

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Bryan Connolly <bkconnolly0@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, August 4, 2018 10:21 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Opposition to Dominion Energy sign in Monroe Park

Hello Mr. Son,

I am writing in opposition to the proposed Dominion Energy sign in Monroe Park. Come on! An illuminated sign for a corporation in a public park? I hope the UDC will have the good sense to prevent this from being put up in Monroe Park.

I am also opposed to the placement of the electrical apparatus by the Monroe Park WWII Memorial. The apparatus should be moved to a more appropriate location that does not disrespect the memorial.

Best,
Bryan Connolly

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Elsa Woodaman <woodamane@stcva.org>
Sent: Sunday, August 5, 2018 5:14 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

Esteemed Urban Design Committee,

As a citizen of Richmond who enjoys and appreciates Monroe Park, I would like to express my concern regarding proposed illuminated billboard in the park.

- 1) I am against placement of the illuminated billboard by the Monroe Park WWII Memorial.
- 2) If such a billboard must exist, it should be moved to a more appropriate location.
- 3) Finally, I am against erecting a Dominion Energy sign of any kind in Monroe Park or a sign displaying any commercial entity in or adjacent to Monroe Park.

In my opinion, carrying out any of these proposals would violate the historic nature of the park.

Thank you,

Elsa Woodaman

2243 West Grace Street

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Holly Frey <hollyffrey@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, July 20, 2018 5:20 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Relocate electrical control station out of Monroe Park

Dear Members of the City of Richmond Planning Commission Urban Design Committee:

Please recommend the relocation of the electrical control station that was recently installed behind the brick World War II Memorial in Monroe Park to an inconspicuous location, preferably outside the Park. The brick wall of the Memorial was an attractive beacon from all sides prior to installation of the electrical control station. Now it looks like the back of a utility building.

Best Regards,

Holly Frey
Licensed Landscape Architect

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Mary-Helen Sullivan <sulgray4@verizon.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 4, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

Hello,

I understand there is a proposal to install an illuminated billboard in the park to honor Dominion Energy.

I am opposed to this idea. The park is not Dominion's, no matter how much they may have contributed to its renovation. They already have their name on another city property. Obviously, illumination means an electric bill for the park--payable to guess whom. I don't think an illuminated billboard is necessary, in fact. There should be a way to state appreciation for Dominion's contribution in a discreet and unobtrusive fashion.

Thank you for your attention.

Mary-Helen Sullivan
2023 Grove Ave

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Scott Burger <scottburger@mac.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 5, 2018 10:40 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Letter of Opposition

Dear members of Urban Design Committee

Please allow me to express my opposition to the Monroe Park plan modifications included in UDC 2018-31.

I do so as a neighbor who has used the park extensively in the past. The cost overruns and the extended renovation timeline have angered me greatly. My neighborhood association has NOT been represented on the Conservancy board, despite promises.

I do so as a citizen who has been greatly offended by the Monroe Park Conservancy's actions. Now they are offending our war veterans.

I also want to make sure that UDC members know that the Executive Committee of the Sierra Club Falls of the James, the largest and oldest environmental group, has already repeatedly called for the termination of the Conservancy's lease as well as the removal of Alice Massie from the Conservancy board, as she has misled the public and public officials.

<http://www.oregonhill.net/2018/06/06/sierra-club-terminate-the-monroe-park-conservancys-lease-remove-board-president-massie/>

Despite all that has happened, Monroe Park is a PUBLIC park. In short, the Monroe Park Conservancy does NOT have the support and trust of the public citizens whose interests you are sworn to represent. There is NO excuse for continuing to enable these ex post facto adjustments by the PRIVATE Conservancy and 3North.

Sincerely,

Scott Burger
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Richmond, VA 23220

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From: Sharon Kenna <sakenna2710@live.com>
Sent: Sunday, August 5, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR; joshua.son@richmond.gov.com
Subject: Monroe Park

Mr. Joshua Son

I am opposed to the Illuminated Billboard suggested for honoring Dominion Energy!
Putting up this billboard in this historic park is adding insult to injury with the costly (in time & taxpayer money) renovation which has been destructive of this park

Sharon Kenna

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: charles woodson <candylandmusic@earthlink.net>
Sent: Saturday, August 4, 2018 7:52 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Letter in Opposition to UDC 2018-31 Monroe Park

Dear members of Urban Design Committee

Please allow me to express my opposition to the Monroe Park plan modifications included in UDC 2018-31.

