

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Charles Pool <Charles_Pool@msn.com>
Sent: Wednesday, November 7, 2018 12:46 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Objections to UDC 2018-46

Dear Mr. Son,

Please convey to the Urban Design Committee members my objections to item UDC 2018-46 on the agenda for the November 8th meeting.

1). Monroe Park does not need more signs. This is a proposal for another sign that is 12.25 square feet (3.5' X 3.5').

We need to put an end to the UDC and the public to have to consider another sign for Monroe Park every other month. They have recently proposed a lighted sign with Dominion's logo, a huge billboard recognizing donors, directional signs, etc. etc. As a UDC member recently commented, we don't need for Monroe Park to look like NASCAR. Enough is enough.

2). The content of the sign is inappropriate. It is apparently designed at least in part to counter the large public outcry over the inappropriate removal of trees in the park. **The park has lost half of its tree canopy, yet the sign advertises the "new trees in the park" when approximately half of the promised new trees have yet to be planted in the park and along the streets.**

In a recent article Oct. 16, 2018 article in StyleWeekly, a Sierra Club representative describes the Monroe Park renovation as an "environmental disaster," and points out the shameful removal of mature trees from the park for temporary tent rental space:

<https://www.styleweekly.com/richmond/ganda-sierra-club-falls-of-the-james-spokesman-talks-monroe-park-issues/Content?oid=12118801>

In summary, please reject more unnecessary and inappropriate signage for Monroe Park.

Sincerely,

Charles Pool

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From: Steve Young <prsarch@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 11:22 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park

Dear Urban Design Committee

Please DO NOT approve UDC 2018-46, the latest unnecessary PERMANENT signage proposal for Monroe Park. This large sign serves only to disrupt the park's natural sight lines and clutters the landscape of the park which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Thank you.

Steve Young

Sent from my iPhone

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From: Brooke Saunders <brookesaunders@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 11:48 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: No Permanent signage in Monroe Park

Please do not allow unnecessary and ugly corporate signage in Monroe Park, it blights a beautiful place which is for the people.

Thanks

Brooke Saunders

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From: Barry Fitzgerald <bfsnaps@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 12:24 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
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From: Mikie Conner <connermikie@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 12:04 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe

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Your name, Helen C. Conner

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From: Karen Kelly <karenkelly3157@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 1:25 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Monroe Park Signage

To the Richmond Urban Design Committee:

I wish to voice my opposition to UDC 2018-46, the latest unnecessary PERMANENT signage proposal for Monroe Park. This large sign serves only to disrupt the park's natural sight lines and clutters the landscape of the park . More healing vegetation and less structure please, in this National Register of Historic Places property. Thank you.

50 year City of Richmond resident,
Karen Kelly

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From: caroline <carolion1@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, November 6, 2018 3:27 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Ugly Signs in Monroe Park

Dear Urban Design Committee,

Signs in a sylvan area should be subtle not striking.

Many parks thank their donors with recognition on benches or bricks .

Please oppose the Monroe Park Conservancy plans for large ugly signs that make our public city park look like it is owned by corporations.

It is a public park and should look like one.

Yours,

Caroline Cox

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From: Bryan Connolly <bkconnolly0@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, October 25, 2018 12:23 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Opposition to proposed signage in Monroe Park

Dear Urban Design Committee,

Please DO NOT approve UDC 2018-46, the latest unnecessary PERMANENT signage proposal for Monroe Park. This large sign serves only to disrupt the park's natural sight lines and clutters the landscape of the park which is listed on the National Register of Historic Spaces.

Thank you,
Bryan Connolly

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From: charles woodson <candylandmusic@earthlink.net>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 10:30 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Cc: Agelasto, Parker C. - City Council
Subject: Monroe Park Signage Proposal UDC 2018-46

Dear Urban Design Committee c/o Joshua Son

The renovation in Monroe Park unfortunately included the decimation of a large portion of the tree canopy. Whereas before there was never an issue with standing water in the park, now standing water has been seen on grassy areas as well as on the crushed gravel pathways. To tout the Bio retention measures and other initiatives by the Conservancy or DPU or any other agency as either an improvement or as sustainable is misleading.

The signage proposed in UDC 2018-46 serves to disrupt the historic sight lines in Monroe Park and clutters the landscape of this landmark which is listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Its characterization as "permanent" is disturbing.

Please leave what natural beauty that is left in the Park and please DO NOT approve more signage in Monroe Park.

Thank you,

Charles T Woodson
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Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Heather Price <hpparis@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:12 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Please DO NOT approve UDC 2018-46

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Heather PRICE

335 South Laurel St.

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Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: June Vranian <junebug5@me.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 7:53 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: New sign

As a native Richmonder I urge you to please persuade the UDC that it not approve this new sign proposal about "green space." "Green space" in Monroe Park is now a joke because of the removal of the ancient tree canopy. Please do no further desecration.

June Vranian

Sent from my iPad

Son, Joshua L. - PDR

From: Louisa Tighe <tighelouisa@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 8:22 AM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
Subject: Proposed Sign in Monroe Park

Please, I beg of you. DO NOT GRANT A PERMIT FOR THE 3X5 SIGN PROPOSED BY THE CONSERVANCY! This beautiful, historical gem has already been scarred beyond recognition from the acts of this group, the most offensive being the removal of large, mature, healthy trees. There is nothing "green" about that! Please help protect what little remains by not granting a permit for such clutter.

Sincerely,
Louisa Tighe

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From: Scott Burger <scottburger@mac.com>
Sent: Wednesday, October 24, 2018 9:47 PM
To: Son, Joshua L. - PDR
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Scott Burger
612 S. Laurel Street
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