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Yet there's a larger practice that transcends arguments made by both the pro and anti monument factions. The debate relates to the unsafe location of the monument in the middle of the busy thoroughfare at Washington and Prince Streets.

When the statue was erected in 1889 it was gated with a spacious green awn crowning the statue. Prince and Washington were cobblestone streets. Although the automobile was invented in 1886, horse-drawn carriages were the main form of transportation at the time the statue was unveiled. City planners apparently didn't have the foresight that fast moving cars would replace equestrian modes of transportation.

During the decades that followed, the gated buffer has disappeared. The statue is now threatened on a daily basis by cars which crash into it. The very design of the statue is threatened on top of a car during a crash. There have been several accidents over the years. Tourists are another menace. There are few safe vantage points for tourists to capture images of Appomattox. Tourists typically stand in the middle of the intersection and snap phone photos.

These tourists assume the risk but the City should take action. The statue is now seen as unsafe spectacles. As an issue of public safety - for the good of the statue and for the good of protecting human life - the statue should be moved to a less hazardous location. A natural setting for Appomattox is the Lee-Fendall estate, about such accidents which have occurred over the years. The City Council about such accidents which have occurred over the years. There is a safe vantage point for tourists to capture images of Appomattox. Tourists typically stand in the middle of the intersection and snap phone photos.

Another practice to address is the fact that the removal of the statue requires the approval of the Virginia General Assembly. Yet, the decision on where monuments are placed in the City of Alexandria is decided by Alexandrians, and more specifically by the City Council with the input of VDOT and City planners. Why should a decision be made from as far away as Roanoke and Chesapeake decisions on a location for a monument? What business is it for tourists to decide the fate of a statue that doesn't affect the rest of the state? Since the Republican Party platform favors Bigger Government, Repub can Party leaders to decide the fate of a statue that doesn't affect the rest of the state. Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee should recommend that the General Assembly pass a motion to cede authority over the Appomattox statue to the City of Alexandria.

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These tourists assume the risk but the City should move the statue to a safer location. As an issue of public safety - for the good of the statue and for the good of protecting human life - the statue should be moved to a less hazardous location. There have been discussions in the City of Alexandria, about such issues, where context matters. What business is best served by preserving a statue that is out of reach of voters and councilors? Since the Republican Party platform favors big government, Republicans in the state legislature should favor the move to a new location. Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee should recommend that the General Assembly pass legislation to cede authority over the Appomattox statue to the City of Alexandria.

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E. E. Sworth and James Jackson during the Union army takeover of Alexandria. The current plaque hails the martyrdom of James Jackson in his quest to preserve private property. It's a biased pro-Confederate account. Yet, there's much more to learn from the story undisclosed of Abraham Lincoln directing E. Sworth to remove the Confederate flag from the rooftop of Marshalle House. It's an interesting story that has not been told at that spot. See http://www.eyewitnessstory.com/e.sworth.htm

Therefore, the Ad Hoc Committee should recommend that additional context should be provided in the form of a succulent pane that includes illustrations and textual captions of the confrontation at Marshalle House in 1861. The succulent pane should be constructed at that same corner at King and Pett Streets and told the whole story of the Marshalle House incident, not just the one-sided martyrdom version that's currently displayed on the existing plaque.

For your reference below is the inscription on the Monaco Hotel (formerly Marshalle House):

The Marshalle House
stood upon this site, and within the building
on the early morning of May 24, 1861
James W. Jackson
was killed by federal soldiers defending his property and personal rights as stated in the verdict of the coroner's jury.
He was
the first martyr to the cause of Southern Independence.
The justice of history does not permit his name to be forgotten.

Not in the excitement of battle, but coolly and for a great principle,
he laid down his life, an example to all, in defence of his home and
the sacred soil of his native state
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I attended the Apr 11th meeting and spoke during the public comment period. I would also like to submit a statement to the Advisory Group regarding:

- the issue before the advisory group, City Council, & our community about the "window dressings" of our community, symbolic statements that we make to one another and to visitors about who we are and what we value.
- we are living with "window dressings" that act as what John Stewart described as "racist wallpaper" after the June 17th Charleston Church shooting, that represents choices made in the past that have no place in Alexandria today.
- the Confederacy was formed to preserve a social, economic, political, and cultural system premised on terror, oppression, and violence.
- the changes under consideration offer an opportunity to give a symbolic gesture of remorse, healing, recognition, and respect.
- the monetary costs of the changes (by one estimate less than $150,000 for a large set of Confederate street signs in the City) are a very small price to pay in order to end the injustice that African Americans have endured in our community and society for decades and centuries, from slavery to Jim Crow and lynching and harassment and police maltreatment.
- the argument that something is too expensive or takes too much paperwork is always a poor excuse for failing to do the right thing; the argument that the changes would create a "tsunami" of paperwork (signs, deeds, etc) and a vicious cycle of increasing bureaucracy.
- we name things to honor them and represent the best of our history and community. We should consider honoring Samuel Tucker (who orchestrated Alexandria's 1939 library sit-in), Douglass Winder (the first African American Governor in U.S. history), Richard and Maud Lovng (whose Supreme Court case overturned interracial marriage bans), George Thomas (a Virginia mansion who served as a Union General), and so many others who have pushed the moral arc of the universe toward justice.

In summary, I strongly support: 1) moving the location of the Appomattox statue out of the center of Washington Street; 2) changing the name of Jefferson Davis Highway to Route 1 or another more appropriate name; 3) changing the names of streets designated as being named after Confederates; and 4) the ban on flying the Confederate flag already adopted by City Council.

Sincerely,
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   I encourage Council to remove these memorials and street names quickly and completely. Replace them with honors and tributes to people of color and part-time Native American and African American leaders from Alexandria who actively advocated and fought against enslavement, persecution, torture, rape and killing of themselves and their people. Let’s honor the Alexandrians who advocated for treatment, education and freedom of people instead. Let’s honor the people who thrived despite the circumstances. That is the right type of tourism to promote. Thank you for your work on this group.

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Dear Friends,

Keep the monuments and names; good Virginia Men and Women fought the what they thought was right; judging them by 21st century standards is not only wrong, but we set a bad precedent for future monuments like Washington, Jefferson, and others.

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   If you erase history, you are doomed to repeat it...

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Please don't remove the statue "Appomattox" from its present location on Washington Street. In my opinion, as a 15th generation Virginian and the great-grandson of a Confederate veteran, the statue does not glorify slavery - certainly not "white supremacy" - but rather honors those who fought to protect their families, property and themselves from an invading army that burned, looted and ransacked the way through Virginia and the South. I implore you to look at photographs of Northern Virginia from that era to fully appreciate the devastation the Union forces wreaked upon Northern Virginia. Most of these men were not slave owners but they were moved to fight, terrify, for their own lives.

Virginia has always been about its history - please help stop the trend that wants to wash it all away - good and bad - away.

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The Confederate States of America was a malignant insurgency that took up arms against the United States of America. The arms that fought for the CSA included an officer corps composed of men who had sworn an oath to defend the Constitution yet betrayed that oath and in the process killed more U.S. soldiers than Al-Qaeda or ISIS.

When did it become acceptable for we as a nation to honor domestic insurgents? Should we so revere the flag of the Ku Klux Klan or the Aryan Nations? Should we place a statue of George Lincoln Rockwell on our town square?