Regarding the 1945 Charles Gillette designed WWII Memorial, moving the electrical apparatus to a more appropriate place is the best option. This Memorial feature is an important part of the historic fabric of Monroe Park as a contributing landmark to the Park, which is listed on the National Register of Historic Spaces (to read the history of the Memorial, please see attached article from The Cultural Landscape Foundation website).

Regarding the proposal to "camouflage" paint the electrical unit and screen the Memorial's western side with "Kay Parris" Magnolias, the height and width specifications of 10-12 feet tall and 4-5 feet wide cited by 3North conflict with the height and width specifications of "Kay Parris" Magnolia as included on the website for North Carolina State University, where the height is listed as 20 feet and the width as 10 feet. It is inadvisable to plant any tree with a 10 foot mature width on a 5 foot on center spacing and in fact, the City's Municipal Tree Policy, as currently posted on the richmondgov.com website states that "all small trees shall be planted a minimum of twenty five (25) feet on center". Originally, there were only 3 boxwoods per side and the western side of the Memorial was a simple but thoughtful visual design.

The proposed screening presents a very real day time and night time security risk for students as well as parishioners of the adjacent places of worship, providing cover for a person wanting to cause harm.

Moreover, the placement of the electrical apparatus and any unoriginal screening of the structure greatly diminishes the historic visual and spacial experience of Monroe Park and thwarts years of planning by many stakeholders. Since the acknowledged location mistake has been attributed by the City to WM Jordan Co building 2 feet into the right of way, they should substantially contribute to the appropriate relocation of the apparatus.

I am also greatly opposed to placing a permanent "backlit stenciled plaque" in or adjacent to the public park on behalf of any private entity. The entire notion is crass, inappropriate and reeks of commercial obsequiousness. It would detract from the natural surroundings in the park and conflict with its Victorian nature.

Respectfully,

Charles T. Woodson
302 S Cherry St
Richmond Va 23220



LANDSLIDE

An Unfortunate Addition to Richmond's Monroe Park

July 13, 2018 | Charles Woodson

Since its establishment in 1851, Monroe Park (<https://tclf.org/landscapes/monroe-park>) has been an important cultural and recreational resource for the City of Richmond (<https://tclf.org/places/city-and-regional-guides/richmond>). In recent years the city has invested millions of dollars in revitalizing the National Register-designated landscape and updating its infrastructure. While the renovations are nearly complete, an electrical control unit, placed just feet from the park's World War II Monument designed by celebrated Richmond landscape architect Charles Gillette (<https://tclf.org/pioneer/charles-gillette>) (1886-1969), has significantly diminished the integrity of the park's visual and spatial relationships.

History

Purchased by Richmond's Committee on Public Squares in 1851, this 7.5-acre parcel west of downtown became the city's first municipal park and is named for President James Monroe. The site was used as fairgrounds and, later, as a Civil War encampment. Anticipating Richmond's westward expansion, city engineer Charles H. Dimmock designed Monroe Park as a resource for the new neighborhoods in 1868, implementing a rambling, curvilinear system of pathways with informal groupings of vegetation. In 1876 civil engineer Wilfred Cutshaw (<https://tclf.org/pioneer/wilfred-cutshaw>) reconfigured the relatively flat site, employing a radial network of walkways likely inspired by a visit to the Centennial Exhibition in Philadelphia that same year. The walks converge at a round point with a pyramidal, rusticated granite fountain in the center, acting as a focal point and gathering place within the park. This circulation system, which remains essentially unchanged, proved successful, aligning walkways with prominent building sites around the park and efficiently linking the sides and corners of the five-sided parcel. The granite pyramid was replaced in 1903 by an ornamental, four-tiered, cast-iron fountain executed by J.W. Reisk. Between 1891 and 1911, three memorials were added to the landscape, including local sculptor Edward Valentine's Wickham Monument, William Couper's bronze statue of Joseph Bryan, and the granite Fitzhugh Lee Monument (artist unknown). A circa-1890 band shell was replaced in 1939 by the Checkers House, an octagonal Art Deco pavilion. Several improvement projects were executed for the park's centennial in 1951, including updated plantings and a World War II Monument designed by landscape architect Charles Gillette.

