

From: [Charles Pool](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Cc: [Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member](#); [Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office](#); [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#)
Subject: Re: Please do not approve tree removal plan in UDC No. 2017-07
Date: Friday, February 10, 2017 2:02:50 PM

Dear Members of the Urban Design Committee,

Thank you very much for your principled and courageous stand against endorsing the Monroe Park Tree Demolition Plan (#11 in the packet for UDC No. 2017-17). An endorsement of the Tree Demolition Plan, after the fact of the destruction of mature healthy trees without authorization, would certainly have sent the wrong message.

Photographic evidence indicates that trees that were in fact healthy were marked as "dead" for removal on the 12/12/16 Tree Demolition Plan, and photographic evidence indicates that a healthy ginkgo tree was removed a week before it was allegedly marked as "dead" for removal according to the City Arborist. This photographic evidence is probable cause for the city to investigate whether the 12/12/16 Tree Demolition Plan was in fact falsification of a document, in violation of city personnel rules. The bio-retention plan submitted to the UDC, justifying the removal of 7 healthy trees, was actually drawn a month after the removal of the trees. An investigation is warranted to determine if the 12/12/16 Tree Demolition Plan was actually created as a cover-up of the unauthorized removal of healthy trees from Monroe Park.

Thank you again for your principled stand in not approving the 12/12/16 Tree Removal Plan after the fact for the healthy tree removal.

Sincerely,

Charles Pool
(804) 788-0359

From: Charles Pool
Sent: Tuesday, February 7, 2017 8:53 PM
To: Kathleen.Onufer@richmondgov.com
Cc: Parker Agelasto; amy.robins@richmondgov.com; KIMBERLY.GRAY@RICHMONDGOV.COM; Matthew Ebinger; ASKTHEMAYOR@RICHMONDGOV.COM
Subject: Please do not approve tree removal plan in UDC No. 2017-07

Dear Members of the Urban Design Committee,

I urge you to not endorse or approve the Tree Removal Plan for Monroe Park submitted on January 25, 2017 to the UDC as part of No. 2017-17. It would be very improper for the UDC to approve this Tree Removal Plan after a significant number of trees were removed without authorization. **It is an affront to the UDC to ask you to rubber-stamp a revised Tree Removal Plan, after the trees were already removed.** All of the trees removed without authorization should be replaced as soon as possible.

Please find my attached letter (dated January 20, 2017 -- predating the UDC submission) to Councilman Parker Agelasto in which I requested an independent investigation of the unauthorized removal of healthy mature trees from Monroe Park. I also requested an independent investigation of the subsequent cover-up of the unauthorized removal of trees from Monroe Park. In addition to the great aesthetic and environmental value of the healthy mature trees, the monetary replacement value of the trees removed without authorization would total tens-of-thousands of dollars. Any endorsement by the UDC of the unauthorized removal of trees from Monroe Park would be an unnecessary interference in the investigation.

Photographic evidence is in direct conflict with the testimony of the City Arborist who gave testimony that on 12/12/16 he identified and marked for removal 7 "dead" trees in Monroe Park. Not only do we have photographic evidence that several of these trees were healthy and not "dead," as alleged by the City Arborist, but I photographed the removal of the healthy, mature ginkgo tree, which was one of the alleged "dead" trees, a full week before the City Arborist stated that he marked the tree as "dead" for removal. (Please see attached letter.)

Furthermore, the Project Manager acknowledged that 7 trees were removed without authorization and without the required permits, allegedly for a "bio-retention" system. I feel certain that the resourceful UDC members would have found a way to protect these 7 trees, which are themselves efficient at reducing water run-off.

Thank you for your consideration of this request to not approve the ex post facto Monroe Park Tree Removal Plan.

Sincerely,

Charles Pool
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Richmond, VA 23220
(804) 788-0359

From: Charles Pool

Sent: Friday, January 20, 2017 11:37 AM

To: Parker Agelasto

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jackie.kruszewski@styleweekly.com

Subject: investigation of unauthorized tree removal in Monroe Park needed

Dear Parker,

An independent investigation is warranted in the unauthorized removal of mature healthy trees from Monroe Park and to determine whether city staff and the Monroe Park Conservancy conspired in a cover-up of the unauthorized removal of the healthy trees.

Please see my attached report in which I present photographic evidence that is in direct conflict with the city staff report of "dead" tree removal in Monroe Park.

Thank you for your important leadership in this issue.