I urge you to reject any claim that such honors are "heritage" or "tradition" and instead view them for what they were: treasonous insurgents who fought and died for a cause so repugnant that it has been banned by most civilized nations for centuries. These men and women deserve a place in the history books. Nothing more, and certainly not a place of honor in our society.

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I am not a native Alexandrian or even a native Virginian. I am a northerner from the great state of Michigan, and after spending 8 years serving in the United States Marine Corps, I married into a family that has been rooted in Alexandria for three generations and have made this beautiful city my permanent home. With a child on the way sometime within the next few days, our fourth generation of Alexandrians will soon be here. As such, I think it's important to point out that it's not the history or heritage of the city that sparked my interest in this debate, but rather my own experience as a combat veteran of Afghanistan. The Appomattox statue does not honor a cause. It honors fallen American veterans. I pass by this statue every day on my commute to work—which, by the way, is for a non-profit dedicated to serving disabled veterans—and I attest to the fact that the words etched into the stone remind me of the profound commitment I made when I agreed to serve my country: "They died in the consciousness of duty that they performed." Whether or not we agree with the bas relief of the wars we fought in the U.S. military, whether or not the people back home celebrate our return or spit in our faces, we carry out our duties as we have obligated ourselves because that's what soldiers and Marines do, even in the face of certain defeat. America may never have paved its path to independence at Yorktown, a flag may never have been raised atop Mount Suribach, and the Confederacy may not have been helped at Gettysburg if it had not been for the resolve of American military forces doing the conscious duty that they performed. Anyone who has experienced combat can tell you, it's exceed rare to find a soldier who shoots the enemy to defend the persona convictions of the men who wage wars. Marines don't jump on grenades for the sake of political agendas, they do it to protect the countrymen—the man or woman to the left and right. No doubt many of Alexandria's sons and daughters served in defense of the brothers and for the sake of the city, and we must honor the bravery and selflessness behind these acts just as we do for the men and women who serve today.

In this debate, I've heard many references to how Germany has removed tributes to the war dead of World War II. In November, my husband and I visited the small town of Schwäbisch Gmünd in southwestern Germany where his family is from and we found a large obelisk monument dedicated to the city's fallen sons of World War II. Such monuments are actually quite common throughout Germany, and I think they are very fitting to honor the service and sacrifice of men who were more than just soldiers—they were husbands, fathers, sons and brothers—without celebrating the unsavory acts of the Nazi party.

I believe we should remove the Appomattox statue would be to tell American veterans that their sacrifices are subject to erasure, and frankly no American can forget who pays down the road for country shou d be regarded in such a manner. I thank the committee members for their time and what I'm sure will be thoughtful consideration on behalf of Alexandria's military and veteran community.

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Robert E. Lee's from Alexandria, so I feel strongly that streets named after him should retain his name.

I don't care at all about Jeff Davis - go ahead and change the name of Route 1 if you want to. Perhaps Richmond Highway, as the road is named in Fairfax County?

For the statues- it's important that we remember what happened in Virginia so that we do not repeat our mistakes. I sometimes stand in front of City Hall and remember that this used to be a slave market. It reminds me that we have come a long way since then, but we have a long way to go. If we were to remove any reference to what that place used to be, we would miss those opportunities for reflection. If we try to whitewash history, we are doomed to repeat it.

I would like for the City to find a way to retain whatever history it can while honoring the feelings of those who were harmed by slavery. Not an easy task, but I believe you are up to the challenge.

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As a taxpayer in the City of Alexandria, an owner of property in the historic district, and a person who has had family living in the City of Alexandria going back 8 generations (I had family members who fought on both sides of the War), I would think the City would have better things to do with its time and my taxpayer money than this petty way correct crap. I find it appalling that educated people would even think of doing something like this. Please stop trying to rewrite history; the Civil War happened, we should not forget that, both the good and the bad aspects of it. Renaming streets, moving statues, etc. isn’t going to accomplish anything other than waste a lot of money that could be much better spent.

If you knew anything about history after the Civil War, you’d know that people on both sides put down their weapons and returned to the ves both as Union and Confederates. Many, including the majority of Confederates, had exemplary ves before the War and they continued to do so after the War. Both Union and Confederates ved the War and yet managed to put those differences aside. A good example of this is Generals Grant and his wife Julia; they became good friends with Varina Davis, wife of Jefferson Davis. And how about Abraham Lincoln and what he stood for? He wanted to bring the country together, not push it further apart; he realized what the country had been through and hoped for reconciliation. But not you folks, you want to push your agenda down people’s throats. You have lost sight of Lincoln’s and others hopeful sentiments. If you want to do something useful, then you should spend your time and my taxpayer money, teaching people about that. Why not erect a statue or monument to that aspect of the Civil War? What afraid people won’t be interested in what you have to say?

Sad to say, the vast majority of people don’t even know the names of any Civil War generals and who fought on what side or who Jefferson Davis was. They have no idea what the Appomattox Statue stands for; they breeze by it without any notice. So don’t try to make them see something that isn’t. It isn’t about the major ty of people; it’s about a few petty way correct whiners want ng to push the own persona agenda. You should be working to do what’s right for the major ty.

And then what next? After you manage to erase a references to the Confederacy what other groups are you going to erase your own history for, because that’s what the south is a whole thing. So why do you want to erase a references to George Washington? After all, he owned slaves. Maybe you should try to close the pages George never lived in Old Town and do whatever he did because someone might be offended when they hear his name.

And, how would you fee in 150 years (wh ch, by the way, is how long the Civil War has been over) someone tried to erase a memory of your story? Let’s negate that the new po t ca y correct group doesn’t keep what Martin Luther King stood for and wanted to erase his memory. Would you ancestor find that offensive? I bet they would and rightly so. So before you start down the path of po t ca y correct cians ng you should be aware about the long-term effects of that. Perhaps you should take a look back at how Nelson and other forefathers would have handled it. You might just learn something.

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   Why now historic preservation or public history groups? Seems like you stacked the deck for a specific outcome. That's not very democratic.

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I can certainly understand why a monument that celebrates the Confederacy would be offensive, but I don't think the Appomattox statues and that was not its purpose. Rather, the surrender and shame. Roughly 2% of the population, an estimated 620,000 men, lost the lives of the Confederacy in the Civil War. Taken as a percentage of today's population, the total would be as high as 6 million. The monument stands where it should stand, the gateway to the South, where the roots of the conflict originated and where the destruct occurred and waste of war. The statue itself is a beautiful and sensitive work of art.

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I've heard a lot in these meetings about the need to preserve history; how we must not ignore, erase, or whitewash history. How we need to understand history as products of the times. That is true. But they are a rhetorical feat, intended only as a vote to stage an unrelated argument that the Confederacy was not about hatred, howavery was not its primary motivator, and how racism is not inherent a part of that heritage, and how memorials to the Confederacy are meant on y to honor the heroism of the combatants of the civil war: poor white farm boys fighting to protect the nation and...

That astounds me. It is the conjuring of a century and a half of mental gymnastics on behalf of rehabilitating the Confederacy in our collective memory. When we judge the Confederacy on its own terms, by its own words, we see that the real endeavor ranks among the most repugnant, belied by evidence ever hushed upon the face of this earth. In the Confederate President's address on 1861, where a white men were allowed to vote, Jefferson Davis, the first and only President of the Confederate States, was elected by unanimous agreement. Davis won every single election in every single state. Not a single protest vote was cast. Among the presidents of the United States of America, only George Washington can claim the same achievement. Not Lincoln, not FDR, and not Reagan. So to pretend that Jeff Davis does not represent the Confederacy is akin to arguing that George Washington does not represent the United States of America. It is a historic fact, that Jefferson Davis, without equal, was and remains the individual who most broadly and very elegantly represented the Confederacy and the views of its people.