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Monroe Park, Richmond, VA. Photo by Jennifer Livingston, 2013.

A prolific designer who would complete some 2,500 projects in a career spanning five decades, Gillette entered the profession in 1909 as an apprentice at the firm of Warren Manning (https://aia.org/practicing/learn-from-manning) in Boston. In 1912 he opened his own practice in Richmond. While most of his projects were in Virginia or North Carolina, Gillette's work received national recognition, and by the time he was asked to design the World War II Monument he was a significant figure in landscape architecture. The monument is located on a lawn in the northwest corner of the park and comprises a brick wall adorned by a pair of eagles and flanked by two granite benches. The front of the wall faces east and bears limestone slates inscribed with the names of Richmond citizens who died during the war. The largest monument in Monroe Park, it is a focal point for parkgoers and can be seen from much of the park's northern section.

The park borders Virginia Commonwealth University and is a resource for the campus and surrounding neighborhoods. Although investment in the park waned during the latter half of the twentieth century, the Monroe Park Historic District was listed in the National Register of Historic Places in 1984. Recognizing its potential as a landmark and a successful public space, the City of Richmond adopted a master plan for Monroe Park in 2008 to revitalize the site while remaining sensitive to its historic character.

Threat

In November 2016 Monroe Park was closed for extensive renovations, including upgrades to its infrastructure and electrical systems, as well as stormwater retention and lighting. Paving and fixtures were updated, as was the park's plantings. The \$7 million project is being managed and facilitated by the Monroe Park Conservancy (https://www.monroepark.com/), a nonprofit that raised \$3 million in private funds to help complete the work. In exchange for these efforts, the City of Richmond granted the conservancy a 30-year lease in 2014 to oversee the park's renovation and future operation.



Monroe Park, Richmond, VA. Photo by Todd Woodson, 2018.

In May 2018, an 800-Amp electrical control station was erected directly adjacent to the World War II Monument's rear facade. The electrical station was originally planned for a location near Pine and Main Streets. The placement of the station mars views of the monument from the park's western entrance and along North Laurel Street. The electrical station is readily visible from either direction along the path extending between the park's fountain plaza and the northern entrance. Its placement grossly diminishes the historic visual and spatial experience of Monroe Park and thwarts years of planning by many stakeholders. Perhaps most importantly, it impedes the monument's purpose as a place of remembrance and respect for those who served during World War II.



Proposed Monroe Park World War II Monument Planting Plan

The electrical station was discovered by neighborhood residents in May 2018. Records indicate that its location was the result of a construction project on a neighboring property, although it is still unclear how or why the Monroe Park was chosen to house it. In any case, the control box was placed in the park without input from the City of Richmond's Planning Commission, the Monroe Park Conservancy, or the office of Virginia's State Historic Preservation Officer. A recently devised plan would attempt to camouflage the electrical control station with a coat of paint and conceal it behind an arcing line of magnolias, which, when fully mature, would obscure the memorial entirely from the west and change its appearance when viewed from all other directions. Rather than attempt to disguise the electrical control station, the unfortunate choice made for this publicly owned landscape and memorial site should be reversed immediately, before the blight is permanently enshrined within the park.

<https://tclf.org/unfortunate-addition-richmonds-monroe-park/Wk772i7Jlg> facebook

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Charles Pool <Charles_Pool@msn.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 10:02 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Comment of opposition Item 2018-31

Dear Mr. Son,

Please convey to the members of the Urban Design Committee my opposition to the two items related to UDC 2018-31 on the agenda for August 9th:

