

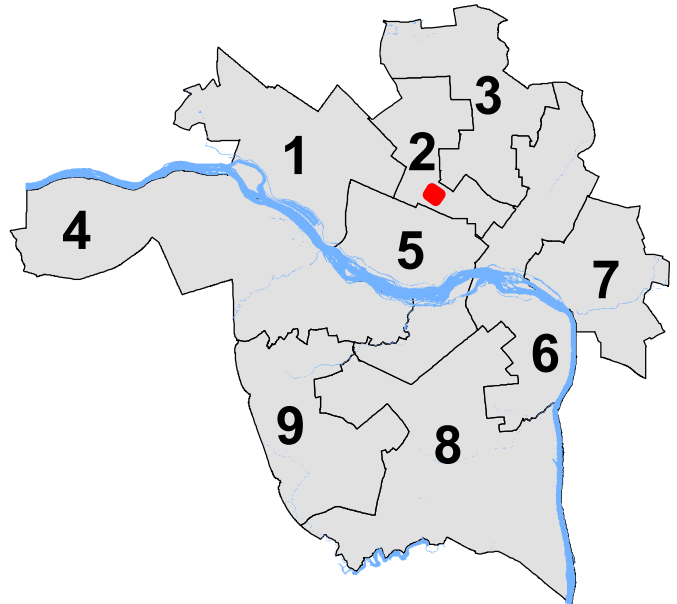
# City of Richmond Department of Planning & Development Review

## Location, Character, and Extent

**LOCATION:** 1900 Stuart Avenue

**COUNCIL DISTRICT:** 2

**PROPOSAL:** Final review of the removal of a monument and pedestal.



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## Application for Urban Design Committee Review

Department of Planning and Development Review

Planning & Preservation Division

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<https://www.rva.gov/planning-development-review/urban-design-committee>



### Application Type (select one)

Location, Character, & Extent

Section 17.05

Other:

Encroachment

Design Overlay District

### Review Type (select one)

Conceptual

Final

### Project Information

Submission Date: 6/17/2021

Project Name: First Virginia Regiment Monument

Project Address: 1900 Stuart Ave., Richmond, VA 23220

Brief Project Description (this is not a replacement for the required detailed narrative):

Seeking permission for the ability to remove the statue and pedestal of the First Virginia Regiment Monument located in Meadow Park in the Fan District.

### Applicant Information (a City representative must be the applicant, with an exception for encroachments)

Name: Christopher Frelke

Email: Christopher.Frelke@richmondgov.com

City Agency: Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

Phone: (804)646-1128

Main Contact (if different from Applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

Company: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Submittal Deadlines

All applications and support materials must be filed no later than 21 days prior to the scheduled meeting of the Urban Design Committee (UDC). Please see the schedule on page 3 as actual deadlines are adjusted due to City holidays. **Late or incomplete submissions will be deferred to the next meeting.**

### Filing

Applications can be mailed or delivered to the attention of "Urban Design Committee" at the address listed at the top of this page. **It is important that the applicant discuss the proposal with appropriate City agencies, Zoning Administration staff, and area civic associations and residents prior to filing the application with the UDC.**

### Submittal Deadlines

The UDC is an 11 member committee created by City Council in 1968 whose purpose is to advise the City Planning Commission (CPC) on the design of projects on City property or right-of-way. The UDC provides advice of an aesthetic nature in connection with the performance of the duties of the Commission under Sections 17.05, 17.06, and 17.07 of the City Charter. The UDC also advises the Department of Public Works in regards to private encroachments in the public right-of-way.

## **Property**

Address: 1900 Stuart Ave, Richmond, VA 23220 - First Virginia Regiment Monument

Historic District: NA

Parcel ID: W0000860001

## **Applicant Information**

Name: Christopher Frelke

Company: City of Richmond, Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities

Mailing Address: 1209 Admiral Street, Richmond VA 23220

Phone: (804)646-1128

Email: [Christopher.Frelke@richmondgov.com](mailto:Christopher.Frelke@richmondgov.com)

Applicant Type: Owner

## **Project Information**

Project Type: Location, Character and Extent - Final Review

Project Narrative:

### Purpose:

On behalf of the City of Richmond and in accordance with [Ord. 2020-154](#), the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Facilities requests a final location, character and extent review for permission for the ability to remove a monument and pedestal from Meadow Park in the Fan District. The First Virginia Regiment Monument is an asset of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Community Facilities.