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Dear Richmond Urban Design Committee,

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan that is up for approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance.

The component is a whitewash to cover up the crimes of those who killed the trees. I support a full investigation into this destruction of our aesthetic and ecological resources, a loss, which constitutes a financial rip-off to the taxpayers of Richmond as well.

I also support holding those who are responsible for these crimes, accountable for the replacement of these trees. ✓

Taxpaying Citizen,
Jonathan Greenberg
2/3/2017

From: [Brian Baird](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#); [Son, Joshua L. - PDR](#)
Subject: Fwd: Monroe Park
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 11:56:43 AM

Please see below, Donald asked for me to send to you directly in addition to himself. Thanks -

- Brian

Donald,

The design changes we covered with you at our meeting on 1/26/2017 have been discussed by the FDA and we do not oppose any of those items. Thanks for checking in.

- Brian Baird
President, Fan District Association

On Tue, Feb 7, 2017 at 11:17 AM, Summers, Donald R. - DPW
<Donald.Summers@richmondgov.com> wrote:

Katherine & Brain,

We wanted to thank you for your time to discuss Monroe Park and wanted to follow up in case you had any questions or comments about the current application before the Urban Design Committee? We would be happy to answer and if possible, let us know if the Fan District Neighborhood Association is in favor of the our current application for the ten (10) design changes.

Again thank you for your time. Don

Donald R. Summers, **LEED AP**

Chief Capital Projects Manager

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From: [Armistead Wellford](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park
Date: Thursday, February 09, 2017 8:18:45 AM

Hi Kathleen.

I'm writing to oppose the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking Approval today Feb. 9 2017 entitled "Tree removal Plan".
Monroe Park is a historic treasure and the city has designs on ruining it. The removal of the trees so far is akin to vandalism.
Please stop this degradation of our beautiful park.
Monroe Park is very similar to Forsyth Park in Savannah which is an important part of that cities beauty. What's being done in Monroe Park would never be allowed there because it's smarter to preserve a historic park than destroy it.

Thank You,
Armistead Wellford

From: [Ajani Moore](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Concerned resident
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 7:54:30 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December of 2016 with no public notice or requisite variances. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the tax paying citizens of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

Ajani Moore

From: [Michael Garrett](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: MONROE PARK
Date: Wednesday, February 08, 2017 12:33:57 AM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

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Thank you,
Michael M. Garrett
519 W 25th St

Michael M. Garrett
exbullet@verizon.net
804.230.2311

From: [Charles Pool](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Cc: [Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member](#); [Robins, Amy E. - City Council Office](#); [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR](#); [Mayor Levar Stoney](#)
Subject: Please do not approve tree removal plan in UDC No. 2017-07
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 8:53:14 PM
Attachments: [Monroe Park letter 1-20-17.pdf](#)

Dear Members of the Urban Design Committee,

I urge you to not endorse or approve the Tree Removal Plan for Monroe Park submitted on January 25, 2017 to the UDC as part of No. 2017-17. It would be very improper for the UDC to approve this Tree Removal Plan after a significant number of trees were removed without authorization. **It is an affront to the UDC to ask you to rubber-stamp a revised Tree Removal Plan, after the trees were already removed.** All of the trees removed without authorization should be replaced as soon as possible.

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Subject: investigation of unauthorized tree removal in Monroe Park needed

Dear Parker,

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Please see my attached report in which I present photographic evidence that is in direct conflict with the city staff report of "dead" tree removal in Monroe Park.

Thank you for your important leadership in this issue.

Sincerely,

Charles Pool
(804) 788-0359

January 20, 2017

Dear Councilman Parker Agelasto,

I have photographic evidence that contradicts the city staff account of the removal of “dead” trees from Monroe Park. I am writing to request a full independent investigation of the tragic destruction of healthy mature trees in Monroe Park, and to request a full independent investigation of whether city staff and the Monroe Park Conservancy conspired in a cover-up of the unauthorized tree removal.

Not counting the huge loss of the trees' natural and aesthetic importance, the monetary value of the 14 destroyed trees exceeds tens-of-thousands of dollars. The Monroe Park Conservancy and city staff must be held accountable for the unauthorized removal of these mature healthy trees from our city park, and new trees must be planted to replace the 14 trees that were removed without authorization as soon as possible.