1. The unsightly electrical junction boxes were installed beside the World War II Memorial in Monroe Park without UDC approval. **The correct action would be for the UDC to demand that the unauthorized junction boxes be removed from beside the World War II Memorial in Monroe Park.** The Memorial was carefully designed by prominent landscape architect Charles Gillette to be viewed as a three dimensional monument to honor those soldiers who valiantly gave their lives in the service their country. The least that we can do is to maintain the dignity of the site. The proposal to hide the unauthorized, intrusive electrical system with a "fig leaf" of bushes and camouflage paint would do a monumental disservice to both the fallen soldiers and the work of the respected landscape architect. Again, please demand that the unauthorized electrical equipment be removed to another location in Monroe Park, preferably within the Checkers House. **Do not give ex post facto approval to this massive design "fail."**
2. Regarding the proposed new signage for Monroe Park Pavilion: Please do not sanction more corporate signage in Monroe Park. In June, the UDC, over much public objection, approved a large sign that is intended to acknowledge the contributions of all of the corporate donors who contributed to Monroe Park. Although the Conservancy refused to share the content of this large bill-board, Dominion's contributions will undoubtedly included on this large sign. Now two months later, yet another corporate sign is proposed branding the Monroe Park pavilion with Dominion's logo. In June, the Conservancy's representative promised that there would be "**NO LOGOS**" of corporations in the park. This prominently placed Dominion sign at the entrance to the park is even proposed to be **BACK-LIT**, just like the sign at the Dominion headquarters. **Please do not approve any additional corporate signage in Monroe Park, much less corporate signage with corporate logos that are back-lit.**

Thank you for consideration of these concerns.

Sincerely,

Charles Pool
421-1/2 S. Laurel Street
Richmond, VA 23220

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: John Moser <jmoser@moser-productions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 12:20 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park pending vote

Dear Sir:

I have written to you several times before about Monroe Park to express my concerns about the actions of the Monroe Park Conservancy and their partners in ongoing work at the site. So far, every vote I have followed has favored the conservancy and their corporate allies over the protests of concerned citizens. I am writing again today, even though it seems futile.

I implore you to please relocate the electrical boxes and service infrastructure that has been placed adjacent to the WWII memorial. Also, I most emphatically implore you to NOT ALLOW the proposed Dominion Energy illuminated sign.

When the city proposed leasing the park to the so called conservancy, I was there to speak against it. I am sorry the park was allowed to fall under the control of the conservancy. I am appalled at the actions the conservancy has taken, disturbed by the work of 3-North and I cringe every time I see A Dominion Energy sponsorship sign or named building in this city.

This is your chance to take a small step to make the best of a bad situation. Thank you for your attention to my concerns.

John Moser
1409 Westbrook Ave
Richmond
Council District 3

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Xine Bouthillier <xine@smallrealestate.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 12:02 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

Joshua,

I'm writing to let you know that the electrical apparatus by the WWII Memorial in Monroe Park **MUST BE MOVED** and the Dominion Energy illuminated sign **DOES NOT** belong in Monroe Park. This is a **PUBLIC** park, not a corporate park.

You know this. Please do not let this happen. It would be an embarrassment and a disgrace to the park. The city has already made many hideous mistakes in regards to Monroe Park. I beg you to not let these add to that list.

Thank you for your time.
~Xine

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From: Brian Grogan <grogan@inreach.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:01 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park on UDC agenda

Dear Mr. Son:

I am writing to express my opposition to the following items on the UDC agenda for August 9, 2018:

1. The proposed WWII Memorial Planting Plan at Monroe Park must be denied.
2. The proposed Dominion entrance sign at Monroe Park must be denied.

1. WWII Memorial Planting Plan

2018 is the centennial anniversary year of the end of World War I. The Commonwealth of Virginia is currently restoring the Virginia War Memorial Carillon at Byrd Park which was constructed to honor the Virginians who sacrificed their lives in that war. The American Legion Memorial in Monroe Park is no less a monument to the honor and sacrifice of Virginians who served in World War II.

The illegal installation of the electrical service station at the WWII Memorial in Monroe Park is a disgraceful insult by the Monroe Park Conservancy and Dominion Energy to the American Legion and to the citizens of the Commonwealth named on the Memorial who sacrificed their lives defending the Nation in WWII.

The WWII Memorial has been desecrated by the Monroe Park Conservancy and Dominion Energy. It must be restored to its historically designed state.

The installation of the electrical station on the immediate grounds of the memorial was a violation of the Code of Virginia which states:

... it shall be unlawful for the authorities of the locality, or any other person or persons, to disturb or interfere with any monuments or memorials so erected, or to prevent its citizens from taking proper measures and exercising proper means for the protection, preservation and care of same.

