

Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Commission

General Meeting Minutes – 09/06/17

Virginia Beach Convention Center

Approved October 4, 2017

Present: Chair: William Gambrell, Immediate Past Chair: Bernice Pope, First Vice Chair: James Wood, Second Vice Chair: Sharon Felton, Secretary: Katie Paulson, Glenn Carwell, Jennifer Estes, Harriet Frenzel, Bobbie Gribble, Diane Horsley, James Jordan, Lee Lockamy, Sharon Prescott, Mac Rawls

Student Members: Sean Diment, Madeleine Penree

Council Liaison: Rosemary Wilson

Staff Liaison: Mark Reed

Guests: The Citizens of Virginia Beach and Hampton Roads

Mission: The mission of the Commission shall be to preserve, protect, and maintain the historic identity of Virginia Beach and the former Princess Anne County through a program of advocacy and increased public awareness and involvement.

Purpose: The purpose of the Commission is to advise the City Council and the Departments of Planning and Community Development and Museums on all issues related to the preservation of historic buildings, structures and sites located in the City of Virginia Beach.

Welcome/Introductions/Remarks - Bill Gambrell opened at 5:00 p.m.

Mr. Gambrell read the mission and purpose. Please see the Purpose and Mission above.

Each Commission Member introduced themselves.

Rosemary Wilson thanked everyone for coming. Tonight's meeting is for public comment to share thoughts.

Bill Gambrell encouraged everyone who is interested in serving on one of the committees to please let us know tonight.

Approval of June 7, 2017 Minutes - Katie Paulson

Sharon Prescott made the motion to approve

Jimmy Wood seconded the motion.

It was unanimously approved.

Office of Secretary Vacancy - Bill Gambrell

Mac Rawls nominated Bobbie Gribble to be Secretary.

It was seconded by Harriet Frenzel.

It was unanimously approved.

Student Representatives - Mark Reed

Mark explained Rosemary Wilson suggested the Commission have Student Members as part of the Commission. Our two new student members were appointed by the City Council. Our two student representatives are:

Sean Diment, Ocean Lakes High School

Madeleine Penree, Bishop Sullivan Catholic High School

A special thanks to Sharon Felton for overseeing the process.

New Committees:

We had so many stellar students apply that Rosemary Wilson suggested we set up a special committee for these students to work on.

This was introduced as a New Committee: Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Student Leaders Committee

Mr. Gambrell asked Jennifer Estes to be Chair of the Threatened Buildings and Sites Committee, a new committee.

Committee Reports

No written reports received

Project Updates – September 6, 2017 Virginia Beach Historic Preservation Program Planning and Community Development Staff

Cape Henry Lighthouse Restoration Project

City Council appropriated \$362,800 from the Transportation Alternatives Program FY18 grant on September 5. The Appendix to the Agreement for the grant is scheduled to go to Council on September 19. We are working toward getting approval from VDOT to advertise for construction shortly after that. Target for start of construction is November 2017. Target for completion is March 31, 2018.

Planning staff thought that having a couple of artist renderings of the project would be beneficial for communications about the project for both the City and Preservation Virginia. Production of the renderings was contracted with the firm of Waller, Todd & Sadler Architects and we are very pleased with the two views that were produced (see below).

Oceana Neighborhood Historic District National Register Nomination

The Oceana Neighborhood Historic District was placed on the Virginia Landmarks Register (VLR) on June 15 by the Virginia Department of Historic Resources (DHR). The nomination was forwarded to the National Park Service (NPS) by DHR for consideration for listing in the National Register of Historic Places (NRHP). The Oceana nomination appeared on the NPS pending list on August 5, so it should receive action soon. Staff anticipates it will be approved in September.

Courthouse Village and Municipal Center Historic District National Register Nomination

The National Register nomination for the Courthouse Village and Municipal Center Historic District was submitted to DHR by Commonwealth Preservation Group by the June 16 deadline. A Public Hearing for the nomination was held by DHR at City Council Chambers on August 22. Approximately 15 people attended, including three Commission members. The nomination will be considered by the State Review Board on September 21.

Princess Anne County Courthouse Historic Structure Report

This report is very close to final. We got hung up on determining the initial construction date for the Clerk's Office. We eventually found the documentation that placed its construction in 1896. We are waiting for Commonwealth Architects to update the draft document to reflect this information and to make the necessary adjustments and changes associated with that. Once received, Planning staff will perform a final review of the report. We have not been given a date from Commonwealth Architects for when we can expect to receive the updated report.