So what did Jefferson Davis think of people of African descent?

"We recognize the fact of the inferiority stamped upon that race of men by the Creator, and from the cradle to the grave, our Government, as a constitution, marks that inferiority.

That seems clear enough. But hey, that kind of thing can be taken out of context. I mean, he could have been talking about any race, right? Wrong.

"We do not think that white should be saved either by law or by necessity. Our slaves are of another and inferior race. The status in which we have placed them is an evaluation. They are evaluated from the condition in which God first created them, by being made our slaves. None of that race on the whole face of the globe can be compared with the slaves of the South. They are happy, content, unambitious, and utterly incapable, from innate weakness, to ever give us any trouble by the national army."

I know what my detractors are going to say: that I'm oversimplifying, and that history isn't black and white. And they're right, because the gotory extends to animosities too:

"Among our neighbors of Central and Southern America, we see the Caucasian mingled with the Indian and the African. They have the forms of free government because they have coped with them. To its benefit, they have not attuned, because that standard of civilization is above their race."

But it's not the race that we want to honor, some may say. He was a man of honor, who fought to uphold the law as he understood it. We may, at least until somebody did agree with him in his lifetime, those who preached about on them were protected by the first amendment, he recommended violence justly: just ce:

"This my friends, is what was called revolutionary times, Lynch Law. It's sometimes the very best law, because it deals with summary justice upon those who might otherwise escape from all other kinds of
punishment.

So, I think that about sums up for Old Jeff Dav s. But maybe I'm wrong. Maybe slavery and western supremacy weren't as important to the Confederacy as they were to its Commander in Chief.

Why then did the confederate states secede? On April 17, 1861 Virginia stated its Ordinance of Secession on that the federal government had perverted the constitution "not only to the injury of the people of Virginia, but to the oppression of the Southern Slaveholding States."

Virginia didn't elaborate on that much, but there's no getting around the reason that pays the decedent on. Virginia sympathizes with the grievances of the other states that had seceded. In December of 1864, South Carolina was the first state to secede, citing the reason "an increase in the part of the non-slaveholding states to the nest tuton of slavery," and because "the states north of that have no reason to expect on a man to the gh offce of President of the United States, whose op onness and purposes are hostile to slavery."

In January of 1865, Mississippi took it a step further: "Our cause is thoroughly defended with the nest tuton of slavery - the greatest mater a interest of the world. It's abhorrence is the product whch constitutes by far the largest and most important ports of commerce of the earth. These products are peculiar to the climate verging on the tropics, and by an imperious law of nature, none but the black race can bear exposure to the tropic sun. These products have become necessary to the world, and abound at slavery as a bower at commerce and civilization."

In March, Texas seceded, saying that: "We hold as undeniable truths that the governments of the various States, and of the Confederacy itself, were established exclusively by the white race, for themselves and their posterity; that the African race had no agency in the establishment, that they were regarded as an inferior and dependent race, and that on this condition on you could the state of the African race, as existing in these states is mutually beneficial to both bond and free, and abundantly authorizes and justifies by the experience of mankind."

So Virginia exercised brevity in the reasons for secession, but was on the same because they had no interest in being abhorred as a point which had already been made abundant by the ear.

These words, the words of the Confederacy and its representates, merit no place in our society. If we are to remember them at all, they should be on as a reminder of what depths of evil we are capable of, so as to not repeat our overs to overcome the quites of our past, and create a future more ne wth our deas. To keep these memorials a s, ther from a mister understand ing of the h story they represent, or from a s mp e fear of change, sends a message to anyone who finds the rest on abhorrent, that this place is not for you, that our history s not yours, that our bea efs do not ncude you, that our fractured past matters more than our shared future.

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1. Please provide your feedback:
   My ancestors on both sides of my family were Virginians. I had family on both sides, Union & Confederate. Therefore, I think I have a right to say that The Confederate Memorials and street names stay right where they are.

   Patricia Beard Lambert

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One lesson Amer can h story has taught us is that we should not make judgments about people as a group. Rather, each person should be evaluated on personal merit. Nor should the record of history be purged of the unpleasant. That occurred in the past brought us to the point where we find ourselves today. To judge those of the Civil War era soley by the design of the flag that flew over them is to repeat errors of the past that we hope groups to suffer unjust ce. Not everyone who fought for the Confederacy did so keep shackles around the wrists of their countrymen. Not every Union soldier who fired a shot did so in an attempt to end slavery. In fact, racist attitudes prevailed North and South, then and now.

Abraham Lincoln, the Great Emancipator, believed slavery was wrong but saw the only solution to be the amendment of the Freedmen to Central America. The Emancipation Proclamation only freed those in areas he did contro. Should we purge the record of Lincoln for his racist beliefs or judge him by the totality of his efforts? Which president did not harbor racist views?

I was the successful effort to remove the University of Texas at Arlington of its Rebel Theme—Confederate Flag, Fraternity Savings Auctions, Johnny Reb, Mss D x e Be e, Ole South Week, and the Unversity Fight Song (D x e). Such things had nothng to do with recording history and everything to do with perpetuating institutional racism. I would remove every public-owned Confederate flag because the flag is a symbol appropriated by modern white supremacists. But I would not dispose of the statue of the Confederate soldier on Washington Street. I would commit a statue of Samuel Tucker for the north end of Washington Street. The library should be memorialized.

The purpose of examining the past is not to undergo a斯塔rewriting of history. History should not be erased or forgotten. But names that have no history in Alexandria can be discarded. There is no reason for a highway named for Jefferson Davis or General Beauregard. But the names that are part of our history should not be discarded unless they are offensive.

I would be r d of the name "Redskin" because it is a racist and derogatory word. I would not remove George Washington's name from Washington Street even though I am offended by the idea that he was a slave owner. The former has no place in history; the latter does.

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The war goes on in Alexandria. What year is it? 2016? Really? I just cannot understand why some few citizens adamantly refuse to see the offense in honoring a cause that subjugated people, that fought to continue to subjugate people and the government of which has been used to continue to suppress the rights of those people up to the present day. I cannot understand why some refuse to stem to the few citizens whose ancestors and families have been so offended. Is it a blindness/deafness? Is it a lack of empathy? Is it denying that something so wrong is part of our glorious history? Is it a bow to one's pride to admit that? Is it a fear of losing power by admitting to the wrongdoing of one's ancestors? Is it a fear of losing power by acknowledging a minority?

People argue that because it's our story we should keep it. We'd say a dirty story. Wouldn't they be amenable to a statue of a slave being whipped or a slave family being separated or a slave auction on Washington Street? That's our story as we see it. Beyond that, it's not our history...and unless drastic change happens, our future. It is time to end the cause. Honor the dead in cemeteries. Honor the cause nowhere.

Thank you for your work. I know it's very difficult. I hope it's not in vain.

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Robert E Lee said best:

My engagements will not permit me to be present, and I believe there I could not add anything to the information existing on the subject. I think it were, moreover, not to keep open the sores of war, but to follow the example of those nations who endeavored to obliterate the marks of civil strife, and to commit to oblivion the feelings engendered.


