

Blue Ribbon Commission on Race, Memorials and Public Spaces
Sept. 22 Community Forum Concept Results

Concept A:

The Lee and Jackson statues remain in place with additional history and interpretation

1. Rename the parks (10)
2. Add new historical markers/additional interpretation (113)
3. Add new monuments (28)
4. Add new artwork (7)
5. Design competition (5)

Additional Comments: (10)

- Re-design the parks to tell a balanced story
- Reconciliation
- Literally take it off the pedestal

Concept B:

Move statues to another location

1. Move to a museum (15)
 2. Move to a history park (42)
 3. Replace the statues with others
 4. Sell or donate the statues
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Additional Comments: (27)

- Move Lee statue next to Jackson statue
- Move to Washington & Lee University
- Put it in someone's year who wants it. I want a refund for my taxes used for maintenance
- Grind the statues up and sell the metal
- Situate statues with the American Flag with words in "with liberty and justice for all" and 1st statement of the Gettysburg Address if possible without destroying base of monuments, lower them so they don't seem gigantic in size
- I agree with this option it is time to take down vestiges of slavery, racism, and intimidation in our public spaces
- If moving the statues to a history park make sure it tells all of the history
- Move statues to the IX Art Park-redesign, re-name Lee Park as a truly public space for all the public, for everyone
- Move the Jackson statue and use the space for an addition to the courthouse
- Re-name park to Monument Park and add more artwork

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Concept C:

Memorialize the people and events of the slave auction block

1. Make the plaque more visible (21)
2. New memorial (85)

Additional Comments: (0)

Concept D:

Undertake additional surveys, oral histories, and documentation

1. Architectural surveys of the City's African American neighborhoods (18)
2. Cultural landscape surveys (4)
3. Oral history interviews (39)
4. Compile information at an "Interpretive History Center" at African American Heritage Center (43)

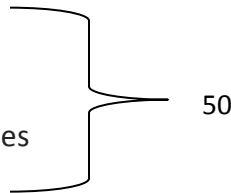
Additional Comments: (4)

- Archaeological Research
- Reconcile
- More black history in schools

Concept E:

Acknowledge historic places through markers, place names, and other recognition

1. Local historic designation (1)
2. National Register of Historic Places designation (6)
3. Create "history boulevard" downtown (12)
4. Historic markers
 - a) Ivy Creek
 - b) Washington Park
 - c) Vinegar Hill
 - d) African American cemeteries
 - e) Woolen Mills



Additional Comment: (1)

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Concept F:

Add new memorial(s) to people, events or ideas

1. Queen Charlotte (10)
2. Julian Bond (9)
3. Native Americans (18)
4. Sally Hemmings (9)
5. Eugene Williams (7)
6. Enslaved people in Charlottesville (27)
7. Peace pole (1)

Additional Comments: (74)

- Drewary Brown
- Alicia Lugo
- Rebecca McGuiness
- William Monroe Trotter
- Frederick Douglass
- Harriet Tubman
- Sojourner Truth
- Otelia & Dr. John Jackson
- Charlottesville 12

Concept G:

Support neighborhood protection and preservation

1. Zoning support for the city's African American neighborhoods, including preservation protections (33)
2. Support rehabilitation tax credits for work in historic neighborhoods; federal program (8)
3. Financial support/incentives for the preservation of historic buildings and landscapes; local programs (7)

Additional Comments: (0)

Concept H:

Support educational and other programming (festivals, special events)

1. Juneteenth, African American Heritage Festival, etc. (11)
2. Youth programs-internships at local historic sites, learning day camps, etc. (11)
3. Curriculum-based school field trips to local historic sites (12)
4. More local history in schools (22)
5. Park and neighborhood partnerships (2)

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Additional Comments: (21)

- Develop educational curriculum & youth programs as part of development of public history-telling (members, plaques, walks) that will encourage local institutions to continue engaging history
- Create a Dialog Park/Space to discuss all issues
- Create a brochure of a history trail
- City ownership of Jefferson City Center to support non-profits that support our African American legacy (like they own McGuffey School)
- More names on Drewary Brown Bridge