Cavalier Shores Historic District Preliminary Information Form

Dutton + Associates has submitted the preliminary Information Form (PIF) for the Cavalier Shores Historic District to DHR. The DHR staff evaluation team has reviewed the PIF and they found the proposed district to be eligible for listing on the VLR and the NRHP. The next step will be consideration by the State Review Board at their quarterly meeting on December 14. If the historic district is found eligible in December, we plan to proceed with procuring professional services to prepare the National Register nomination.

Archaeological Assessment – DHR Cost Share Grant

The Request for Proposals (RFP) for the archaeological assessment for the northern half of Virginia Beach was issued by DHR on August 1. Proposals are due in their Richmond office on Friday, September 8, 2017. The City of Virginia Beach and DHR have each committed \$10,000 for this project. The archaeological assessment will result in the first general assessment of archaeological resources in the northern half of the city and a written report on these resources. The project is anticipated to be completed by May 2018. This project will help us meet one of the requirements in our Certified Local Government Agreement.

Old Business

Neptune Festival September 30 - October 1

Mark Reed reported that to participate in the Neptune Festival as a non-profit organization, a booth or table needs to be provided. Handouts from the Historic Preservation Commission, Tax Credit Programs and Restoration would be provided to the public. We will need to have a table September 30th and October 1st - 11:00 - 5:00 and an activity. We need to provide our own 10x10 pop up tent.

Bernice Pope suggested we defer it to next year. The deadline is tomorrow to commit. This year we will work on the Strawberry Festival and our Annual Meeting.

The Chair Bill Gambrell, Chair, asked the two student representatives if they can work on a plan for involvement in festivals.

New Business - Public Comment on the Confederate Statue

Please see Mark Reed's report on all comments.

Adjournment: The meeting was closed by Bill Gambrell at 7:50.

Next meeting, Wed., October 4, 2017, 5:00 pm Towne Bank Building, Suite 500

Speakers	Public Comments - Princess Anne County Confederate Monument Preservation Commission - September 6, 2017	Historic	Keep	Remove
Bob Grimes	Sons of Confederate Veterans - Great Grand Father confederate soldier and other relatives. Concerned about the monument in VB. History and you can't change it. Means a lot to people especially them. Want it to stay where it is. Doesn't know why people feel differently, It is 'just history'.		X	
Thomas Tillman	Makes no sense. Isis is the only people tearing down statutes. Moved to Princess Anne County since 1959. Should not have discussion that the state code prevents any damage or movement of the monument. Until that is changed it should not be discussed.		X	
Al Henley	Lifelong resident. In favor of the designation of the courthouse and its structures. Wants to keep the monument. It is a war memorial. Family fought in wars starting since Revolutionary War. Focus tonight is the Confederate Monument - not here to educate - just to support - hopes the Commission makes a recommendation for the approval. Slavery in the entire world existed, it had a great deal to do with this country. In Washington DC he and his wife visited war memorials. Thank God for America.		X	
Dickie Morrison	Yankee retired marine. Served on Virginia Beach Police Department for three years, pursued trade as automobile repair, In addition spent 7 years in Fire Department and Rescue Squad. Has spent over half of his life in public service. American Patriot. Sad people trying to tear down statutes. What do these people hope to gain from these actions? People who want it gone are disrespectful. Charlottesville incident was deplorable. It makes him sad people are trying to tear down statues. Hopes those who in Charlottesville wake up and realize what they are doing to create discord. Please look at this with an open mind, leave the statue there, disregard the wants of the disrespectful people who have no clue.		X	
Keith Dickson	History Professor, PhD from UVA, wrote History of the Modern, an award winning book. Disagree with colleagues on their viewpoint that monuments are representative of a conspiracy to threaten African Americans to establish Jim Crow. The news account passed out at the meeting reflects this. Looking at those honoring who served. Speakers at the dedication events said the old south is done and the new south is moving forward. Wanted to give a historical perspective. In all research, this is very common, veterans honoring veterans, women of confederacy, soldiers taking action to honor their own. In all of his research he has found that it is honoring the past and looking towards the future. It is about honoring those who served the cause. It establishes itself as holding to the past and moving to the future. Put the monuments in context. The reason the statues were established at the turn of the century is the South had no money available prior to then.		X	
James Tackeberry	Handout given at meeting - 1904 hundreds of people came to see the statute raised. Next year 1500 people were present.		X	