These monuments deserve the Lost Cause mythology and should be removed. Teach the real story, not what passes for that in so many schools these days.

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I was born in Alexandria in 1953, moved to nearby Fairfax Co. in 1963, but a ways considered Alexandria my home. I am still a member of Wash. St. United Methodist Church. I can understand not flying the Confederate flag, but please, please, please don't erase our history by burying it. Alexandria IS history and it seems like the powers that be want to make it into an amusement park fantasy and. Please don't move Appomattox or change street names whether they are named after kings, queens, or generals. It's OUR history, Everyone's. Thank you.

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   - History is important and cannot be changed
   - Leave a note!

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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

I greatly appreciate the efforts of the City Council and the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names.

I suggest the following:

1. Jefferson Davis Highway should be renamed. Jefferson Davis was a slaveholder and was an unrepentant white supremacist after the War. He was the face of the "lost cause" attempt to redeem Southern justly. Let an end to the Civil War.

2. Quantrill Avenue between Beauregard and Armstead on the far west end of Alexandria should be renamed. William Quantrill was a pro-slavery guerrilla leader "who murdered and burned out Missouri on Union on at (James M. McPherson).

3. The statue of Robert E. Lee in City Hall should be removed. James W. Jackson was a martyr for the Southern cause. At the time Union troops advanced into Alexandria, armed resistance and fighting the Confederacy as an act of treason. Both were consdered martyrs for very different reasons.

4. If the statue on the Monaco Hotel has not been removed or changed to acknowledge the King of Co. Esworth, it should be. James W. Jackson was a martyr for the Southern cause. At the time Union troops advanced into Alexandria, armed resistance and fighting the Confederacy as an act of treason. Both were consdered martyrs for very different reasons.

With regard to changing many of the street names, it may not be necessary. Many of the Confederate names are lost in the dust-bin of history. However, as mentoned above, Jefferson Davis Highway and Quantrill Avenue should be taken off City maps.

The statue Appomattox on Washington Street is not in a proper location and difficult to appreciate. However, it is not possible to remove and it commemorates the Confederacy. The gaze of the soldier is one of reflection and is not offensive.

I wholeheartedly support the general policy of not flying the Confederate flag on property owned or under the control of the City or on the public right-of-way. No exceptions.

I would like to see the Civil War history presented in Alexandria as an important hospital center, a port, and transport center for food and supplies to Union troops, and a place where African Americans sought refuge from slavery. African Americans, men and women, contributed as soldiers, abusers, nurses, domestics to the successful outcome of the Civil War. The contributions of the U.S. Colored Troops in 1863 and 1864 came at a critical time and helped bring an end to a tragic war. One of the earliest civil rights protests occurred in Alexandria regarding the burial of Confederate soldiers in a separate cemetery. Many of these themes are not integrated into the promotion of the City and could, if developed, attract a more diverse group of tourists.

Alexandria needs a more attractive magnet than one stuck in the Confederate "lost cause" past.

The City of Alexandria did not adopt the reconstructed South was returned to power. For the next 100 years African Americans endured racism and segregation in voting, education, jobs, and use of public facilities. Many of our neighbors who are descendants remember being subjected to racism and segregation. Unfortunately, the tacit endorsement by the government of Southern ancestry redempt and be a step towards a more socially erant presentation on
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1. Please provide your feedback:
   Why waste the money that Alexandria is so short of?
   Why up end so many people's ves by renam ng the streets? Most fo ks don't even rea_ze the streets were named for Confederate genera s.
   Why re ocate a statue that by aw proh b ts t be ng moved?

   I was a bus ness person n th s c ty, and nstead of creat ng an adv sory group for th s, why not create one that wou d make A exandr a a more we com ng ent ty to mom and pop shops?

   H story s h story. It s sad to see t changed to be just po t ca y correct. We have n the past cr t c zed other governments for do ng the same... 

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I am for not trying to change history and keeping memorials, street names as they are. I am also for naming new buildings, streets and putting up new memorials in Alexandria for prominent African Americans. The two can and should coexist.

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Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

Comments:
In my earlier comments, I suggested both Jefferson Davis Highway and Quantrill Avenue both be renamed because of the unrepentant views they had towards enslaved people and African Americans.

I would like to add Taney Avenue named after Supreme Court Justice Roger Taney to the list. His 1857 Supreme Court decision was a major turning point that led to the division between the North and South over slavery. His racists views toward enslaved African Americans outraged Northern abolitionists and supported slave interests in the South. The decision denied African Americans the right to ever become citizens under the Constitution. The outcome of the Civil War, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the 14th Amendment reversed the decision and granted citizenship to African Americans.

Chief Justice Taney should not be memorialized on a street sign. It is better that his decisions and the impact on the course of history be understood in the classroom and library.

One ast comment. Memorials, Confederate flags and street names can adversely influence the impressions of families moving to the area and deciding where they want to live. It also influences the decision of tourists who are drawn by the response to Mercy Street. Instead of trying to expand or apologize for the Confederate legacy, a more accurate interpretation of Alexandria's role in the successful outcome of the war would be welcomed.

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To the Ad Hoc Advisory Group:

Settling conflicts often involves looking forward to the future, or looking deeper to find new meaning in past events. The statue "Appomattox" is more than a record of Civil War memorials, which should not unduly be the focus of our attention; the statue's inscription reminds us of a high idea to which we should aspire: "duty faithfully performed." Let us leave this reminder in place, where it can serve to cause us to honor the idea of duty and the principle of service, honorably rendered, to whatever cause might summon us to give that astute measure of devotion. Homage to the concept of duty faithfully performed does not belong in a cemetery but rather needs to be in a more public, accessible place--right where it is--where it can inspire future generations.

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1. Please provide your feedback:

I am a Virginia and I am very proud of the history and heritage that comes with that! I was raised by Fort Myer and growing up frequented Lee’s Mansion aka Arlington House. Statues and roads and schools names that honor these nd v dua s were done to do just that, pay respect and honor to them. You cannot erase history or undermine those persons that operated and fought for a better ot died, a lot lost the mb, and many lost the r homes. But regard ess of the hardsh ps they faced they were st ng to fght the fght. To cons der remov ng statues and chang ng the name of roads s not on y disrespectf ul to them and the r serv ce to V rg na but to those of us born and ra sed there. I humb y ask you to p ease eave h story a one. As one person sa d, to forget h story, we w be doomed to repeat t.

Thank you,
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WHAT s the matter w th you peop e? Why are you try ng to erase someth ng out of our past? IT HAPPENED. Ne ther s de was comp ete y rght or comp ete y wrong. If s the "ssue" of s avery, the North benef tted far more than the re at ve handfu of s ave owners. A so, Abraham L nco n, of a peop e, stated more than once that he was OK w th s avery where t ex sted. AND, we were not the on y country on earth that had that "pecu ar nsut tun". It s STILL be ng pract ced by Afr can and M dd e Eastern nat ons and prob y ma n and Ch na to th s very day. Be honest about t. The Northern States were just as d ry w th s avery as were the South's. S avery wou d've d ed a qu ck death w thout a war n a very few years. It was ca ed "The Industr a Revo ut on". L nco n d d not ca for "vo uteers" n 1861 to "end s avery" but to put down a so-ca ed rebe on. If he had ca ed for anyth ng e se he wou d have had very few takers. As t was, when emanc pat on was announced, many, many, off cers and non-coms just qu t, Thousands. That was not the r "cause". P us emanc pat on on d d not free a the s aves e ther. That d dn't happen unt November 1865, s x months AFTER the C v War ended, w th rat f cat on of the 13th Amendment! Read up on your h story BEFORE you try to bury what you don't ke about t. You are ALL sett ng a dangerous precedent. Qu t wreck ng the town I grew up n!