A meeting was held to discuss the issue on January 13, 2017, and in attendance were City Council aide Amy Robins, Capital Projects Manager Donald Summers, Urban Forestry Operations Manager John Chupek, Dept. of Public Works Public Information Manager Sharon North, City Arborist Alexander Elton, former Monroe Park Advisory Council Member Todd Woodson, and myself. At this meeting, Donald Summers acknowledged that 7 healthy trees were removed without authorization and without the proper permits for the unsubstantiated reason that these 7 trees allegedly were somehow in conflict with a “bio-retention” plan.

According to additional testimony, City Arborist Alexander Elton testified that on December 12, 2016 in Monroe Park, in company with representatives of the Monroe Park Conservancy, he identified and marked 7 “dead” trees for removal. Elton could provide no documentation or notes for these decisions. These trees were later identified on a revised “Tree Demolition Plan” dated 12/12/16. In an e-mail that Councilman Agelasto forwarded to me, Donald Summers wrote, *“The 12/12/16 plan is the amended plan after the walk through with the City Arborist, City Annual Tree Contractor, 3 North designers, MP Conservancy (Alice Massie) and the City PM [Project Manager].”*

But the testimony of City Arborist Elton and the account of Donald Summers that the 7 “dead” trees were identified for removal on December 12, 2016 is in direct conflict with my photographic evidence. I photographed the removal of a healthy tree with full canopy that was identified as being one of the 7 “dead” trees marked on the 12/12/16 “Tree Demolition Plan.” Moreover, I photographed the removal of the healthy tree on December 5, 2016, a full week before the walk-through on December 12, 2016, when City Arborist Elton alleged that he marked the 7 “dead” trees for removal. (See Attachment 1.)

I made a point of photographing the dismantling of the tree in Monroe Park because I was very upset that such a notable, large, healthy tree was being removed from our city park. The date and time that this photograph was taken was preserved with the cell-phone information: **I have attached a copy of the date and time information that documents that my photograph of the healthy tree removal was taken at 12:38 p.m. on December 5, 2016. (See Attachment 2.)**

The healthy tree that I photographed being removed on 12/5/16 is identified on the 12/12/16 "Tree Demolition Plan" as one of the 7 "dead" trees that allegedly were marked by City Arborist Elton for removal on his walk-through on 12/12/16. (See Attachment 3.) **How did City Arborist Elton mark this tree as "dead" on the walk-through on 12/12/16 when the healthy tree had been removed a week earlier?**

The assertion of the City Arborist there were 7 "dead" mature trees in the park also is in direct conflict with the testimony of former Monroe Park Advisory Council Member Todd Woodson, who testified at the January 13, 2017 meeting that he observed no dead mature trees in the park on his very frequent visits to the park. The removal of these 14 trees was not supported by the Monroe Park Master Plan.

Clearly an investigation is warranted to determine if these trees were removed to advance another agenda of the Monroe Park Conservancy. **An independent investigation by law enforcement is warranted to determine if city staff and the Monroe Park Conservancy conspired to falsely assert that 7 of the trees were "dead," as part of a cover-up of the unauthorized destruction of these city trees.**

Additionally, this tragic destruction of Monroe Park's mature tree canopy points out the need to re-establish the Monroe Park Advisory Board with neighborhood participation and to immediately broaden the Monroe Park Conservancy board to include citizen input from the adjacent neighborhoods. Monroe Park belongs to the citizens of Richmond, and the citizens' interests are not being represented under the Conservancy. The 14 trees that were removed without authorization should be replaced immediately, just as other damaged park property is replaced. It is alarming that there is no plan to replace these trees; the existing plan that specifies replanting trees is insufficient.

Councilman Agelasto, thank you very much for your leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

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Richmond VA 23220
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(Attachment 1.) This photograph was taken on December 5, 2016 of the removal of a healthy mature tree with full canopy in Monroe Park near Franklin Street. I have identified the healthy tree being removed with a red arrow. Note that the top of the tree has been removed and that the machinery is on hand to mulch the branches as they are removed, and note that the leaves of the park trees had fallen as of this late autumn date. I continued to watch as the tree was dismantled from the top down. The crane at work on the dorm on Main Street directly across the park is also visible in the photo.



(Attachment 2.) This screen-save of the information embedded with the cell-phone photograph shows when the photograph was taken of the healthy tree being removed in Monroe Park. As shown, the photograph was taken on 12/5/16 at 12:38 PM, a full week before the 12/12/16 walk-through during which the City Arborist claimed to have marked the tree as “dead.”