Roy Perry-Bey	Member of United Front for Justice. Issue is between Right and Wrong - Legal and Illegal. Issue is a legal Courts have spoken. Even on license plates. Responsibility of the government, the legal government. Our Government. Frame the issue correctly. Requesting the monument be removed form City Hall and the tax dollars to take care of it. We believe the City has taken sides with the confederate. Confederacy was ruled illegal. IT MUST BE NEUTRAL. The government must be free of taking sides in any matter. Frame it in the proper context. The City Attorney cannot make decisions retroactive 100 years. Requesting the monument - the City's Monument be moved. The Confederacy was ruled illegal. It has no place on government property.		X	
Justin Burns	Code says it cannot be removed. See a problem with taking pride in their faults. These soldiers are up who fought for slavery; Issue should have been taken care of long ago, Civil War was about slavery; reviewed the code and said there is an exception. People talk about the Civil War not being about slavery. Sees no problem in respecting and acknowledging their heritage. Sees a problem with celebrating it with monuments. I know that when black children are forced to look at a statue that says Confederate Heroes. When children look at it black children it must be confusing. Because if it was the inverse, I would be confused. I would ask put your pride and self aside.		X	
Veronica Coleman	Pastor of Jerusalem Ministries - Confederate symbols and monuments were woven into my life. Didn't need a lesson in history to know the symbol was used to invoke fear or white superiority. These symbols still continue to represent it to me as it did when I was a child. Love your neighbor as yourself. When hurting I do not insight pain. Growing up in Southside Virginia - white classmates had confederate flags, watched Dukes of Hazard, went to amusement park that said Rebel yell. Others saw same subjects as objects of hate. White men in trucks driving with a Confederate Flag through the parking lot of the only black parking lot in baseball field. Confederate symbols continue to signal the image of choice, KKK, White supremacists and Neo Nazis. It is time to remove the symbols from the public square. It is time to see that what is a symbol to one is pain to another.		X	
Glen Robertson	Not for history but for the veterans. Honoring those who answer the call. They are American veterans and we honor those veterans. These people who answered the call need to be honored. Most were dirt poor, they did their duty. This was in the past. Vietnam veterans fought in the most unpopular war but we honor them; monuments were a people honoring those who answered the call. This is Virginia Beach, we honor those who answer the call. Almost sixty years ago the Congress of the US said that the Confederate Veterans were American Veterans. The Vietnam Veterans answered the call, we have the monuments. The Confederates answered the call. We owe it to their memory to honor them for their serve.	X		
Gerthel Wolfe	Not a historian. History was stolen from me. Force fed a false history. VB should try to diversify more. For the people who revering the statute try to not hold onto what is good before you miss out on what is better. Virginia Beach should be better of this. Thinks removing the statue would be better for the city.		X	

Ken Chord	More about economics than slavery. Muslims & Arabs enslaved Africans first and were worse, George Soros is the person really behind this. Lincoln wanted to tax the south so the money could go up north. It was so they could keep the living standards they had. Why aren't there more black people here? You have more deaths by drive by shootings and more abortions. Thinks these are bigger issues.	X		
Bob Shirley	Resident of VB, American Veteran. There was never an American flag slave ship. Confederate soldiers recognized by Congress as veterans, hundreds of years of slavery before the Confederacy. Just as Confederate Soldiers are veterans. There were 100(s) of year of slavery. It was over at the end of the Civil War.	X		
Fred Clark	Veteran. Confederate flag is a St. Andrews cross. Many countries use it for freedom from tyranny. 94% probably didn't fight for slavery. This is between good and evil not symbols. His family were Confederate Veterans. They did not own slaves or fight for slavery. They fought as Christians.	X		
Scott Carraway	Thinks he might be related to the (local) Carraways, family is from NC, only 6% fought for slavery, fight is good vs. evil. His family from NC fought for the south. Did not own slaves, probably could not afford them. Only 6% owned slaves. I am a member of the Son's of Confederate Veterans. Those who wave the Confederate Flag that do it out of hate, they don't have the right to use that flag. My ancestors were very offended by a north that oppressed them.	X		
Kenneth Harris	Lifelong resident of Princess Anne County and Virginia Beach. An author and historian. Wrote book on Princess Anne County Soldiers. Monument was put there to memorialize the men who perished on the battle field of Princess Anne County - it is a grave marker and headstone. Was not put there to insult or intimidate. It was to put there to honor the men who fell on the battlefield of Princess Anne County.	X		
Frank Earnest	Vietnam Veteran. Sons of Confederate Veterans. Resident of Virginia Beach. The monument is a soldiers monument. To those who answered the call. Those who want to take it down are ignorant. No one tonight has said that slavery wasn't bad, we tried a witch here in Princess Anne County. All ancestors fought in American wars. Everyone agreed that slavery was bad. Slavery was used as a political football. The monument is a soldier's monument. A monument to men who answered the call. The monument was placed in front of the courthouse because that is where everyone met. That it is about racism, ignorance, and bigotry is an idea was from the people who want to take them down.	X		
Caroline Sherman	Not kin to the Yankee General Sherman. Southerner birth and heritage. Most family were Scottish and Scotch Irish - came for religious freedom and land. Lived in a small town. Belong to the DAR and CUC and the Civil War Roundtable. Some of her first playmates were the black children on grandparents farm. Her father had a cotton gin and employed many black people, taught to respect them and they respected us. Grandfather employed many black people. To erase history is a travesty. There were black confederate soldiers.	X		