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In the Apr 7, 2016 letter from the 17th Virginia Regiment Chapter #7, United Daughters of the Confederacy, President Deborah A. Muns writes, “This statue was conceived as, and is, a memorial to the men who left Alexandria in defense of their state, but did not return. It was never intended to be anything other than a memorial to fallen soldiers.”

As I pointed out during my presentation to the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on March 28, the names on the monument include those who were not soldiers, including that of the infamous James Jackson, the owner of the Martha Hotel. James Jackson’s only claim to fame is as the person who murdered Union co-one, Eomer Esworth. Jackson was not a soldier, and obviously never served in the Civil War, having been killed sometime after the murder of Esworth. His placement on the monument honors him as a Union soldier. So, in addition to those who voluntarily took up arms against the federal government, included at least one convicted murderer, one of whom is referred to as a “zealous defender of slavery” and “a notorious slave abuser.”

When some have argued the statue and street names only honor the confederate dead of Alexandria, why then are there so many streets named in honor of Confederate veterans, some who apparently never served or served the city? It is simply because of the political influence of Confederate veterans and sympathizers following the tragic war.

Again, I personally view Confederates as traitors to the United States Government, and oppose any standing honor to the memory. I urge the Ad Hoc Advisory Group to recommend to the City Council the removal of the monument, as well as renaming all streets in the city that honor Confederate soldiers.

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I offer a suggestion on street names that has worked for one major American city: change the people for whom the streets are named without changing the street names. King County, Washington, home to Seattle, was originally named for Vice President William Rufus King. Vice President King was a slaveholder, and in 1986 the County Council voted to change the name of the county to honor Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., instead. The county name remained the same but the honor went to a more deserving figure. While this would not work for all of the city's streets, it could be a good option for some. Lee Street could be changed to officially honor "Light Horse" Harry Lee, Tyler Place for President John Tyler, etc. I am sure that city historians could find appropriate names for many of the streets while honoring the diverse voices that have shaped our city's history.

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To Alexandria, VA Advisory Group
RE: Confederate War Culture, Consciousness & Resolution

Dear Members,

Thank you for raising the eve of Alexandria’s consciousness by recognizing and rectifying a culture created with misconceptions based on a memorial and unwinnable war.

Romanticizing and glorifying our ancestors’ extreme humanity and uncontrollable defecacies has inadvertently bred a false sense of righteousness among some confederate descendants, thus creating fantastical heroism with anything remotely associated with the American Civil War.

Ideas on and acceptance of the confederacy by citizens and/or southern states is perceived by many "outsiders" or "out of towners" as racist, oppressive, and uncivilized. A change is definitely in order.

Bravo, Alexandria. This certainty is wonderful news.

Amanda over Alexandria,

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Dear Committee Members and Mr. Fer:

First of all, I am furious with Alexandria City Council for creating a committee "to study" proposed street name changes and the removal of the Confederate statue. It seems that the committee has been stacked with those who seek change, which is probably what the City Council wanted in the first place, so that they can then meet on the other side, and voted to remove ong-standing and or marks. According yesterday's Washington Post article, a poll was conducted showing the majority of N.O. residents were not bothered by the statues, but they didn't matter, because the fix was already in.

As far as Confederate street names go, Virginia is part of the South, and I take pride in its heritage and history. When I cross the Key Bridge and see Lee Hwy, that is the Southern side of the river and I know I'm home. The street and school names reflect Virginia's story. When I am in DC, many of the street names (McPherson Sq., Farragut W & N etc.) remind me that I am "Union" territory, so to speak (LOL). Somehow I do not see Southerners protesting these names or pettition the City government over them with fee'd outrage, nor do I even see protests at the name of "Marcom X Ave". There's even a "Sherman Ave.," which could be deeply offensive to me with my family history in Georgia. But do you see me out there protesting, spray painting the signs, and coming that I was made to feel unwelcome?

As far as Jefferson Davis Hwy goes (probably your first target, right?), though I would not subscribe to his racist viewpoint (nor that of many other 19th century readers), I see the names needed for balance. I had a laugh out of a one time when an email arrived from CA and don't want to fly into Reagan National Airport because of who it was named for, but had no problem staying at a hotel on JD Hwy. Of course, that occurred to me because she was ignorant of who that president was. I also had a British friend on a tour of the Lincoln Memorial, and then asked me if Lincoln was the president of both the North and the South.

Thank you for your time and attention. Please know that I am just a private citizen who frequents Alexandria and my views do not represent any group. Please just get on to real problems and leave Alexandria in the South, where it belongs.

A son Katzman (Arlington)

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

Thank you for allowing me to express my opinion on this important matter. I am a 63 year-old woman who was born and raised in and around Washington, D.C. I have witnessed the injustice and the persecution of Jim Crow as well as the joy and victories of the Civil Rights Act and subsequent movement. However, I have never been so perplexed as I am now over what appears to be a crusade to wipe out evidence that Virginia was once the heart of the Confederacy and by doing so, erode and destroy our history. Without doubt there is a large population of Virginians who can claim an ancestor of someone who partook, in some fashion, in the Civil War on the side of the Confederacy. Is he or she now expected to feel shame? A statue of a Confederate soldier should not be looked upon as a threat or a car on causation. Rather, it should be acknowledged as part of our intricate tapestry that is our history. It is a marker, an acknowledgment, of what happened in our past and should serve as a lesson from which to begin a dialogue of what we were and what we wish to become. Nor should we attempt to sanitize the history of our region by cherry-picking what should or should not be remembered. And on this note, who gets to choose? Proceed down the road of rewriting and redacting history is a dangerous proposition. Please don't erase our past.

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If we cannot just fy the presence of c v c symbo s here n A exandr a, then we cannot just fy the presence of c v c symbo s anywhere.

I oppose renam ng streets and mov ng monuments and statuary on severa grounds, nc ud ng two n part cu ar: (1) the fact that remov ng them s noth ng ess than an attempt to mpose amnes a on a cu ture— a cond t on for wh ch peop e as nd v dua s rece ve med ca treatments and therap es, and (2) the fact that no one has art cu ated a pos t on as to the og ca m ts for remov ng symbo s from the pub c square.

W thout such a m t, a symbo s w eventua y be subject to remova —and that s a ser ous prob em for anyone nterested n v ng better than a barbar an. Wash ngton's Mason c mem a w sure y be next. And after that, any symbo that wou d conce ve of an asp rat on w soon fo ow. Snce that covers a of the symbo s worth hav ng, A exandr a w be a very sad p ace by then, and there won't be much reason to wa k ts streets, for you w rece ve no feedback from the mag nat on of those who came before—an mag nat on that was r ch w th asp rat ons for c v zat on, wrought n stone and ron and wood.