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter18/section15.2-1812/>

The Code of Virginia further states:

If any monument, marker or memorial for war veterans as designated in §§ 15.2-1812 and 18.2-137 is violated or encroached upon, an action for the recovery of damages may be commenced by the following:

Damages may be awarded in such amounts as necessary for the purposes of rebuilding, repairing, preserving and restoring such memorials or monuments to preencroachment condition.

<https://law.lis.virginia.gov/vacode/title15.2/chapter18/section15.2-1812.1/>

It is clear that under state law the Monroe Park Conservancy and Dominion Energy are liable for all costs related to removal and relocation of the electrical station and restoration of the American Legion WWII Memorial site.

This application must be denied. Please take immediate steps to halt the desecration of the WWII Memorial in Monroe Park. Please take immediate legal action against the Monroe Park Conservancy and Dominion Energy to compel them to remove the illegal electrical station and restore this historical site.

2. Dominion Energy Sign

The proposed Dominion sign for Monroe Park is an insult to President James Monroe. Dominion Energy has not been and, pray God, never will be, the President of the United States. The placement of this sign on Laurel Street will imply that the park is named for, or owned by Dominion, neither of which is true. The design and placement of this sign is completely out of character with the historical landscape design of Monroe Park. A simple plaque on the pavillion itself will suffice to acknowledge Dominion's contribution to the park. A public park should not be a space used to provide advertisement opportunity to a corporate entity.

Sincerely,

Brian Grogan

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Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: caroline <carolion1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 3:26 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

Dear Mr. Son,

Please ask the UDC to vote against allowing an illuminated promotional sign in a sylvan environment.

When Monroe Park was built, tacky, flashy signs promoting corporations were not part of the Park's plans.

Please don't allow that ridiculous electric tangle to undermine the integrity of a monument to World War II soldiers.

VCU's encroachment on the first city park property is an unacceptable excuse for poor planning.

Caroline Cox
430 S. Laurel St.
23220

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Linda Marcuse <amovablefeast@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 2:08 PM
To: joshua.son@richmond.gov
Subject: Monroe Park

Doesn't Dominion Power have their name on enough stuff in the city . Would be nice if we saw it as a public park or a city park not a corporate financed park .

Thank you in advance , also hail to the veterans and leave the ugly electrical crap somewhere not so special.

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Pat Levy-Lavelle <pslavelle@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, August 7, 2018 4:00 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Public Comment to UDC re Monroe Park

Message for the UDC:

- 1.) The electrical apparatus by the WWII Memorial in Monroe Park MUST BE MOVED and
- 2.) The Dominion Energy illuminated sign DOES NOT belong in Monroe Park.

Thanks,
Pat Levy-Lavelle
4611 West Franklin Street
Richmond, VA 23226

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Barry Fitzgerald <bfsnaps@hotmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

PLEASE!

Corporate signage has NO PLACE in Monroe Park- an historic, public City park.

The park belongs to the citizens of Richmond.

Sincerely,
Barry C. Fitzgerald (Richmond resident, property owner, taxpayer.)

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Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: CATHY SAUNDERS <CATHY.SAUNDERS@Longandfoster.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 2:40 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

Hi Joshua,

I'm guessing you have not seen the electrical connections at the WII Memorial. The design is not a design at all and rather disrespectful.

And the illuminated Dominion sign is so inappropriate! Really?! And across from the Cathedral and a historic Episcopal church! I'm going to hope that no one at the City approved it.

I'd be happy to answer any questions. 304-3929

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From: jamessties@msn.com
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 1:31 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Cc: Mygmail Sties
Subject: Monroe Park - signage & other concerns

To the UDC c/o Joshua Son -

Mr. Son, please pass on to the UDC my concerns about the proposed signage for Monroe Park and other matters. The signage advertising corporate donors is offensive in many ways. It violates the tradition of not allowing advertising on park properties, and it insults any and all other donors who do not have a self-serving incentive to contribute and the influence to get their way, regardless of the merits of their desires. Isn't it bad enough that the money to pay for the signage was earned by Dominion collecting it from their customers? Many of whom in the Richmond area live in generational poverty.

