Town Council
Regular Meeting
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Agenda Item: **Resolution 26-G-22 to authorize the Mayor to sign a License Agreement with Reston Friends Meeting, also known as Herndon Friends Meeting, for a license for an existing historic marker and to permit the town to place a new historic marker on the property located at 660 Spring Street**

Meeting Date: March 24, 2026

Category: Consent

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Description:
The License Agreement establishes a license for the existing historic marker and permits the town to install a new historic marker adjacent to the existing one on the northwest corner of the property at 660 Spring Street owned by Reston Friends Meeting, also known as Herndon Friends Meeting. The members of Reston Friends Meeting have executed the License Agreement, a copy of which is attached to this item, for a term of one year with the license automatically continuing for one-year terms unless or until either party gives the other party thirty days' written notice of its intention to terminate. The new historic marker will be paid for and installed by the town and both markers will also be maintained by the town.

Background/Timing Impact:
The building located at 660 Spring Street, was built by the Fortnightly Club and Library Association of Herndon, Virginia, in approximately 1927, and later became an official branch of the Fairfax County public library system in 1972. Reston Friends Meeting, also known as Herndon Friends Meeting ("Friends Meeting") is the current owner of the building having purchased it in 1995 from the Herndon Fortnightly Club. There is an existing historic marker on the property relating to the original formation of the library that was previously installed by the town, although no formal license agreement was entered into. A few years ago, the town was approached by Friends Meeting to assist with the establishment of an additional historic marker on the property to document the history of segregation that existed within the Herndon Fortnightly Club and was prevalent in the Town of Herndon into the 1970s. Language for this marker was shared with the Herndon Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee at the meeting on August 15, 2024.

This resolution authorizes the mayor to sign the License Agreement to permit the town to install the new historic marker on the property known as 660 Spring Street.

Strategic Focus Area:
Thriving Community

Fiscal Impact:
The cost of the historic marker will be paid out of the Department of Community Development's existing funds from the FY 2025 budget, and will be installed by town staff.

Legal Impact:
A license agreement with the property owner is necessary to give the town permission to install the new historic marker.

Staff Recommendation/Next Steps:
Staff recommends adoption of the resolution as proposed.

Attachments:
1. Resolution (proposed)
2. License Agreement (Proposed)