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From: [Stephen McWilliams](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: CCHPC - Jefferson Davis Highway Marker
Date: Monday, September 11, 2017 12:32:28 PM

Hi Jacqui,

I am emailing you today regarding the Clark County Historic Preservation Committee's decision to open up public discussion for the removal of the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker. Has a decision and date been set for a public forum? If not, will your website contain updated information on the potential public discussion on the removal of the Highway Marker?

And lastly, if the decision is made not to open up for public comment, I wish to express my opinion on the removal of Jefferson Davis Highway Marker from Clark County Heritage Register:

Jefferson Davis, and the Confederate States, are a beacon of racism and white supremacy in today's society. All symbols that support these aforementioned ideals need to be removed. However, the first step is to remove the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker from the Clark County Heritage Register. Without the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker on the registry, the beacon of racism and white supremacy will no longer hold the right to be preserved in a physical historical site, sponsored by recognition, by the public entity of Clark County.

Thank you for taking time to read my inquiries and public opinion. I appreciate all the work you guys do to make Clark County great place to live.

Stephen McWilliams
Citizen of Clark County

From: [Robert Watz](#)
To: [Cnty Comm Planning Historic Preservation](#)
Cc: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Jeff Davis comments
Date: Saturday, September 09, 2017 8:37:24 PM

To whom it may concern,

I am uncertain as to how and where I can submit my comments regarding the upcoming October 5th meeting about the Jefferson Davis markers and was wondering if you could direct me as to how to do this.

If this method is appropriate, then please enter this letter into the public comment section; however, if not I will await your instructions.

I thought about providing my comments in person; however, given the fact that I am a white male and the violent nature of Black Lives Matter I fear for my personal safety. One only need look at what happened at Evergreen College this last May when BLM racists attacked white people on the college's campus to understand my concern. This was not an isolated incident either. You can check KGW-TV's news stories on all the threatening and assaultive behaviors members of this terrorist group have carried out both in and around Portland City Council chambers if one doesn't believe me. The racial leader of Vancouver's fledgling BLM movement has already stated she is going to bus in BLM ramble rousers to the October 5th meeting and if anyone opposes them within, with their physical presence, WILL BE ASSAULTED, perhaps even killed. To that end, I'd like to suggest you request a strong police presence at your meeting, to protect you as well.

With that said, I think it is simply wrong to eliminate historical markers, records, etc to please a politically correct group. How does eliminating Jefferson Davis' name even do anything? This cleansing of anything offensive to someone has simply become ridiculous. Portland Public Schools changed the name of the Lynch family schools because of the way the family's last name is spelled? Stupidity. ESPN commits racism against Asians by removing their Virginia correspondent because his name is Robert Lee. Stupidity. How long will it be before the Progressives realize that the father of Portland's Water system was Confederate Col. Issac Williams Smith of the Army of Northern Virginia and demand the removal of the free downtown water fountains? Its history, and history is not pretty.

I realize that this letter or my concerns will fall upon deaf ears, especially given the political correct charged climate in our country right now, but I have to say my piece and ask that you don't erase our county's history. Those who agree with me already know that your decision will be to remove the monuments despite any opposition that there is to it.

Thank you at least for letting the proponents of historic cleansing that you have nothing to do with the Jeff Davis Monument in Ridgefield, which I support. The liberal left believes that it my violate the First Amendment through anyway possible to get their way. They refuse to believe that true 'inclusion and diversity' means that you include beliefs that are different from your own and not the conformity that they preach.

Again, I would like to submit my comments in person, but I fear for my safety and don't wish to be labeled a racist or white supremacist which I am not. Heck, I wrote in Ben Carson's name in the last election.

Thank you

Robert Watz
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The Clark County government web page regarding the JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY MARKER declares it is not historically significant to Clark County, nor is the life of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War.

Rather, the significance lies in the grassroots effort, led by the Daughters of the Confederacy, for the designation and commemoration of Highway 99.

The marker was listed on the Clark County Heritage Register in 2002.

The Jefferson Davis marker does have historical significance to Black people. Jefferson Davis led a fight to keep us enslaved.

According to their website, the Daughters of the Confederacy have goals:

To honor the memory of those who served and those who fell in the service of the Confederate States.

To protect, preserve and mark the places made historic by Confederate valor.

In short they celebrating honoring those who fought to keep Blacks enslaved.

The monuments are on private land and have nothing to do with Clark County... until they are listed on the the Clark County Heritage Register in recent times. 2002. Then Clark County becomes complicit in also celebrating slavery.

Having the marker on the Clark County Heritage Register is not of historical relevance to white people here. It is of huge relevance to Blacks. It says we are not safe or welcomed here. It attracts the KKK. Joey Gibson lives here and not PDX because the marker welcomes him and people like him. And this becomes the culture of Clark County.

In Germany. They do not have monuments memorializing Hitler. German children spend time each year learning about the atrocities of Nazi Germany and need to visit a concentration camp to graduate.

Having monuments memorializing a man who condoned slavery and led the war to continue has nothing to do with history. History is something to be taught. Monuments condone moments and people. We should not have monuments to Jefferson Davis... and while neither you nor I can say what people have on private land... we can cease to condone monument celebrating slavery.

Please remove the monuments from the registry

Sarah Martin
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Monday, Sept 4, 2017

Clark County Community Planning
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RE: Clark County Historic Preservation Committee

Dear Committee,

The creation of the Confederate States of America and the election of Jefferson Davis as its president is, to me, a horrific part of American history. I find the Jefferson Davis Highway Marker to be a disgusting reminder of the Cause of the Confederacy - the enslavement of human beings. AS a human being, and someone who is trying (and trying to teach my children) to be a better neighbor/friend/ally to my black brothers and sisters with whom I share this community, I find the notion of celebrating such a legacy repugnant. and hope sincerely, you reconsider listing it as a Clark County Heritage Site, and paying for /helping with it's upkeep, when it has nothing to do with Clark County's legacy. Why would/ why SHOULD Clark County support the celebration of hatred and oppression??? Do the right thing, and remove this site from the heritage register.