Whatever part cu ars the Confederates mght have gotten wrong about wh ch men are made n God's Image, what they got rght was the proper way to confect a c ty. In ts streets, squares, temp es, homes, and shops, O d Town A exandr a s a fasc nat ng p ace. I contend that t s the symbo s of ts past—and pr mar y those symbo s—that make t so. Los ng them w on y hasten a ster e new dark age.

I am pos t ve that the uncontro ed erasure of c v c symbo s w ut mate y erase c v zat on tse f. Indeed, those peop e so ntent of eras ng the past have been—w th no except on of wh ch I am aware—of d m n shed c t zensh p. Commun st purges, barbar an f res, Ta ban c eans ngs, and ISIS pur f cat ons are fa r examp es of those w th a just f cat on for the r effacements.

I'm count ng on there be ng enough of a cu tura nher tance f t n A exandr a for the peop e to conc ude that these part cu ar c v c symbo s deserve a p ace n our urban spaces, and more genera y, that the very not on of "c v c symbo s" s a prerequ s te to v ng we , and that A exandr ans, of a peop e, shou d f ght ke he on beha f such.

As G.K. Chesterton observed, a respect for trad t on means "g v ng a vote to most obscure of a casses, our ancestors. It s the democracy of the dead. Trad t on refuses to subm t to the sma and arrogant o garchy of those who mere y happen to be wa k ng about. A democrats object to men be ng d squa f ed by the acc dent of b rth; trad t on objects to the r be ng d squa f ed by the acc dent of death. Democracy te s us not to neg ect a good man's op n on, even f he s our g rant; trad t on asks us not to neg ect a good man's op n on, even f he s our father."

If the progress ve conce t s true that we see more c ear y and farther than our predecessors, t s not because we have keener v s on or greater he ght; rather, t s because we are but dwarves stand ng on the shou ders of g ants who came before us. We wou d do we to remember that.

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment. I have attended the last two meetings of the ad hoc committee. It has been an eye-opening process. A few thoughts.

I am pleased that the committee seems to be leaning toward changing the name of Jeff Davis Highway. This is the most visible and problematic of the confederate named streets given its significance as a major artery in the city, and given that Jefferson Davis is known as the president of the Confederacy and its symbols. Honoring him seems inappropriate in this day. I recall one young woman who testified at a recent hearing. She is not from this area and I believe she represents many young adults' opinions. When she first became aware of this street name her reaction was "Really, in the 21st century?" At this point that name, which we long time residents have become accustomed to, paints a poor first impression of our city to outsiders. It must be changed.

The other street names present a tougher challenge. Are they really named for confederate generals, or someone else with the same name. Is it OK to honor them if they did something else other than serve as an officer on the Confederate side of the War?

One of the status-quo supporters said something at one of the meetings that was revealing. "These names were selected by officials of Alexandria who were elected by a majority of the White men who voted at that time." These decisions were made without the consent or consideration of the back residents of Alexandria (not to mention the women) of that time—the late 19th century. It's worth considering that these wrong should be addressed for the sake of the people of the time who were disenfranchised, and for future generations who want to see that history of our city accurate and faithfully honored. The people who named these streets for Confederate heroes were not attempting to accurately record the history of Alexandria, Virginia, or the United States. They had a specific, clear and one-sided agenda in mind which is not appropriate for our 21st century city. Do we need to change ALL the names the committee worked with Confederate military figures, no. But we MUST make some attempt to strike a better balance between the revisionist "Lost Cause" narrative of the 19th Century, and the more historically accurate one that we know to be truthful today.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

1. Community values, knowledge, and ideas into discussions and considerations

Comment: Naming Alexandria streets in the new annexed area after Confederate Generals reflects the attitudes of City officials at the very beginning of the Civil Rights movements of the 50s and 60s. Court decisions were handed down forbidding segregation on trains and buses across states lines. Arguments were heard by the Supreme Court in the landmark case Brown v. Board of Education. The overt acts by the City Council at that time reflected the efforts to resist coming changes, but also to preserve for future generations the secessionist and racist views of the Confederacy.

The street naming convention adopted in the 50s is part of the legacy left by City officials who retained sectional and racist views long after the Civil War.

The motives behind naming many of the streets are not who we are today. Alexandria is a diverse multicultural society. Residents are interested and aware of our own history and how it shapes our community values. As a consequence, street names should reflect the names of people who have made a positive contribution to our community, its story and our society.

The preponderance of streets on the west end of Alexandria named after Confederate leaders should not be a lasting legacy of racial inequality. As important as promoting a progressive image of Alexandria as a good place to live or visit unencumbered by an outdated past can be.

With the interest in the show "Mercy Street" there is an opportunity to provide a more nuanced and balanced interpretation of Alexandria Civil War history. As a community we should not embrace redemption of the Southern cause at the expense of efforts to preserve the Union, end slavery and racial discrimination.

2. Recommendations on actions, if any, the City Council should consider with respect to:

• The Appomattox statue on South Washington Street

Comment: The Appomattox statue is not a personal object on the public square. It does reflect the place in front of the Lyceum where local militia groups mustered before evacuating Alexandria at the beginning of the Civil War. As a community we should not embrace redemption of the Southern cause at the expense of efforts to protect the monument. If located in a busy street, it is a difficult place for tourists and residents to appreciate the story the statue commemorates. If there was a suitable area next to the Lyceum, I would suggest the monument be moved to protect it from being damaged, but so for those wanting to solemnly commemorate the sacrifice of their ancestors. It is important the United Daughters of Confederacy who own the statue be responsible for the cost of proper maintenance.

• the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria

It is disgraceful we have a major street named after the President of the defeated Confederate State of America. He was a slaveholder, the face of the "lost cause" movement to redeem the Southern cause and obstruct Civil Rights for African Americans.

• the names of the many streets with the City that are named after Confederate generals and military leaders

The names of most of the Confederate generals and military leaders have been lost as the dust of history has settled. However, there are several street names that should be considered for renaming these include Jefferson Davis Highway, Taney Avenue, Quantrill Avenue and Beauregard.
Supreme Court decision was a major turning point that led to the division between the North and South over slavery. Harassment and threats against enslaved and free blacks outraged Northerners and supported Southern interests. The decision denied African Americans the right to be citizens under the Constitution.

Fortunately, the outcome of the Civil War, the Civil Rights Act of 1866 and the 14th Amendment reversed the decision and granted citizenship to African Americans. However, it foreshadowed a period of racial discrimination and Jim Crow laws in the South.

Quantrill Avenue
William Quantrill was a pro-slavery guerrilla leader who terrorized anti-slavery settlements in Missouri and Kansas "who murdered and burned out Missouri Unions on it" (James M. McPherson).

The Marsh House Paque.
Although the paque is on private property and owned by the Daughters of the Confederacy, the City should install a wayfarer sign on the public sidewalk explaining the history of the paque, who owns it and presenting a more factual account of the events at the Marsh House.

Robert E. Lee's portrait in the City Council Chambers
The picture of Robert E. Lee in the City Hall should not be in a prominent location. This is not appropriate space for a portrait painting of an officer of the United States Army who resigned his commission and waged a protracted war against the Country he swore to defend.

The Lee Center
Several generations of Lee family members have contributed to the history of Virginia—Robert E. Lee being the most famous. It would be more fitting for the Lee family to respond to the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon.

North Beauregard
Generals Beauregard resigned from the United Army in 1861, he commanded the defense of Charleston at the start of the Civil War at Fort Sumter, routed Norther troops at First Manassas and finally surrendered his troops after Lee's surrender at Appomattox.

