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Dear Mr. Dandridge,

The Fan District Association's July 3 weekly email contained notice of a meeting of the Urban Design Committee meeting on July 8, at which time the committee would discuss the removal of the First Virginia Regiment Monument in Meadow Park. I am writing to express my strong opposition to this proposal.

While there is one mention of the Civil War on one of the four panels, this is not a Civil War monument. The soldier that was pulled from the pedestal by vandals last summer is dressed as a pre-Revolutionary militiaman. This statue was erected to honor fallen soldiers who served in seven American wars. If the UDC is seriously considering the costly and callous removal of this memorial, I propose that instead, the one reference to the Civil War be removed and that the soldier be returned to the pedestal.

My husband and I live across the street from the monument. I was the Meadow Park Steward for many years and led a large renovation of the park, as well as spring and fall cleanups. Concerts are held in the park and visitors are frequently seen photographing the monument. This monument enhances a lovely public space and should not be removed.

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