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Hello Members of the Planning Commission,

I noticed in the previous meeting that I was NOT able to participate because there were a number of agenda items that prompted citizen feedback (Ref. UDC26-31). These items are again on the agenda for the 7/6 meeting. I also wished to speak to those topics with the following for addition to the record of the meeting as follows:

**This comment is in regard to UDC 26-31:**

I DO NOT support removal of the pedestals / bases - I think they should be left in place with public art displayed atop those items - providing both commentary and contrast to their original purpose while maintaining the aesthetic, historical, and conflicted history of Richmond, VA. Similarly, I would support these locations being listed as available for rent to art installations to help offset the cost of removal and provide a source of revenue.

**This Comment is in regard to PDRPRES 2021.138:**

- 1) Do not postpone the agenda item** - this is an intentional way of diluting citizen feedback and participation.
- 2) Schedule the public engagement meetings** to review the 2015 report, the 2019 ordinance, the 2020 implementation, and the 2021 review.
- 3) Develop a corrective action plan for the \$33,000 a year contract with Granicus** that is not offset by participating STR operators in the program - because of the structure of the ordinance.

Thanks for your time, and I will be participating on the 7/6 call. My notes here are specific to time limitations that may prevent me from participating in person. Please include these with record of the meeting.

My suggestion, to make better use of time, is to ask citizens who are either for or against all items UDC 2021-26-31 to wait until the end while people speaking in reference to individual location items participate first. Similarly, take note of the number of people who are planning to participate per agenda item so that time can be allocated accordingly.

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