Generals Beauregard is one of the more famous Southern Generals named on street signs in the west end of Alexandria where no Northern Generals are celebrated.

North Beauregard is a major thoroughfare and plans are the works for a large town center project between Seminary Road and Sanger Avenue. To evaluate the assessment of a major plan for development work with the Confederate officer who served under the United States Army who resigned his commission and fought to protect the Union would be more fitting for the Lee family to respond to the 9-11 attack on the Pentagon.

3. Specific policy on flying of any flags on property owned or under the control of the City
I totally support City Council's actions on September 8, 2015, prohibiting the flying of the Confederate flag on City-owned property or anywhere on private property or flying a Confederate flag on a public street. The City should pursue State and Federal actions to clarify the legality of a public monument on a public right of way. I also support City Council's actions repealing language that streets be named after Confederate leaders. No exceptions.

4. Add a comment:
The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee has been provided information on estimated costs and possible impacts on service attempts to estimate costs is outside the authority of the Ad Hoc Committee. The City Council discussed focused on common sense, due process and comments regarding the legacy of Confederate memorials as a public spaces under the authority of the City of Alexandria. A proposal or various options for renaming streets are adopted or presented by the Committee for public comment, the City has the authority to make any estimate of costs or remove any inconvenience.

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"Society is an open-ended partnership between generations. The dead and the unborn are as much members of society as the living. To dishonor the dead is to reject the relation on which society is built—a relation of obligation between generations. Those who have lost respect for the dead have ceased to be trustees of their inheritance. Inevitably, therefore, they lose the sense of obligation to future generations. The web of obligation shrinks to the present tense." —Edmund Burke

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Hello
To those who are working on the subject of Alexandria's save ho hoing and confederate legacy:

I happened to read the plaque at Christ Church commemorating the burial of President Washington. I was surprised to see that a Co one Ltt e and a Mr. Ramsey were pallbearers at his funeral.

And in these years, I thought the name of the street our family has lived on for 40 years was called "Ltt e" because it was a short street!

So when I thought about it, I realized that if George Washington was a slave owner, I can assume that Co one Ltt e was a slave owner or at least condoned others who owned slaves.

So should we change the names of Washington street, our street and our neighbor's on Ramsey street as we?

Alexandria has a past and a history, some good and some bad.

I don't believe erasing the markers, street names or other signs of Alexandria's past, we would be m nating what happened in this city.

History needs to be remembered.

Should we block memories of The Holocaust in Naz Germany.

Standing to m nmate reminders of Len n.

The US Army even tore down a statue of Saddam Hussein. H s memory ve on as does the war in Iraq.

Common Sense—History Rem nders, both pos t ve and negat ve are what s needed.

Just some thoughts from a resident of Alexandria VA.

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Being born & raised in upstate New York I'm no apologist for the Confederate Cause. I've on Armstead St. and from what I've read Lewis Armstead was an honorable man and I have no problem voting on a street with his name. However, to get here from I395 South I have to take Quantr Avenue. I can only assume this is a misspelling of Quantr. William Carver Quantr was in most respects a war criminal. He was responsible for the killing of over 180 civilians in Kansas. Some of his orders included the James and Younger brothers. I think this one really needs to be changed.

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1. Please provide your feedback:

If I find a骷髅 and cross bones near the site of Appomattox, I am not at all surprised.

My response to these Democrats, (and surely the proponent of removing the statue are Democrats) is:

When the Democrat Party, which today celebrates a leader of the KKK, Democrat Senator Robert Byrd, apologizes to Americans for not removing a statue in America, perpetuating it through Jim Crow laws, then maybe we can discuss this statue. Until the Democrat Party apologizes, the statue stays perhaps now as a reminder to them of the racism and savery in America.

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Comments: June 12, 2016
Draft Report, Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names, June 6, 2016

General Comments:

1. City Council Guidance

The draft report is inconsistent with the instructions provided by the City Council, fails to objectively outline the values and ideas presented to the Advisory Group, provides a truncated summary of meetings, and includes language that is divisive and insensitive.

Recommendation

The draft report is a public document. It should either be totally rewritten or the Advisory Committee be disbanded with no final report.

2. Public Comments:

The draft report does not include a narrative on the broad range of community values expressed in written comments and at meetings. Discussion of the values, knowledge and ideas expressed at public meetings and in written comments. As currently written, the draft report ignores public comments and characterizes them as “pass ons ran h gh”. In a separate statement the committee expressed frustration; “It was clear early there was not a community consensus regarding these items, but the group did not expect there to be.”

Recommendation

The Ad Hoc Advisory Committee should follow the guidance provided by the City Council to discuss the range of values, knowledge and ideas provided at public meetings and in written comments. As currently written, the draft report ignores public comments and characterizes them as “pass ons ran h gh”. In a separate statement the committee expressed frustration; “It was clear early there was not a community consensus regarding these items, but the group did not expect there to be.”

3. Historical Context

The final report should provide the backdrop and context for today’s concern regarding the statue and street names. A concern that Alexandria’s history is often inexplicably linked to the Confederacy, the Marsha House, the “occupation” of Alexandria by Union troops, the preservation of slavery and racial erasure.

By defending the Southern view of Alexandria, we are missing the opportunity to attract a larger tourist following by showing Alexandria as a fortress, supply depot and refuge for freedom.

The story of the Civil War involving the Alexandria volunteers who gathered on the steps of the Lyceum...
before going to Manassas, the r va or dur ng the war, the hasty retreat of Un on so d ers from the batt e of F rst Manassas, Robert E. Lee's fatefu  dec s on, the va or of Confederate so d ers can co nc de w th the story of s avery, the f ght to freedom, and the major contr but on on of Afr can Amer can's to the Un on v ctory.

Recommendat on

The Ad Hoc comm ttee's wr tten report shou d be object ve, factua  and be based on genera y accepted h stor c nformat on. The report shou d not excuse act v t es or dec s ons made n the past that wou d be d sregarded today. Acknow edg ng what occurred s a step to understand ng, acceptance and reshap ng our co ect ve h story.

Other Comments:

1. Street Names

The draft report shou d acknow edge certa n streets are named after Confederate eaders whose rac a v ews are abhorrent to the commun ty va ues A exandr an s share today (Supreme Court Just ce Roger Taney and W am Quantr e).

Nam ng A exandr a streets n the new y annexed area after Confederate Genera s ref ect ed the att tudes of C ty off c a s at the very beg nn ng of the C v  R ghts movements of the 50's and 60's. Court dec s ons were handed down forb dd ng segregat on of tra ns and buses cross ng state nes. Arguments were heard by the Supreme Court n the andmark case Brown v. Board of Educat on. The act ons by the C ty Counc at that t me ref ect ed the r efforts to res st com ng changes, but a so to preserve for future generat ons the secess on st and rac a v ews of the Confederacy.

A exandr a s a d verse mu t cu tura , mu t ethn c commun ty. Res dents are nterested and aware of our oca  h story and how t shapes our commun ty va ues. The names of Confederate eaders whose names mark the streets on the west end of A exandr a have been most y forgotten; ost n the dustb n of h story. W th the except on of Jefferson Dav s H ghwy, Beauregard Street most of the street names refer to re at ve y unknown Confederate off c a s and off ers. It s ke y for most res dents the street names are not a ast ng egacy of rac a nequa ty.

