Be respectful
 - Allow members to complete thought
 - Active listening
 - Avoid attacks

8:10 – 8:20 6. Meeting Logistics – When, How, Who

- Nomination for secretary
 - Jevon Walton Volunteered
 - Nominated
 - All voted yes
- 2nd and 3rd Mondays
 - Approved
- Virtual for first two meetings
 - Approved
- Timeframe for meetings
 - Group approve a 7 pm start time

8:20 – 8:30 7. Next Steps

- 9/13 Meeting