### Process Background:

This application is based on the Department of Historic Resources (DHR) "Guidance Regarding Confederate Monuments." Per [Section 15.2-1812 of the Code of Virginia](#) (effective July 1, 2020), the General Assembly has granted authority to the City Council to decide upon the future location/receivership of these City assets; therefore, this application for review does not speculate where any of these assets may or should end up. Further, beyond providing what the temporary restoration of each site could look like upon removal to maintain health, human safety, traffic flow, and landscape continuity, this application does not propose what should exist on these sites in the future.

Justification for this application for review is further rooted in the City Charter and the City Code. Code §30-100 outlines the purposes of the zoning ordinance. The ability to remove the monument and pedestal will (3) Promote health, sanitation and general welfare, as well as (7) Facilitate the creation of a convenient, attractive and harmonious community. Charter § 2.04 of the Charter provides the City power to make regulations for the preservation of the morals of the city and its inhabitants. The representation of white supremacy and the legacy of slavery in prominent public places through this monument is of questionable morality. Charter § 2.04 of the Charter provides the City power to prevent riots, disturbances, and disorderly assemblages. Based on the events of the last year, and similar events in other cities, the ability to remove monuments and pedestals could be considered such a prevention effort.

This monument statue was removed by protestors in the summer of 2020, the pedestal remains with plaques on all four sides describing the First Virginia Regiment, including involvement in the Confederacy.

Site Background:

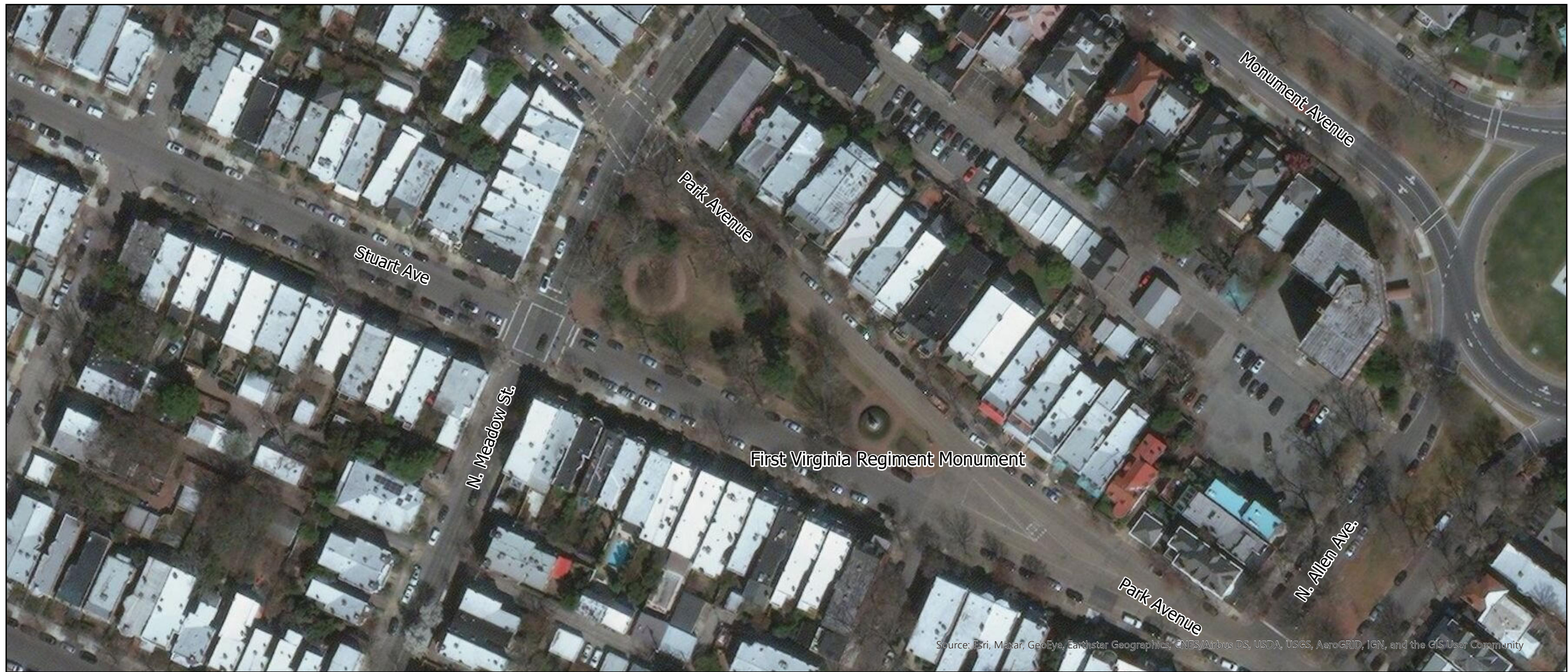
The First Virginia Regiment Monument was erected at the intersection of Stuart Ave and Park Ave in Meadow Park on May 1, 1930.