Jim Walters	Read list of names - these are the names of the brave men who fought in the war from Princess Anne County. These are memorials to those who fought in the war. He noted their descendants are judges, lawyers, etc. The horrible days are behind us. We need to seek to improve. Memorials to the Confederate Soliders who fought for their state. Please don't make the mistake of looking at history with modern emotions and knowledge. If you vote against the monument you might want to take the name of preservation out of your name.	X		
Rabbi Zoberman	It is painful to look at history. We know there were signs against Jews, Blacks, and Dogs and we have come a long way. It is painful to go through this exercise but we can do this and move forward. It is hard to go back, but we must go back. I just returned from Poland and Lithuania where his family was gassed to death. There is nothing to commemorate a thriving Jewish community. The monument that stands for the Confederate Solider there is no marker where slaves were sold. In Poland there is an honest attempt to look squarely at history. Statues in cemeteries and museums. It is painful to listen to each other, we must go through this exercise to move towards the future.		X	
Phil Summerall	Vietnam Veteran - there we had each other's back, they came together to fight a horrible war. Son of Confederate Veteran. NAACP is trying to tear up what Dr. King did. We don't have each others back. Let's form a bill for those who want the monument removed and have the NAACP billed for \$1 million plus \$200K and when they pay the bill remove the monument. I am a Son of Confederate. Offer all the hate, crime and killing going on...it is a tragedy. These are monuments about patriots who fought.	X		
Lawrence Macauley	Things said tonight opened old wounds for him. Born in Brooklyn, NY Irish, Italian, etc. I know what it feels like to be oppressed and on the end of a beating. Being Irish, Scottish and he grew up in New York and got beaten every week. VB resident since 1984, VBPD Auxiliary Officer, he started vets house. Look in actual books and look at the truth. 620K people died in the war. We are divided over a monument put up before we were born. Let go of our hate and let go of our past. Until we do we will continue to have these arguments. Put it to a vote to VB. Perception of wrong is ingrained until we can let go of our hate. We are divided over a statue that was put up before we were born. Perception is what our life's experiences are.	X		
Mary Richardson	According to colonial records of Maryland her ancestor Daniel Kennedy was transported or sold. The Scotch Irish has some sympathy. If we try to erase this history we are bound to repeat it. You have to learn from history to avoid repeating the mistakes of the past. Be proud of what your ancestors have gone through - we are not victims, we are survivors. The Roman Empire fell when it started arguing. and arguing among ourselves we are imperil. We have come through - let's remember that.	X		
Tessa Fowler	Little Girl - Remove it and put in grave yard and put up a statue for someone who stood up for freedom. Should be of someone who fought for good things and equality for all. It is not nice to have statue that fought for slavery. Please remove the statue. I am sorry soldiers died. Could we put up a statue for Abraham Lincoln and Harriet Tubman? Over 200 people signed her petition on line. Thank you for listening.		X	