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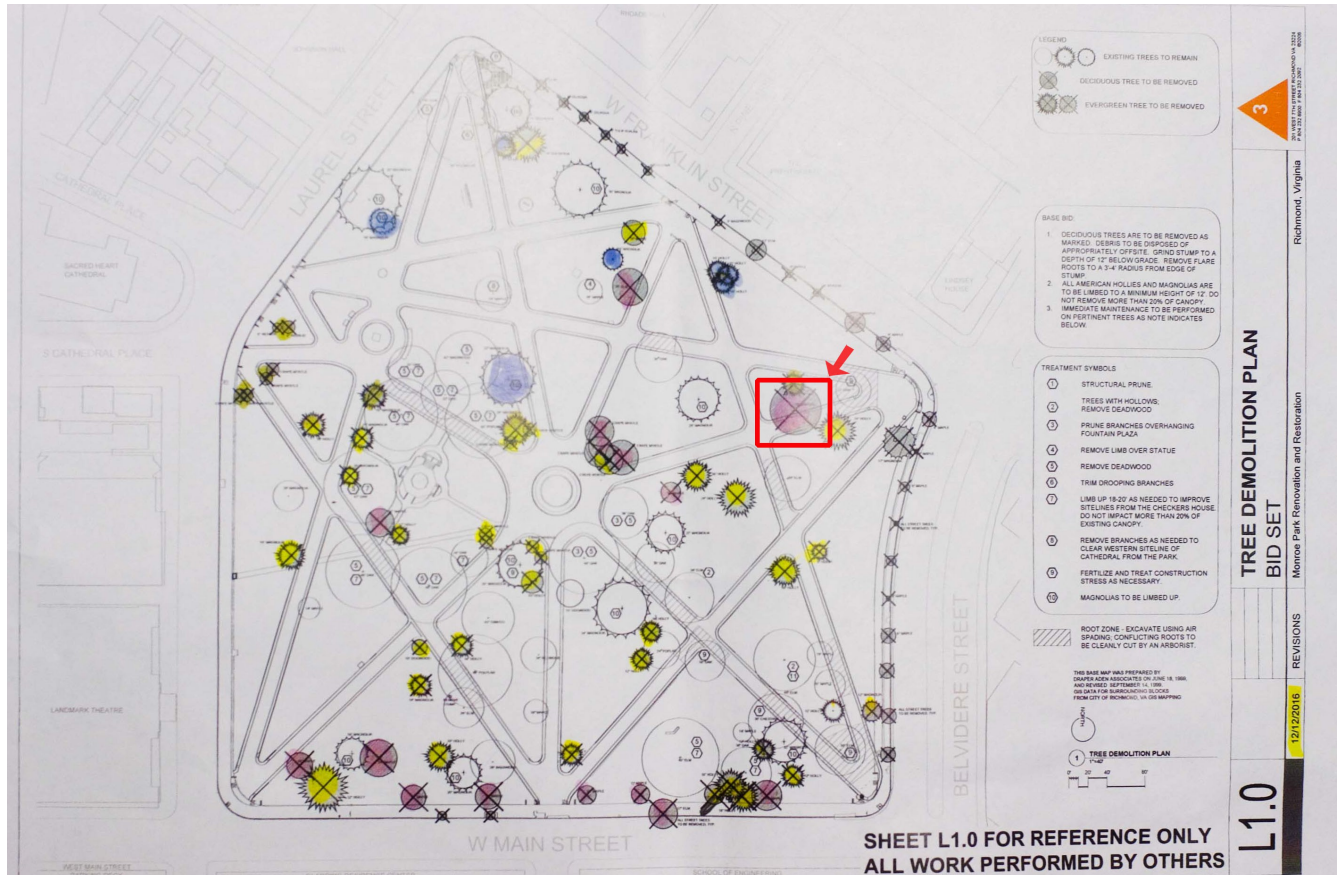
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(Attachment 3.) This revised Tree Demolition Plan dated 12/12/16 was drawn up after the 12/12/16 walk-through with the City Arborist, who supposedly marked the trees as “dead” and to be removed, as shown on the plan. However, my photograph in Attachment 1. shows the healthy tree with full canopy (which I identify with a red square on the map) being dismantled on 12/5/16, a full week before the walk-through by the City Arborist.



