

From: [Bette Dillehay](#)
To: [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#)
Subject: Libby Park Corinthian Column
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 12:31:27 PM

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My name is Bette Dillehay. I live at 3019 Libby Terrace and own 3017 Libby Terrace. I have been a resident of Church Hill since 1975. As a resident I have been active in the Church Hill Association, In addition I was president of an organization, Richmond On The James, that promoted the history and attributes of this most historic part of the city. My understanding is that you have been presented with a proposal to remove the column located at the intersection of Libby and 29th Street which previously supported a statue which was removed. Please allow those of us who have a stake in our community to have a voice in this matter. The city has lost enough. The column presents many interesting opportunities for interpreting the area. LET'S TALK!

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From: [Lynn Ellen Queen](#)
To: [Jones, Carey L. - PDR](#); [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#)
Subject: Libby Hill - Soldier's and Sailor's Monument
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 2:13:21 PM

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Carey and Alex,

I'm writing to ask that the City of Richmond not remove the column and pedestal of the Soldier's and Sailor's monument but to allow The Pocahontas Project to repurpose those pieces of the monument to honor the people who lived on this land before us. It seems to me a win-win for the City, who would not have to incur the costs associated with the removal of the column and pedestal and would have a monument that would bring people together.

Thank you for your consideration,

Lynn Ellen Queen
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From: [Charlotte Kerr](#)
To: [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#)
Subject: Pedestal in Libbey Hill Park
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 3:00:17 PM

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I don't understand why a decision to remove the columnar pedestal from the Libbey Hill Park turnaround overlooking the river. It is an outstanding feature of our park and serves as a landmark to visitors coming to Church Hill. The area gets heavy use by locals and visitors alike, and its' appearance is neutral in impact.

I would suggest that those funds be used to further clean off the paint from the Monument Ave. pedestals. They are far from slightly at present. But leave our pedestal in place. It defines the area that encompasses the beautiful river views.

From: [Carrie Russell](#)
To: [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#)
Subject: Church Pedestal
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 11:19:32 AM

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As a resident of Church Hill and long time resident of Richmond, I am increasingly distressed at the city's boldness in removing architectural elements of our city without citizen input. The pedestal that remains, after the statue of the soldiers and sailors was removed by surprise this past summer, still is an architectural element in our neighborhood.

Although it looks very odd with nothing at the top, it remains part of the fabric of our visual space. And not only that, it seems like the city could spend money doing something else besides removing things.

Please elicit input from the neighbors and the citizens of the city of Richmond.

Carrie Russell

Sent from my iPhone. Please excuse typos.

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From: [Sass Law](#)
To: [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#)
Subject: Grave Desecration in Richmond: June 10 Meeting
Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021 1:05:08 PM

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Dear Alex,

Hello, I'm Sara Sass, an attorney who lives in Virginia. Richmond is a beautiful city full of history for all Americans to enjoy and learn from. I would like to submit the following comments in advance of the city meeting on June 10th, which I will also be attending.

The city of Richmond's plan to disturb General A.P. Hill's gravesite in Richmond is very disturbing: <https://nationalfile.com/virginia-democrats-plan-to-dig-up-grave-of-confederate-general-a-p-hill-no-plan-to-move-coffin/>

I do not know if the city of Richmond is aware that by pursuing these plans, the city will be committing class 4 and 6 felonies. According to the Code of Virginia 18.2 - 126, if a person (the city of Richmond would obviously send a crew to handle the grave disturbance) unlawfully disturbs or disinters a human body which has been placed in a vault or grave, he or she is guilty of a class 4 felony. This act can carry fines over one hundred thousand dollars, but courts often order higher amounts if there is evidence of malice or wanton disregard. This is especially the case since Hill was buried standing, so disturbance of the body will obviously occur. I have seen no permits or any kind of expert opinion the city has retained to show how corpse disturbance will not occur. Also according to the Code of Virginia 18.2 - 126, if a person willfully and intentionally defiles a dead human body (Mayor Stoney indicated his hatred of all Confederates in statements made in July 2020 so this would be easily proved) he or she is automatically guilty of a class 6 felony. There is no statute the city of Richmond could hurriedly enact to avoid this. Given the city's propensity to store confederate statues in the sewage plant, I don't know how the city won't be defiling this corpse.