Kelly Fowler	We have a right to decide what is best for our community. Glad we can decide this locally, she thanked the Commission. I am proud leadership has opened up to everyone. This is what democracy looks like. Put a memorial for the slaves sold. Pain for the reason of heritage is not right. It is not a coincidence that there were two eras - times of oppression. What bothers me is the disregard for the pain. Let's put a monument to the slaves.		X	
Will Aygarn	Princess Anne County Native - he went through his history. Over 800 Princess Anne County men who answered the call to fight. They answered the call of duty. Politics had nothing to do with it. His family was made up of poor farmers and tradesmen.	X		
Leonard Johnson	Navy Veteran. he lived in a neighborhood where he was the minority. Perception - Learned Civil War was about state rights and economic rights. Who really started the war? Ft. Sumpter (Charleston) - Civil War started there. Lincoln occupied a foreign country when he had troops in Ft Sumpter. What is it like to be a person of color? Don't be afraid of racism. Preserve the monument and the only ones who will call you that are those who want the monument gone; Perception: a lot of things we do is perception. Grew up poor - he got picked on. There were nights they did not know when they would eat. Don't be afraid of racism - remember be strong, preserve our history and preserve the monument.	X		
Dennis Wright	Not erected to honor slavery but to honor those who fought in the war; Monuments promote education, the monument is to Americans who served; if you are going to sell slaves - you are going to put it at the courthouse - if you are going to put a monument up to the past - you would put it at the courthouse. The monument is not about slavery. Very few confederate soldiers fought about slavery. Someone needs to say no to those who want to destroy the past. Keep all monuments where they are as they are.	X		
Robert Lawson	Has a history degree. Move away from a black and white view. Instead of tearing down add more. Problems in history stem from too little history, neglected persons and events, need to add monuments to the neglected person, add these structures to the Courthouse. Failures of our past are a result of not enough history. There are never any winners with fellow countrymen. Let the continued preservation of the confederate monument along with other monuments. This reasonable and calming compromise allows reflection.	X		
Michelle Marks-Osborne	Black participants in the war was not voluntary. Is a daughter of Hampton Roads - lives in place of forefathers - roots in Hampton Roads. Know two generations were born into slavery and two were born free. Census records are to 1870. Today I stand for my relatives. History shows that nowhere was slavery as brutal as in the US. Remove the Confederate Heroes monument. In what other civilized country are statues erected to those who sought to leave it. Code 15.2.1812 - should never have included Confederate Soldiers.		X	

Shaun Brown	She is a descendant of a Confederate veteran as well as of an enslaved person. Her ancestor Julian Dearling was a decorated confederate soldier. Time to change His story to a collective history; You (the Commission) have a lot of work to do, symbols matter. It is clear from the comments tonight. The monument is wrong. Here to support removal of statue. Statue was placed on ground of slavery market and lynching. We live in a time wher the KKK has taken hoods off. It is time for a change.		X	
Tyler Stagg	The American flag has killed more people than the Confederate and has killed many Native Americans. A lot of people want to talk about hate, I will not denounce anyone in armed forces. That flag has killed more than the confederate flag and displaced more natives. There is only one flag that has represented the south. Secession was not illegal.	X		
Gary Moeller	Resident since 1971, veteran. Things said tonight opened old wounds for him. I know what it feels like to be oppressed and on the end of a beating. Look in actual books and look at the truth. 620K people died in the war. We are divided over a monument put up before we were born. Civil War vets are due to keep their monument. He objects to Progressive Democrats coming into the area. There is no one alive today that was a slave or a slave owner. State code says don't touch; As a veteran feels the Civil War Vets are due to keep their monument. Veterans believe in honoring those who went before. Code says leave it alone - let's follow the code.	X		
Muriel Thomas	Thanked the Commission for having an open forum. Every time walk past one of the memorials it is hurtful. Just take them down. They do not honor everyone in America. There is a compromise. Cannot get over the past with her ancestors when she sees a memorial, if there was an equal statue of someone who was enslaved, has no feeling where they should go but take them down they don't belong in America. I am glad we have enough people on either side and discuss it. Please understand there is a balance. We can't get over it. What went on with her ancestors, every time I walk past the memorials, her heart thinks in terms of her ancestors. It is hurtful. If there was an equal statue of Harriet Tubman, that would be equality. Maybe there would not be such an adverse reaction against removing the monument. Take down the monument. The gentleman spoke if we were so against it...why aren't there more blacks here. Please let us be peaceful, compromise. I wish I had a solution. Take them down.		X	
Mike Armistead	Commander of Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp, no organization is against the use of the Confederate flag by hate groups more than they are. Referenced handout given at the meeting - in 1904 hundreds of people came to see the cornerstone laid. Next year 1500 people were present for the dedication. My organization, it is vetting process, get to know for a period of time. It is to make sure you are not a racist. It is not an issue of slave vs slaves. It is a memorial to the common soldier. These men fought for the war, left their families.	X		
?	We have a right to decide what is best for our community. Put a memorial for the slaves sold.		X	