Recommendat on:
The report shou d acknow edge when and why the street nam ng convent on was adopted and that t ref ect ed act ons of C ty off c a s sympathet c to the Confederate her tage and ma nta n ng systemat c d scr m nat on. It s ke y f a survey had been taken that many res dents are nd fferent to chang ng the street names.

2. D v s ve Language

The draft report conta ns anguage that ref ects rac a nsens t v ty. The report makes a d st nct on between A exandr a C v  War assets devoted to Afr can Amer cans and those devoted to commemorat ng the Confederate cause. The report suggests there are too many Federa memora s com memorat ng Un on so d ers ( nc ud ng cemeter es) and Afr can Amer cans and not enough s be ng done by the C ty to honor the Confederate so d ers. Over ooked are the h stor c cemeter es n the W kes Street Cemetery Comp ex, Ar ngton Cemetery and the Ivy H  Cemetery where many off cers and res dents who supported the Confederacy are bur ed.

The report c a ms:

Overa , the c ty of A exandr a has re at ve y few "rea " v sua connect ons to the C v  War.... In fact, we have more Federa memora s and nterpretat ons of s avery here than we do any Confederate
re cs, and we are ready share more perspectives regarding the experience of the war than most places can. These assets include the Union Fort Ward (to include the post-war era we are struggling to interpret), the National Cemetery (which includes not only white Federal soldiers but the African American troops) the Contraband and Freeman's Cemetery, the Edmondson Sisters Memorial, and Freedom House, the site of a former slave dealer and slave pen complex. (italics added)

Recommendation:
This argument puts Union and African American public symbols against Confederate symbols. What they are part of the Civil War fabric. This language is racist and divisive and should be struck from the report.

3. A or None

The draft report does not describe or analyze whether there should be "who is the or and who are involved in name changes (if necessary or advisable)."

The draft report unrealistically takes the position that all streets named after Confederate officers and officials have to be deleted and assumed would be changed. This assumption on the reasonable concerns on that such a recommendation on would be costly and inconvenient and therefore no changes should be made. The report should handle the changing street names of prominent Southern sympathizers who were known racist and one case a terrorist.

Recommendation:
The report should include other options other than changing street names. Supreme Court Justice Roger Taney and gang leader William Quantrill were racist and the legacy should not be forgotten. The draft report should acknowledge the street naming convention adopted in the 50's as part of the legacy left by City officials who retained sectional and racist views long after the Civil War.

City officials may want to acknowledge that the street naming convention approved by a much earlier City Council reflected prevalent societal and cultural views of the 1950's and 60's. We are a different society today. However, our public language are often elements of racism and erasure.

Cost and inconvenience are factors to be considered by policy makers. The Ad Hoc Committee should consider other reasonable options not just the most expensive option.

4. The Appomattox Statue

There is no discussion as to why commenters believe the Appomattox statue is offensive and should be removed. The statue is a memorial to those who died in the Civil War, but is also a symbol of the ostensible cause to interpret on of the Civil War story. The Lost Cause movement was an effort to redeem Southern pride, glorify Southern generals, and erase slavery as the cause of the Civil War. The success of the Lost Cause movement aided the groundwork for recognition as a hatred, renewed discrimination, and Jim Crow laws that disenfranchised African Americans for nearly a hundred years after the Civil War.

(The 17th Virginia Regiment was not formed in Alexandria. The over 700 volunteers who left the city on May 24, 1861 were members of the Alexandria Battalion under the command of Major Montgomery Corse—Warped, page 32. The 17th Virginia Regiment was created later at Manassas on June 10.)

Recommendation:
The Ad Hoc Committee report should acknowledge the concerns of those who object to the location and presence of the statue and what it means. Although erected to memorialize those who had died, the statue is a symbol of the Lost Cause movement reinforcing racism. The Ad Hoc
Commitee has a responsibty to ay out the dfferences n opn on and provde a og ca, sens t ve y wr tten exp anat on for the r dec s on to reta n the statue.

The statue erected n 1883 s the genera area n front of the Lyceum where the A exandr a Batta on mustered pr or to w thdraw ng from the C ty n May 1861. A though ocated n the m dd e of a busy street and not very access b e for tour st and v s tors, I agree t shou d not be moved at th s t me.

5. Flag Policy

The recommendat on to rev ew and f ne tune the ex st ng f ag po cy s a backdoor attempt to underm ne C ty Counc ’s dec s on prob b t ng the f y ng of the Confederate f ag on C ty property. The ex st ng po cy keeps the dec s on at the C ty Counc eve and no just f cat on was prov ded to change t.

Recommendat on:

There were very few comments regard ng the f ag po cy ref ect ng a ack of nterest, know edge or concern regard ng the po cy. The adv sory comm ttee shou d recommend no change.

Background Informat on

There are severa street names adopted n 1952 and after that shou d be acknow edged as be ng rac a y nto erant and acknow edge d as not ref ect ng who we are today.

a. Jefferson Dav s H ghway

He was s aveho der, the face of the oss cause movement and an unrepentant wh te supremac st after the War.

b. Taney Avenue

Taney Avenue s named after Supreme Court Just ce Roger Taney. H s 1857 Supreme Court dec s on was a major turn ng po nt that ed to the d v s on between the North and South over savery. H s rac a y ntemperate v ews toward ens ave and free b acks outraged Northern abo t on sts and supported s ave nterests n the South. The dec s on den ed Afr can Amer cans the r ght to ever be c t zen under the Const tut on. The outcome of the C v War, the C v R ghts Act of 1866 and the 14th Amendment reversed the dec s on and granted c t zensh p to Afr can Amer cans.

c. Quantre Avenue

W am Quantr was a pro-s avery guer a eader who terror zed ant-s avery sett ements n M ssour and Kansas "who murdered and burned out M ssour Un on st" (James M. McPherson).

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1. Please provide your feedback:

I am a 20 year resident of Old Town.

I provided remarks at one of the public sessions and was dismayed by the unhinged comments made by some non-Alexandrians.

Airing these comments on the record was unacceptable.

My principal issue: a history matters...contrary to the remarks by others. You can't write history with an eraser.

The Draft Report seems a reasonable balance of the comments I heard.

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   The draft is accurate, thorough and well-written. It should stand as written.

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:
   You absolutely should not remove the Appomattox statue or change any street names. If you do, where will it end? Presumably we’d be renaming Washington DC since he was a slave-owner? How about we stop pandering and start focusing on some issues that are actually important?

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:

I believe that we are taking at best a futile effort to move the Confederate statue on Prince Street. Why try to do something that you know to be doomed, unless to make a political gesture?

The draft report is spot on--removal of anything removes our history, whether it is good, bad, or ugly. The draft report is thorough, comprehensive, and respectful. I think it should be adopted, after the most minor of edits.

As pointed out in the report, there is a mechanism in place for the renaming of streets. If citizens wish to rename the street, they can do so.

Having read the report--don't know this!--that Jefferson Davis Highway is actually a very short stretch of Route 1 in Alexandria, I could support a change IF the businesses and/or residents approve. They are the ones who would bear the yet unknown costs.

Thank you
Yvonne We ght Cahan

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1. Public Feedback for Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

1. Please provide your feedback:
   The Council should leave the street names as one, the Appomattox Statue should stay in place and they should not change the name of the Jefferson Davis Highway. All of which appears to be what the Task Force recommends.

   Townsend A. Van Fleet

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