Currently, Mayor Stoney has opioid and unemployment crises in Richmond, on top of COVID. Yet his website, full of accolades about himself, makes no mention of his policy to address these problems. Mayor Stoney is happy to spend tens of thousands of dollars on unpopular stances (the ten people tops who repeatedly appear at these statue removals is telling) and \$0 on what would help the people of Richmond. Instead of tweaking his bio page a little more and giving \$250k to "non-citizen" housing, maybe Mayor Stoney should take a moment to appreciate his taxpayers.

Thank you very much,

Sincerely,

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No business before the city of Richmond

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From: [Martha McKee](#)
To: [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#)
Subject: 0 N. 29th Street
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Subject: 0 N. 29th Street

The removal of the existing pedestal, fencing, etc. at 0 N. 29th Street will in effect remove the traffic circle at Libby Hill Park by replacing it with paving.

The City of Richmond is installing traffic circles throughout the city. The Libby Hill removal seems contradictory to the City's efforts.

Stuart Circle pedestal removal is not eliminating the traffic circle. It is being replaced with plantings.

Doesn't Libby Hill Park and the historic Churchill neighborhood deserve a better resolution?

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From: [John Hebbard](#)
To: [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#); [Jones, Carey L. - PDR](#)
Subject: Libby Hill proposal
Date: Tuesday, May 25, 2021 4:05:46 PM

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In case anyone at City Hall cares what someone who has lived on or invested in Church Hill since 1972 thinks, I am very much against the removal of the pedestal at the foot of 29th St.

Think of all the structures in what was once called the Old World that have been re-purposed time and again as the societies around them changed their viewpoints.

While I'll leave the question of aesthetics to others, the proposal to use the base for a statue of Pocahontas strikes me as a much better idea than trying to find someone with far more dubious ties to the spot. She was, after all, there before we were.

JRH

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From: [Matt Jarreau](#)
To: [Jones, Carey L. - PDR](#)
Cc: [Dandridge, Alex - PDR](#)
Subject: RE: Monument Pedestal N 29th and Libby
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 11:38:51 AM

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Carey and Alex hey guys Im sure you are going to get swamped with this one but I'm going to leave you with another email!!!!!!! No question in my mind that this statement below is true. No question here! ALSO its being repurposed so I feel like all options should be considered BEFORE removal of this. **The remaining Corinthian column is a significant element of our community's architectural fabric**



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From: [Sara Sasnett](#)
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Subject: Pedestal at N29th Street
Date: Monday, May 24, 2021 8:45:02 AM

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UDC Members,

It has come to our attention that a proposal is before this body to remove the pedestal adjacent to Libby Hill Park where the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument formally stood. While we fully supported the removal of the statue on the pedestal, we strenuously object to the removal of the pedestal.

We firmly believe the community should be engaged in a process to determine how the pedestal can be repurposed for the future. We were involved in the development of the following statement passed by the membership of the Church Hill Association of RVA, "The Church Hill Association (CHA) supports the city's removal of the statue on the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument at Libby Hill Park, and further supports the many people in our community who have voiced the need for this action. The CHA welcomes city plans for an inclusive public process to consider what will replace this statue and the inscription. We look forward to participating in this process to create public spaces, including Libby Hill Park, that can help our community heal, and that celebrates the diverse, compassionate, and inclusive people of today's Richmond".

We strongly believe in the sentiments expressed in the resolution and urge the Commission to embrace them as well. The removal of the statues in Richmond marked an important step in addressing terrible wrongs of the past. Let's not move forward in replacing them with acts that are not inclusive, in fact are dismissive of public opinion, as we move to build a new, better future.

Sincerely,

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From: [Rebecca Maclauchlan](#)
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Subject: Monument Removal: Libby Hill Traffic Safety
Date: Thursday, May 20, 2021 9:13:01 AM

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Good morning, Alex,

I would like to be clear that I completely support the removal of Confederate monuments in Richmond. However, looking at the pedestal removal plan for 0 N 29th St by Libby Hill Park, it appears the entire area will be repaved to flat roadway. I have concerns about traffic safety if this is the path chosen. With the historic overlook at that location, there is a high level of vehicle (cars, buses, segways, tuk tuks, etc) and pedestrian traffic heading in various directions. Folks are making left turns onto Libby Terrace, making u-turns to head north on 29th, parking in the circle, or just driving by slowly to take in the historic view. Without a structure or adequate signage to direct traffic, I anticipate confusion and potential accidents.

I hope the removal plan can be modified to address these concerns. I notice some of the other monuments will keep their greenspace and incorporate plants. I know the Confederate Soldiers and Sailors Monument doesn't currently have any greenspace, but maybe this is an opportunity to make that sort of addition.

Regards,
Rebecca Maclauchlan