

Saunders, Richard L. - PDR

From: VMP <virginia.monument.preservation@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 11:12 AM
To: PDR Land Use Admin
Subject: Re: Monuments-City Charter Restrictions

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Thanks Richard!

Here you go:

Dear Matthew J. Ebinger
Secretary Planning Commission
Planning Commission

The Richmond City Charter prohibits any changes to designated Historic Landmarks. Furthermore it is rather plainly obvious, the ARC, UPC and Planning Commission is not able to participate in the destruction or alteration of historic assets or specifically Monument Avenue.

The mandates of these commissions supersede any attempt by the governor's office to suggest that the destruction and alteration of these monuments are somehow remotely advisable by law or in principle.

The bronze statues/bronze elements were allegedly removed due to an "emergency" caused by these monuments. How then can the pedestals remain without constituting a continued emergency?

Previously submitted testimony by Senator Reeves clarifies the law concerning "alteration" or "destruction."

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This is a mockery to art, a mockery to the state art museum, and will be blasphemy to this commission in participating in what is not mandated.

Regards,

Ron Moore
Virginia Monument Preservation Taskforce
Artist

On Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 11:02 AM PDR Land Use Admin <PDRLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com> wrote:

Yes, you can send me a revision. Please do so ASAP so that I can replace what was posted with the updated version.

From: VMP [mailto:virginia.monument.preservation@gmail.com]
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Dear Richard,

I had one word in a sentence that should be “statue” and not “monuments.”

Can I please submit this corrected letter?

Please advise and I apologize for a word edit.

Ron

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On Tue, Jul 6, 2021 at 10:43 AM PDR Land Use Admin <PDRLandUseAdmin@richmondgov.com> wrote:

Thank you for your input. Your message will be included with the agenda for today's Planning Commission meeting.

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