The site plans attached show the removal of the monument and pedestal with the retention of the circular stone base. Holly bushes will be retained around the entire perimeter of the site as they currently exist.

Attachments:

Attachment 1, Site Map, shows the existing condition of the site including an aerial view map and pictures of the monument and pedestal from the North, South, East and West as of 6/16/21

Attachment 2, VHB Site Plans shows suggestions for the *temporary* restoration of the site including site plans



Facing South



Facing West



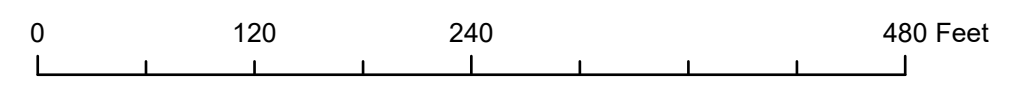
Facing North



Facing East

# First Virginia Regiment

Meadow Park



# First Regiment of Virginia Infantry Monument



Monument Location

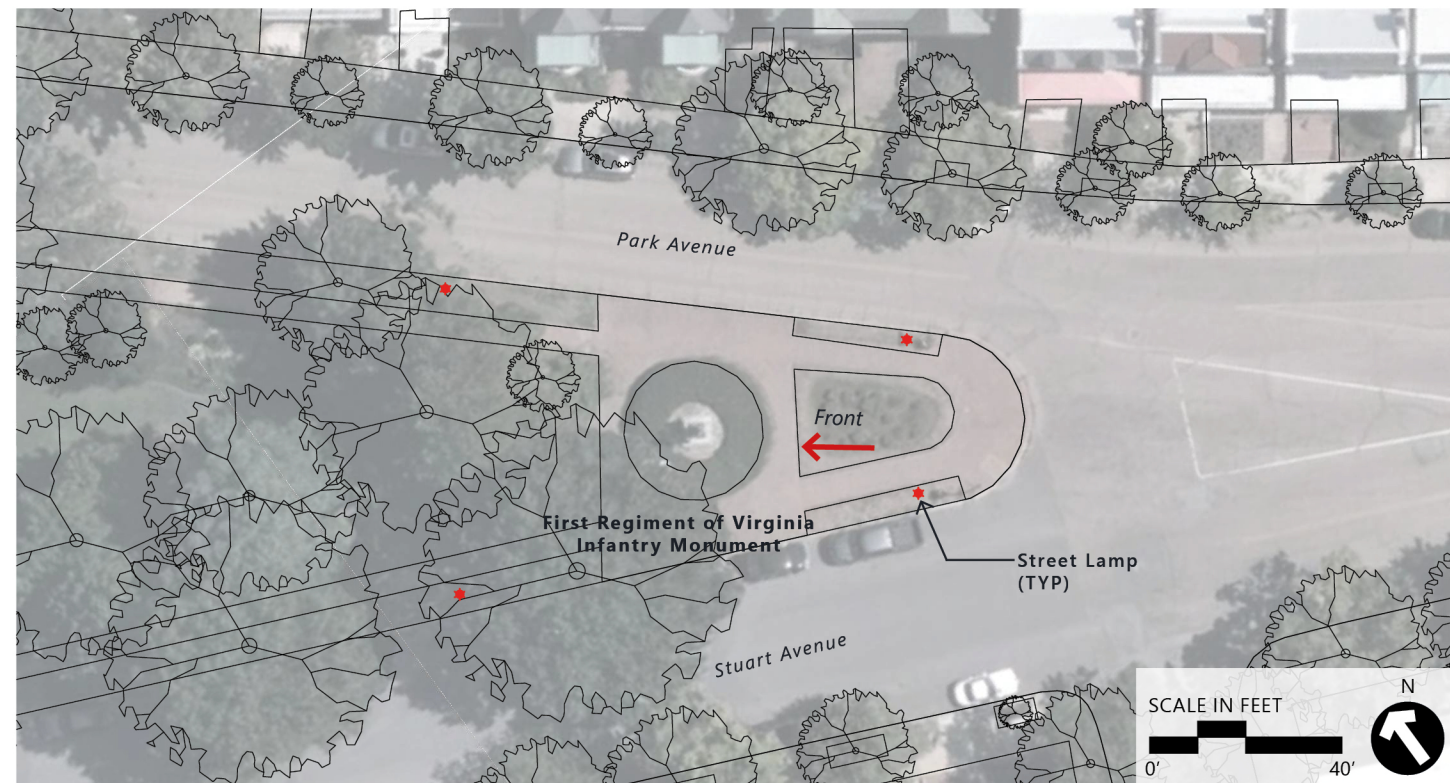


First Regiment of Virginia Infantry Monument

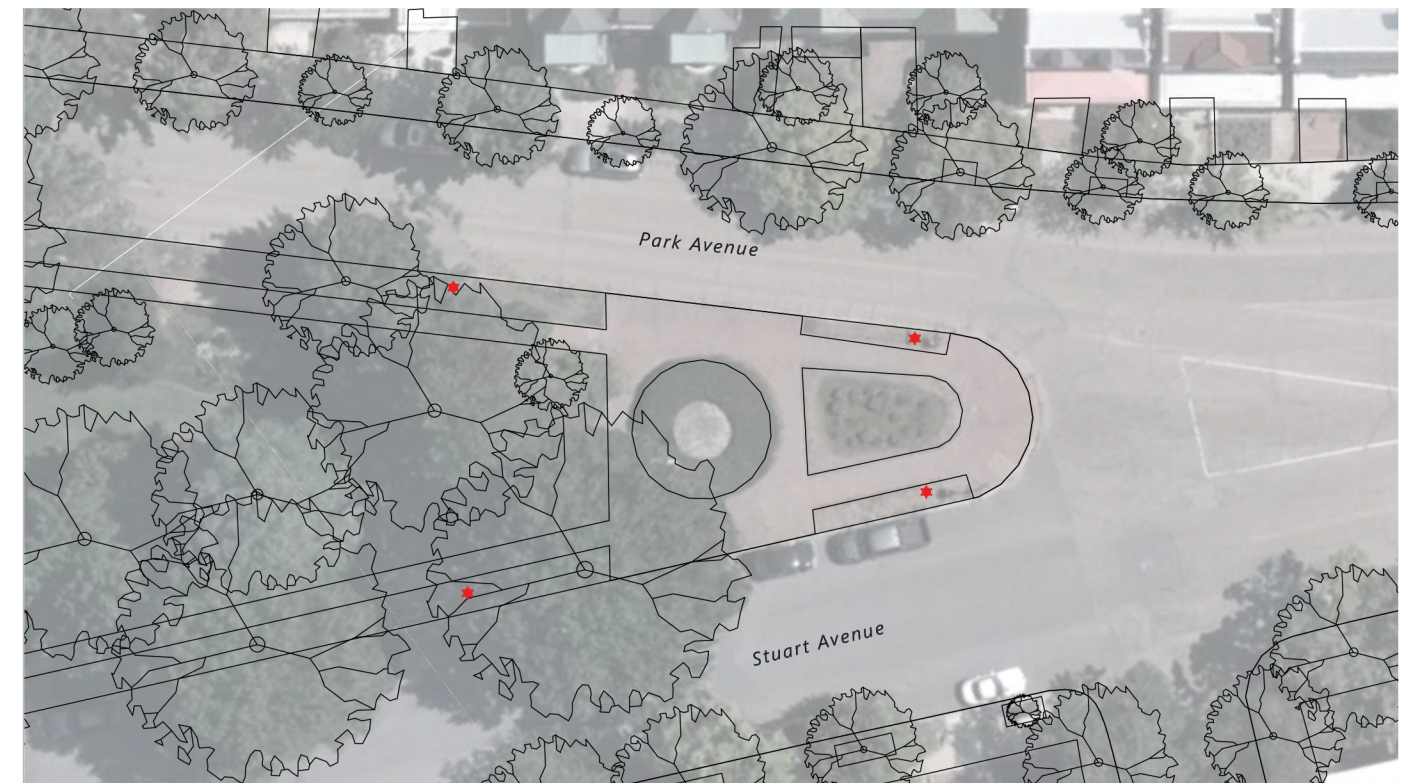
## GENERAL NOTES

1. Removal of the stone associated with the monument is not part of this document and will be addressed separately.
2. Existing hedge/shrubs to remain.

General Notes



First Regiment of Virginia Infantry Monument



Removal and Temporary Restoration Sketch

