

Charlottesville Commission on Race, Memorials and Public Spaces
July 27, 2016 Public Listening Session
 African American Heritage Center, Jefferson School
 233 4th St NW, 2nd floor

Participant Agenda

Listening Session Goals:

- Inform community members of Commission charge, work plan, and opportunities for involvement.
- Provide opportunities for community members to offer ideas about how the Commission can address its charge.
- Encourage dialogue and understanding about the issues that are part of the charge.

Check-in
Welcome and Overview of the Commission Charge – Chair Don Gathers
First Public Comment Period – Facilitator Charlene Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit 3 minutes per comment/question
Break
Small group discussions Participants will rotate in small groups to address these four topics: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What are the stories that you want told about Charlottesville? • What places need to be memorialized that are not being memorialized, or not memorialized sufficiently? • What does the statue of Stonewall Jackson mean to you – what would you like to see happen in that location? • What does the statue of R. E. Lee mean to you – what would you like to see happen in that location?
Second Public Comment Period – Facilitator Charlene Green <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limit 3 minutes per comment/question
Closing

Council-directed mission, charge and tasks:

Mission: “to provide Council with options for telling the full story of Charlottesville’s history of race and for changing the City’s narrative through our public spaces”

Charge: “providing options to Council for specific ways in which our public spaces are used, or could be used, to address race, including, but not limited to:

- Relocating, or adding context to, existing Confederate statues;
- Augmenting the slave auction block at Court Square;
- Completing the Daughters of Zion cemetery;
- Providing a further narrative for the Vinegar Hill community in conjunction with the ongoing work of the African American Heritage Center;

- *Highlighting and linking existing historic places, such as the Tonsler House and the Drewary Brown Memorial Bridge;*
- *Commissioning a new memorial or memorials to an African-American leader;*
- *Identifying naming opportunities;*
- *Identifying additional opportunities within the City to enhance a holistic reflection of our history”*

Tasks:

“1) Amply engage with the Charlottesville/Albemarle community through public hearings, forums, etc.;

2) Evaluate and advise Council on the full range of options within the mission;

3) Coordinate with the City Attorney’s office to provide full legal review of options;

4) Identify and communicate with other efforts underway relating to its mission;*

**including, but not limited to, the Governor’s commission, African American Heritage Center, Historic Resources Committee, Human Rights Commission, Drewary Brown Committee, Daughters of Zion, UVA Commission on Slavery, UVA ad hoc group on the monuments, PLACE, Board of Architectural Review, Parks and Recreation, and University and Community Action for Racial Equity (UCARE).”*

Participant Worksheet for July 27 Commission Listening Session

Please print neatly!

Name:

Address:

Ideas I want the Commission to consider include the following:

Relocating, or adding context to, existing Confederate statues

Augmenting the slave auction block at Court Square

Completing the Daughters of Zion cemetery

Providing a further narrative for the Vinegar Hill community in conjunction with the ongoing work of the African American Heritage Center

Highlighting and linking existing historic places

New memorial or memorials to an African-American leader

Naming opportunities

Additional opportunities

Do you have any other suggestions for the Commission to meet its charge?

THANK YOU FOR ALL OF YOUR IDEAS!