

## FALLS CHURCH HISTORICAL COMMISSION

### Minutes of Meeting Falls Church Community Center, Art Room Thursday, May 23, 2019

**Present:** Ron Anzalone, Ed Henderson, and Jonathan Ross.

Also present: Cameron Gahres (staff liaison)

#### 1. Call to Order

The meeting started at 8:20 p.m. A quorum was present.

#### 2. Discussion of Chapter Presentation

##### a. Comprehensive Plan Chapter Updates

In a meeting conducted alongside HARB, city staff Shelly Mastran presented the draft chapters for Demographics and Housing. General comments and concerns were recorded by Mrs. Mastran and staff liaison Gahres. An official compilation of commission comments will be created and submitted by Chair Anzalone.

##### b. Natural Resource Presentation Delayed

Because the Natural Resource chapter has been met with unexpected hesitation by City Council and boards and commissions the Historical Commission has decided to wait until a later date to hear its presentation when it more accurately reflects the final submission.

#### 3. Status Updates:

##### a. Falls Church High School Marker

A location for the marker in the City of Falls Church has been chosen, Whittier Park, and a draft of the proposed text and accompanying photograph has been discussed among Chair Anzalone, staff liaison Cameron Gahres, and former Falls Church High School graduate Craig Day. October has tentatively been chosen as a deadline for installment.

##### b. Big Chimney Park Redevelopment

Improvements of the park are underway to be completed by Spring 2020. A new trail, ADA access from Gundry Dr, and better storm water mitigation will be additions to the park alongside historical signage which will mark the decided origins of the City of Falls Church.

##### c. HC naming recommendations for West End development subdivision

As a recommendation to the Planning Commission the Falls Church Historical Commission has provided its advice on appropriate names for the referenced 34 acre subdivision (West End, High/Middle Schools and Related Fields).

- Barrett-Barrett's Hill – "Wayside" (Daniel H. Barrett, Civil War era)

**d. Railroad Cottages interpretive marker**

Discussion of the markers installation and note of its aesthetically pleasing design.

**e. Report: Civil War Day**

The Civil War Encampment at Cherry Hill Farmhouse was a successful event. The Historical Commission with cooperation from the Victorian Society at Falls Church and the 28<sup>th</sup> Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry were able to share and preserve their portion of Falls Church's story.

**4. Response from West End Development team to Historic Commissions' comments**

Commission will continue to cooperate with developers as the project completes its SEE process and submits more developed site plans (SESP) in the future months.

**5. New Subdivision naming request for 503 E Columbia**

Subdivision Plat Naming Request (Recommendation to Planning Commission)  
Proposed names are requested for the Planning Commission by May 24<sup>th</sup>.

**6. Approval of Minutes**

3-28-19 minutes were unanimously approved

**7. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.