From: [Turk Sties](#)
To: aalmond@3north.com; andrea@andrealevine.com; andrew.gould@timmons.com; bgreen@comarchs.com; ariasilc@comcast.net; Dave_Johannas; dawnfhicks@gmail.com; giles@groundworkrva.org; jnolt@glaveandholmes.com; smithrd3@gmail.com
Cc: [Charles Pool](#); [Todd Woodson](#); [Gray, Kimberly B. - City Council](#); [Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member](#); [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Tree Loss
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 11:11:28 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
and now my personal message to each of you.

The city in its wisdom does not allow just anyone to be on the UDC. By design the composition better assures that the judgments of the UDC will benefit from the real world experience and relevant knowledge of its professional members. The at-large members are equally valued for their relevant perspectives on community character and their devotion to the betterment of the City.

While it may be tempting to consider that either a "yes" or "no" vote after the fact is virtually the same, you surely know that is not the point. In this matter, I believe the UDC is being asked by the administration to sign off after the fact to make it look like the process was "kinda" followed. My bruised, aging, cynical side thinks the UDC is really just being played - used to condone an act of wanton tree destruction that the UDC, I trust, would have quickly halted if they had been asked for concurrence prior to the destruction of so many healthy and previously "spared" trees.

Please do not become a partner to the thoughtless and unnecessary tree destruction initiated and carried out by those who were entrusted to protect the trees in the park. Please do not encourage these scofflaws and future miscreants to bypass your review and devalue your authority. Open, honest, and transparent are words government should live by. So are fair play, due process, and timely public discussion. To assure one has their way by avoiding the approval process is cowardly and should be treated as such. Please do not reward this type of behavior.

Please use your vote to reprimand the tree killers and let them know they have erred both in omission and commission. Please vote against the "Tree Removal Plan".

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Turk Sties
2122 Lakeview Ave. RVA

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Turk Sties
432-9999

From: [Paige Harvey](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Destruction
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 4:41:01 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
Paige Harvey
4716 Cutshaw Avenue
Richmond 23230

From: [Sarah Drye](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Tree Removal
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 4:20:01 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
Sarah Drye

From: [khanh duong](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Tree Removal Plan
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 10:16:52 AM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December of 2016 with no public notice or requisite variances. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the tax paying citizens of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

These old trees that were removed worth a lot of money..I would like to know who benefited from the removal. Secondly, where are the proofs that they were "sick". This is an outrageous act without any public notices. There is no transparency. We need more trees in the city... NOT LESS.. I'm extremely angry with your thoughtless action.

Thank you,

Khanh Duong

From: [karen.perry](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe park
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 10:03:08 PM

'Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

I am a property owner and taxpayer in the City of Richmond. I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees. Thank you,"

Karen Perry

From: [Margaret Dobbins](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Tree Removal in Monroe Park
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 12:00:08 AM

To the Members of the Urban Design Committee,

Please so not support the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Removal of mature healthy trees in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance should be investigated. The loss is not only aesthetic and ecological, but also constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond.

I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Looking at our downtown we have so little canopy. They did not follow protocol and should be held accountable as we all are in the decisions we make every day. Don't sweep this under the rug!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Margaret Dobbins

From: [Stephanie Clark](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Trees at Monroe Park
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 9:03:02 AM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
Stephanie Clark

From: [Pam](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park - tree devastation
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 6:25:44 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance.

I live in Richmond and have advocated tree adoption and planting in my neighborhood. I also work at VCU on the Monroe Park campus. I've visited that park for over 30 years and am angry and saddened to see these beautiful trees destroyed.

I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

Pam Turner
Fendall Ave
23222

From: [kelly royall](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park "Tree Removal Plan"
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:14:19 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am OPPOSED to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan".

Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

Kelly Royall

From: [Tim Timberlake](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park trees
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 4:45:18 PM

To the members of the Urban Design Committee:

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Joseph W (Tim) Timberlake

From: [Sebastian Jackson](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park trees
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:29:27 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December of 2016 with no public notice or requisite variances. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the tax paying citizens of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

Sebastian Jackson / Concerned taxpayer

From: [Sam Forrest](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Trees
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 4:08:09 PM

'Dear members of the Urban Design Committee:

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Sincerely yours,

Sam Forrest

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To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 4:27:22 PM

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Thank you,

Stewart Powell

From: [Tracy Epp](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Re: Citizen position for UDC application
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 3:55:16 PM

Kathleen

I see that the staff's recommendation to the UDC is to approve the plan in full. While I support all other aspects of the plan, and applaud the efforts to revitalize the park, your staff report does not adequately address two central questions. 1) Why do we need to remove so many existing trees...and then replant new ones? What is the rationale for that? It's not clear in neither the proposed plan, nor in the staff report. 2) What is the staff's finding on the claim that trees were already removed prior to this public notice or approved plan?

