

From: Martha Faulkner <marthaafaulkner@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 6:22 PM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: Fwd: The Pedestal in Libbie Hill Park

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Pardon me. This letter above"sent itself"

We in our city and in our country have been far too slow in equalizing our schools and equalizing opportunities for the our African Americans. Let us do this in more ways then spending \$34,000 to remove a Corinthian Column with no writing on it. The writing must be sanded off.

Thank you for seriously considering my message.

I love my neighborhood and it's beautiful column .I have loved living in Church Hill since 1984.

Sincerely,
Martha Faulkner

Begin forwarded message:

From: Martha Faulkner
Date: June 21, 2021 at 5:56:50 PM EDT
To: PDRLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com
Subject: **The Pedestal in Libbie Hill Park**

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sons?
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From: Eileen Grey <egrey1@comcast.net>
Sent: Wednesday, June 23, 2021 3:55 PM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: Keep stone column at Libby Hill Park & add context

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Sorry I missed providing this comment earlier but please keep the column at Libby Hill Park now that the statue has been removed as appropriate. The column is interesting and visibly marks the park location from far away. It needs historical context and maybe an opportunity for people to add art, graffiti or whatever within the old fencing.

Eileen Grey
2511 E. Grace St, RVA 23223

From: Stephanie Stockslager <sstockslager2011@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:39 AM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: Public Comment Re: Removal of the Former Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument Base

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To whom it may concern:

Thank you for considering my comments just hours before a final vote is to be taken on the removal of the corinthian column and base of the former Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument at 0 N. 29th St. Like many other residents and the Church Hill Association who have sent in their comments (and shared on the UDC website), I share in the sentiment of leaving the base to allow for redesign and development rather than removing with a haphazard plan to only replace the empty space with cobbles (unlike on Monument Ave which many proposed plans include adding greenspace roundabouts- why do we get plain cobbles that will only increase the confusion of this intersection between cars and the many pedestrians that frequent the area). Like many things in the city, we quickly react now and think second, not including city and neighborhood residents in wide-spread discussions when tempers flare on "the next steps", and have time and time again wasted thousands and thousands of taxpayer dollars fixing the aftermath of those decisions. This monument, like it or not, has become part of the fabric in the Church Hill and Richmond community- in so much as, being a beacon and geographical marker for the community (whether you are on the river, at Rocketts Landing, or even all the way at the T. Potterfield Memorial Bridge- you can see this pillar high in the sky and know where you are at). It is what makes us unique and a destination of interest. What can replace the Confederate inscriptions with are limitless (cover it with a new plaque/inscribe something else all together)- and you currently even have *at least* one very noteworthy option (inclusive, respected, and privately funded) to reuse this pillar to highlight our local Native American tribes and Pocohontas- but it does hinge on using what is already there...not what it might cost to replace it in the future if it were to be removed- which will likely exceed the current \$34,000 to remove it. Please do not limit the options for what can repurpose this stately column in a hasty decision to get rid of anything that was associated with a Confederate monument . Please listen to those of us in the city and Church Hill community, who do not oppose the removal of the remaining overt Confederate inscriptions (on the remaining pedestal), but allow it to stand, to allow ALL OF US to work together to reimagine it into a pillar that everyone in the city can look to with pride high in the sky because of what we all did together.
Thank you for your serious consideration.

Stephanie Stockslager
104 N 28th St.

From: Macdonald, Farley <farley_macdonald@collegiate-va.org>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 11:30 PM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: Removal of Column and Pedestal from Libby Hill

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Dear Planning Commission,

I was born in Church Hill near Libby Hill Park and for over 40 years I continue to use the park for recreation to this day.

I completely support the removal of the confederate statue.

Please consider finding a way to re-commemorate/repurpose the pedestal to something proper for today.

Leaving the pedestal without the statue could declare our changing values. Put something on top that reflects this change.

The historical location of this site-"The view that named Richmond" as well as a variety of significant events entices us to memorialize this site in a way that reflects our growing awareness and changing values.

Thank you for your consideration.

Farley Macdonald

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Minds that seek. Hearts that serve.

Farley Macdonald

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From: Beauchamp Payne <mynbfp@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 12:57 PM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: Removal of Monumental Column and Pedestal on Libby Hill

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Dear Planning Commission,

I have been a Church Hill neighbor for over 50 years

The city is full of complex and painful reminders of the Civil War and slavery, with issues that are very difficult to talk about .

In my opinion this architectural asset can be easily rededicated to reflect the city's true values today.

Thank you for considering this issue during the June 21, 2021 Planning Commission meeting

Sincerely ,
Beauchamp Payne

Sent from my iPad

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From: Sam Daniel <SWD@danielco.net>
Sent: Monday, June 21, 2021 10:14 AM
To: Ebinger, Matthew J. - PDR
Cc: Addison, Andreas D. - City Council; Jordan, Katherine - City Council; ann-francis.lambert@richmondgov.com; kristen.larsen@richmondgov.com; Lynch, Stephanie A. - City Council Office; Newbille, Cynthia I. - City Council; Trammell, Reva M. - City Council; Jones, Michael J. - City Council; Robertson, Ellen F. - City Council
Subject: The Pedestals on Monument Avenue

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Good Morning Mr. Ebinger,

I will make my remarks very brief.

I am Sam Daniel, and reside in the 3200 block of Monument and am in the City Council District of Andreas Addison.

I am writing to make my opinion know as to the disposition of the Pedestals left remaining after the removal of the Statues.

It is my opinion the Pedestals should remain, so their extensive and expensive stone work can be considered for incorporation into the next reiteration of what will be created with Reimaging Monument Avenue.

If the Pedestals are removed, regardless of the amount of care that might be exercised, it is doubtful the pieces will remain intact and surely many of the pieces will be lost and/or damaged. The absolute best way for the extensive Granite Stonework to be reused is for the Pedestals to remain exactly where they are.

Please vote to retain the Pedestals—and do not remove them—to enable the Pedestals to be reincorporated into Reimaging Monument Avenue.

Respectfully Submitted,

Samuel W. Daniel
Resident 3200 block of Monument Avenue

From: L C <lcoates_23235@yahoo.com>
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please leave it there. turn it into something good. we need to heal as a city. .
thanks,
lucy coates