The sign for the so-called Dominion Pavilion is little more than testimony to the greed and selfishness of that giant monopoly.

The Monroe Park conservancy's membership while closed to the city's citizens comprises mainly monolithic entities: the State of Virginia (VCU), Dominion Power, and the City of Richmond. The many instances of ignoring, voiding, or requesting permission to amend (sometimes after the fact) the Master Plan they were entrusted to fulfill stand as an indictment of the exclusion of the public from the project.

Another flaw in their plan is the relocation of the electrical service from the Checkers House to the back side of the WWII memorial. It appears that move was due to problems created by two of the Conservancy's members, VCU and Dominion power. Might someone have been more diligent if they had not made their decisions knowing they would not hold themselves accountable? Did they assume they could avoid doing the right thing as a simple letter to the UDC would lead to official acquiescence?

Please reject the proposals from the Conservancy and direct them to go back to the plans, fix what they have done wrong, and not come back until they have remedied the problems identified in the citizens' objections. It would not hurt if the UDC would also tell the Conservancy to act on City Council's resolution to add some independent citizens members to their board.

Thank you.

Turk Sties
(804) 432-9999

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: June Vranian <junebug5@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 10:49 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: War memorial

The proposed "change" to the War Memorial issue just shows further disregard for honoring and preserving the dignity of that place.

The proposed design is amateurish and unprofessional. It surely seems someone's pockets are being generously lined. Why no compromise?? Why do our objections go unaddressed?? Makes us Richmonders sad and frustrated and only confirms a blatant lack of respect for the public vs. your own special interests.

Listen to the citizenry or get out of office.

June Vranian

Sent from my iPad

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Norman Nortledorf <nortledorf1@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 10:14 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: electrical apparatus

Hi Joshua,

I'm hoping you can do something to correct this eyesore installed at Monroe Park's WWII memorial. Surely there is a better way to install this thing out of sight.

let's show some foresight for a change.

thank you

F.A.Roscher

ps. Plus who thought installing an electric sign for Dominion Power was a good idea?? Geez.

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Phaedra Hise <phaedrahise@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 10:04 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Signs in Monroe Park

As a registered voter living in Oregon Hill, I want you to know that the electrical apparatus by the WWII Memorial in Monroe Park MUST BE MOVED and the Dominion Energy illuminated sign DOES NOT belong in Monroe Park. Enough with corporations dictating the layout and use of an historic public space!

I will be watching the vote Thursday morning to see if our representatives side with the citizens or corporations. Thank you.

> - sent from the microchip implanted in my forearm _____
> Phaedra Hise Office 804-344-9859 Cell 804-342-2372
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Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Robert Mark <rm@avalar.net>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 10:39 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park changes

Greetings. I am a graduate of VCU and a homeowner in Richmond. I am very disturbed about the changes taking place in beautiful Monroe Park. Please don't commercialize it by adding any business signs to this beloved historical park. The electrical boxes next to the WW II monument are such an eyesore and an affront to the memorial that they should be moved.

Thank you very much.

Bob Mark

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Armistead Wellford <armistead.wellford@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 8:52 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Fwd: Monroe Park/ electrical box, dominion sign

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: Armistead Wellford <armistead.wellford@gmail.com>
Date: August 8, 2018 at 8:36:12 PM EDT
To: "joshua.son@richmomd.gov" <joshua.son@richmomd.gov>
Subject: **Monroe Park/ electrical box, dominion sign**

Hi,

Please remove the electrical box by the WW2 memorial. It's degrading.

Also the Dominion Power sign does not belong on that once gorgeous and historically significant park.

You wouldn't find a Georgia Power sign in Forsyth Park in Savannah, another beautiful park similar to Monroe Park that has retained its integrity.

I hope Monroe Park will retain its authentic luster and romance.

Thank you

Armistead Wellford

Sent from my iPhone

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Harriet Covey <harriet.covey@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, August 8, 2018 11:59 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

I am a resident of Richmond and a former VCU student and employee. I have very fond memories of Monroe Park. I am writing to let you know that I feel the Dominion Power signage completely inappropriate at the WWI Memorial. I sincerely hope this action will not be taken.

Thank you,

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Harriet Covey

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