Thank you for addressing this questions.

Tracy Epp
Richmond, VA 23220

On Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 2:40 PM, Tracy Epp <treyep@gmail.com> wrote:
Thank you!

On Mon, Feb 6, 2017 at 12:04 PM, Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR
<onuferkm@richmondgov.com> wrote:

Thank you for your comment. I have uploaded it to the public Legistar website, and it will be shared with the Urban Design Committee. You can find all public comment here (it will be updated as necessary).
<https://richmondva.legistar.com/LegislationDetail.aspx?ID=2953294&GUID=8A4C1649-354F-4BAC-BF9F-55AEBE518E10&Options=&Search=>

Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,
Kathleen Onufer

-----Original Message-----

From: Tracy Epp [mailto:treyep@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, February 06, 2017 11:19 AM
To: Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR
Subject: Citizen position for UDC application

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Thank you,
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2nd district

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From: [DONALD TRASER](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Re: Monroe Park
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:23:11 PM

Thanks for your response.

I have another thought. Part of the Monroe Park design was to have granular walkways rather than concrete ones. Personally, I find granular walks extremely difficult to walk on. Also, with the experience of pushing a spouse around in a wheel chair, I've found that they are nearly impossible to roll on. I would definitely prefer to replace concrete with concrete.

Cordially,
Donald R. Traser
128 South Laurel Street
Richmond, VA 23220
804-644-0888

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Please let me know if you have any further questions.

Thank you,
Kathleen Onufer

From: DONALD TRASER [mailto:drtraser@verizon.net]
Sent: Saturday, February 04, 2017 10:09 PM
To: Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

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Richmond, Virginia 23220
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From: [Margaret Dobbins](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Tree Removal in Monroe Park
Date: Tuesday, February 07, 2017 12:00:08 AM

To the Members of the Urban Design Committee,

Please so not support the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Removal of mature healthy trees in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance should be investigated. The loss is not only aesthetic and ecological, but also constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond.

I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Looking at our downtown we have so little canopy. They did not follow protocol and should be held accountable as we all are in the decisions we make every day. Don't sweep this under the rug!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Margaret Dobbins

From: [Jennifer Morasco](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Tree Removal Plan
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 5:58:26 PM

Dear Members of the Urban Design Committee

I am **opposed** to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan".

Mature healthy trees were removed over two months ago (December, 2016) with **no** public notice or requisite variances. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the tax paying citizens of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
Jennifer Morasco

3118 Chesterfield St
Richmond, VA 23225

From: [matt_gpublic](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Cc: [OregonHill@yahoogroups.com](#)
Subject: [OregonHill] Monroe Park Plan, Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan"
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 4:45:56 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

Matt Siegel

From: [Tracy Epp](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Citizen position for UDC application
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 11:19:34 AM

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Thank you,
Tracy Epp
2nd district

From: [Jonathan Greenberg](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Citizen's Notification
Date: Sunday, February 05, 2017 5:32:51 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan that is up for approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. The component is a whitewash to cover up the crimes of those who killed the trees. I support a full investigation into this loss of aesthetic and ecological resources which constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those who are responsible for this destruction, accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
Jonathan Greenberg
Taxpaying Citizen
23225-1730

From: [Janet Sheridan](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: illegal removal of trees at Monroe Park
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 1:44:38 PM

Kathleen:

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December of 2016 with no public notice or requisite variances. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the tax paying citizens of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

Janet Sheridan

From: [John Moser](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park - tree removal
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 3:23:27 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee:

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Thank you,

John Moser
1409 Westbrook Ave
Richmond, VA
23227

From: [C. Wayne Taylor](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park "Tree Removal Plan"
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 3:01:27 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

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Thank you

From: [Paige Harvey](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Decimation
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 3:24:18 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

From: [Paige Harvey](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Decimation
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 3:26:06 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

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Thank you,

Paige Harvey
4716 Cutshaw Avenue
Richmond 23230

From: bfsnaps@gmail.com on behalf of [Barry Fitzgerald](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Destruction
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 9:25:14 PM

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees. Thank you,"

Barry Fitzgerald
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From: [Scott Burger](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Cc: OregonHill@yahoogroups.com
Subject: Monroe Park Plan, Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan"
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 3:32:23 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

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Thank you,

Scott Burger

From: [Bruce Terrell](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Tree Removal Plan
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 2:14:07 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

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Thank you,
Bruce G. Terrell

From: [Polly Jefferson](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Cc: [Agelasto, Parker C. - Council Member](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Tree Removal Plan
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 1:30:49 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee:

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017, entitled "Tree Removal Plan." Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

While I feel strongly about this, I will not be able to attend the meeting Thursday.