Dr. Amelia Ross-Hammond	We are an educated city, must come to a compromise on this, African American Cultural Center for knowledge, Mayors African American Roundtable, There is no win-win situation here, look at it objectively and not emotionally. Most of the people came up talked about research. This is not an easy subject. Education and history is the key. Working on and advocating is to have an African American Cultural Center. She is here because she wants to support, learn and see what comes out of this. It is important all of our voices be heard. We need to look at it objectively. Come to a decision we can all wrap our hands around.		X	
Stephanie Sterner	What about those who died fighting against the confederacy. There is no monument to George Henry Thomas or Abraham Galloway, we have neglected noble history in Virginia, what history do we display misery or hope? Noted letter from Mayor Sessoms to Charlottesville mayor, Frederick Douglas promoted dialogue. Take down the monument. There has been a lot of talk about history. No mention of other history. No monument those who fought against slavery in the south. The law that was written in 1998 has some vagueness about it. Southerners that resisted have not been noted.		X	
Mike Callahan	Take down the monument because it hurts my black brothers and sisters. Why? Because of them supporting the beating and oppression of black people. Statute disrespects black people. Their ancestors lived in a society that codified their sale, enslavement and rape. Keep history but not monuments. I helped put together the rally for respect around the statue. It is about respecting everyone. This is not about getting rid of history, let's hopefully make sure we are listening to both sides of the story. I only wish General Lee could have been risen from the dead in Charlottesville - he was against Civil War Monuments.		X	
Jennifer Adams	Left the meeting			
Raymond Hart	The monument is not depicted hurting African Americans. Situated in the best place in front of the courthouse and near the police station; Does not support removal of statue, it is very unintimidating, it is in a very responsible safe place; in the life of every civil society we have to decide what stays and what leaves. I do not support removing the statue - it is the most responsible and anonymous way our city has gone about it. In the life of every civil society there is change. We have to decide what will happen and what will not.	X		
Elizabeth Elks	Is a native of Virginia Beach - this is my home. The monument has nothing to do about slavery and they just need to get over it. It is not about them it is about us. It is about soldiers and ancestors who fought in the war, people who think it was about slavery should get over it. It is about 'us' as a city as a state. We were fighting for other things than just slavery. We were doing it for the sole purpose of honoring the soldiers.	X		
Mike Hyman	We are talking about a statute and are we going to tear down monuments all over the country; Do we take this down because some people's feelings are hurt, don't get on that slippery slope, we should build more statues; everyone is talking about relatives - are we going to start down the slope where we take down 'stuff' for this or other groups. Don't understand about tearing down statues, we should build more up.	X		

Lee Poulton	Navy veteran, ancestors - had one in Union and one in Confederate armies. His ancestors were Scotch Irish and were sold in NY. People keep talking like slavery in America was white/black. My great grandparents came in and were sold. Slavery in America was not a white and black thing. It was how you were bought into this world and not dependent upon white and black. We need to research more and find out it was a positional thing. South did not have to fight to keep slavery. The largest slave owners at the start of the Civil War in Louisiana and South Carolina were black. The South had no need to fight for slavery - it was constitutional. There was never a time, that there weren't more free black people in the south than in the north.	X		
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	Comments written on white boards at Convention Center on September 6 during VBHPC general meeting			
No Name	The more slavery statues that are put up, the more we have to fight for what's right!			
No Name	Let's move the statue to show all of Hampton Roads that Virginia Beach is a city of the people -- welcoming to all -- and not afraid to stand up for what's right			
No Name	Three monuments in VB and Norfolk to commemorate those who died in the Civil War: 1905 VB @ Princess Anne Courthouse; 1907 Norfolk - in middle of economic center; 1920 Norfolk - Elmwood Cemetary - for Afrocan Americans who fought in Civil War and Spanish American War, why aren't all three in cemeteries			
No Name	Outsiders came into our city & made an issue where there never was one. Now, we as VA Beach, are having a discussion & possibly widening a gap about something that was a non-issue. This makes no sense!!			
	Note: These comments were recorded on September 6, 2017 by Sharon McCullough, Mark Reed, and Bobbie Gribble			