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DPNR INVITES COMMUNITY TO VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS ON THE FUTURE OF FORT CHRISTIAN AND FORT FREDERIK MUSEUMS

Commissioner Jean-Pierre L. Oriol of the Department of Planning and Natural Resources invites the public to help shape the future of two of the Territory's most treasured historic sites: Fort Christian Museum on St. Thomas and Fort Frederik Museum on St. Croix.

As DPNR advances the conceptual planning phase for permanent exhibition design at both museums, the Department will host two virtual community town hall meetings to gather public input, ideas, and feedback before the exhibition design plans are finalized.

"We will be sharing possible content ideas around the interpretive narrative during the upcoming series of Town Hall Meetings, in which we seek feedback from the community," Commissioner Oriol stated. "These museums belong to the people of the Virgin Islands, and their stories must reflect the depth, complexity, and richness of our collective history."

DPNR, in collaboration with local experts, will present proposed interpretive themes, possible exhibit approaches, and design strategies for each fort museum prepared by the exhibition design firm Howard + Revis. The sessions will include a 15-minute presentation, community Q&A, and an opportunity for participants to provide additional feedback through an online survey.

VIRTUAL TOWN HALL MEETINGS

Fort Christian Museum – St. Thomas

Tuesday, June 9, 2026

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Teams Meeting Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/254059854527850?p=M75S05tFVivX31jhut>

Meeting ID: 254 059 854 527 850

Passcode: yL3CH7tX

Fort Frederik Museum – St. Croix

Wednesday, June 10, 2026

5:30 PM – 7:00 PM

Teams Meeting Link:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/280538223443173?p=EWtwLRj1II6D6915va>

Meeting ID: 280 538 223 443 173

Passcode: HD6y2Ti7

Additional Viewing Platforms

Community members may also tune in live via:

- Government Access Network (Channel 27)
- Government House – U.S. Virgin Islands Facebook Page
- DPNR Facebook Page

These meetings will explore possible content themes, interpretive goals, space planning considerations, and exhibition methods specific to each museum. While the sessions will not cover every content area in full detail, attendees will receive a meaningful overview of the proposed direction and will have the opportunity to share their perspectives.