Sincerely,

Polly Jefferson

From: [Ashleigh Hobson](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Tree Removal Plan
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 10:50:12 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
Ashleigh Hobson

From: [Brian Knox](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park Trees
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 7:09:04 AM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee:

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9 entitled "Tree Removal Plan".

Mature, healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well.

Please hold those who acted without authorization accountable for the replacement of those trees.

Thank you,
Brian Knox
216 West Graham Road
Richmond, VA 23222

From: [DONALD TRASER](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 10:09:50 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

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Donald R. Traser
128 South Laurel Street
Richmond, Virginia 23220
804-644-0888

From: [Richard Ford](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park.
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 11:19:59 PM

'Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

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From: [Stephen McCarthy](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park
Date: Sunday, February 05, 2017 4:18:05 PM

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Thank you,
Stephen McCarthy

From: [Silver Persinger](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Opposition to Monroe Park Tree Removal Plan
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 10:53:12 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan". Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,
Silver Persinger

From: [charles.woodson](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Opposition to the "Tree Removal Plan" in the updated Monroe Park Plan considered February 9, 2017
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 12:55:47 PM

Dear members of the Richmond Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the "tree Removal Plan" component in the updated Monroe Park Plan being considered this Thursday, February 9, 2017 by the UDC. These healthy mature trees were destroyed last December with no public notice; 7 without the requisite variances and seven alleged to be dead, although photographic evidence refutes that claim. I support a full investigation into the matter with those found to be responsible for this destruction of public property held accountable. Please do not approve this component of the plan.

Thank you,

Charles T. Woodson

From: [carolion1](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: please reject Monroe Tree removal
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 5:39:56 PM

Dear Members of the Urban Design Committee:

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this [Thursday, February 9, 2017](#) entitled "Tree Removal Plan".

I actually saw some of the trees being removed and called the police.

Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance.

I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Yours Sincerely,

Caroline Cox
430 S. Laurel St.
Richmond, Va. 23220

Sent from my MetroPCS 4G Android Device

From: [Laura Pharis](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Please save our trees
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 4:46:44 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee;

I oppose the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan".

Mature healthy trees were removed in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well.

I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

One mature tree has the cooling power of 30 air conditioners. Who wants to be in a park in Richmond, VA. in the boiling humid summer without big shady trees ?

Thank you,

Laura Pharis

From: [Caryl Burtner](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Save the Trees Left in Monroe Park
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 8:27:06 AM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee:

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Thank you,

Caryl Burtner
3228 Patterson, 23221

From: [Taylor-Leigh Adams](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: To the members of the Urban Design Committee
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 6:32:57 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

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Thank you,

Taylor-Leigh Adams

From: [Tricia Bryant](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Tree removal from Monroe Park
Date: Sunday, February 05, 2017 1:12:34 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee:

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Thank you,

Tricia

Tricia Bryant
804-370-9208

From: [Kristin Dillard](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Tree Removal Plan
Date: Sunday, February 05, 2017 1:40:18 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee,

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Thank you,
Kristin Dillard

From: [Don Harrison](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Vote against the Tree Removal Plan
Date: Saturday, February 04, 2017 3:03:23 PM

Dear members of the Urban Design Committee

I am opposed to the component in the updated Monroe Park Plan seeking approval this Thursday, February 9, 2017 entitled "Tree Removal Plan".

Mature healthy trees were removed illegally in December 2016 with no public notice or requisite variance. I support a full investigation into this loss which is not only aesthetic and ecological, but constitutes a financial loss to the taxpayers of Richmond as well. What you appear to be doing here with this "plan" is covering up this illegal action.

I also support holding those accountable for the replacement of these trees.

Thank you,

Don Harrison
3rd District

From: [Charles Nill](#)
To: [Onufer, Kathleen M. - PDR](#)
Subject: Monroe Park
Date: Monday, February 06, 2017 3:41:38 PM

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Charles Nill
335 S. Laurel St.

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