Sincerely,
Sarah Martin
(Felida)



Dear Clark County Haerutig Comishin,

I am sad becus this park

slobrates slavery. It macks me sad

becus that is Hate. Hate macks pepol

feel bad. It macks my frends
afraide. Why Selaberate hate? From, Thomas Gallegos



Dear Clark County

Hinathij Camishin,

I am 7 and I have

many friends that

are non white and



I love them. They're

my friends! Please stop

taking care of the

park that celebrates

Slavery. Why would you
separate that from ^{Patrick} Gallegos!!!!

Why you see swastikas in America but not Germany

It has a lot to do with our different views on free speech — and our different relationship to our histories.

Updated by Sarah Wildman | Aug 16, 2017, 11:20am EDT

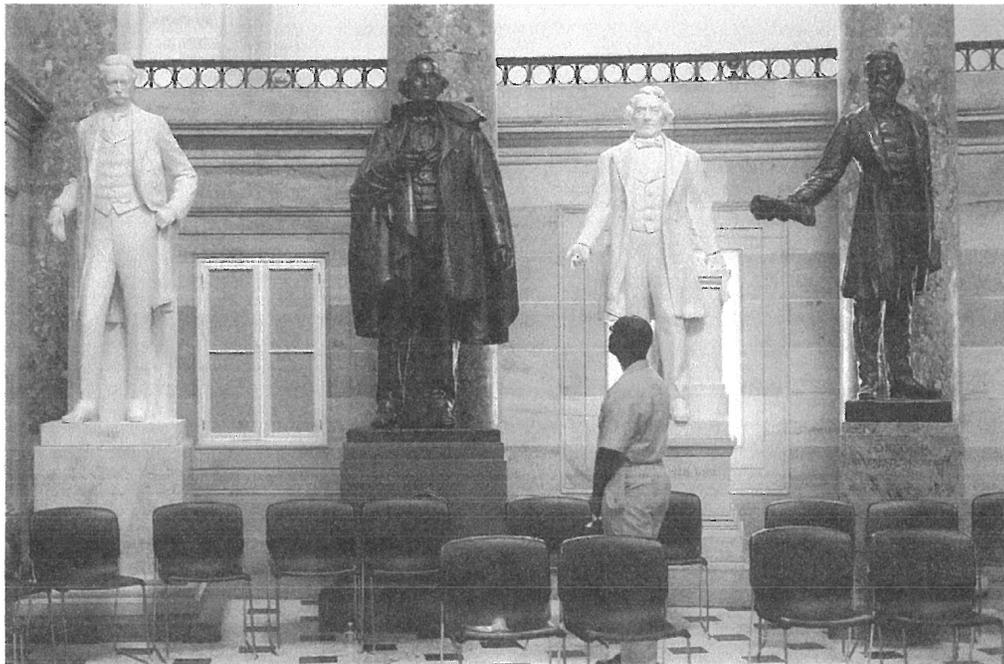


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German Chancellor Angela Merkel expressed horror at the racist marches that roiled Charlottesville, Virginia, this past weekend. “It is racist, far-right violence, and clear, forceful action must be taken against it, regardless of where in the world it happens,” she said **on German television** Monday.

She might have added that such a thing wouldn’t have happened in today’s Germany — because it’s illegal.

While America protects the right of neo-Nazis, white supremacists, the Ku Klux Klan, and other hate groups to hold public rallies and express their views openly, Germany has strict laws banning Nazi symbols and what's called *Volksverhetzung* — incitement of the people, or hate speech. Like more than a dozen European countries, Germany also has a law **criminalizing Holocaust denial**.

And while Confederate statues can be found in many American cities south of the Mason-Dixon Line, there are no statues of Adolf Hitler or Joseph Goebbels gracing public squares in Berlin, let alone Nazi flags or other Nazi art. Public Nazi imagery was long ago destroyed, and swastikas were long since knocked off the walls of Nazi-era buildings. The only Nazi imagery you'll find is in exhibits devoted to understanding the horror of the period.

The former Gestapo headquarters complex was destroyed in the 1950s. The land it once stood on now houses the **Topography of Terror**, a memorial and museum made of glass and steel filled with panels that narrate the brutal history of the Nazi regime. And on streets across the country, there are small brass cobblestones called **stolpersteine** (literally “stumbling blocks”), which tell passersby brief biographical details of each man, woman, or child who was deported from that spot, that house, or that block.

The Civil War may have ended more than 150 years ago, but America is still dealing with how to reconcile, and memorialize, that dark period of its history. And while freedom of speech — even vile, racist speech — is an inviolate part of the US Constitution's First Amendment, Germany's commitment to facing its own dark past led that country to believe a mix of education — and limiting free speech — was the only way to ensure the past would remain past.

Conquering armies banned the swastika immediately after the war

In 1945, the conquering Allied powers took control of Germany and **banned** the swastika, the Nazi party, and the publication of *Mein Kampf*, Hitler's famously anti-Semitic text, historian Jean-Marc Dreyfus explained to me.

“There was a thorough effort to get rid of Nazi stragglers and Lost Cause supporters,” adds historian Gavriel Rosenfeld.

In 1949, the new West German government legally codified the banning of Nazi symbols and language, as well as propaganda. As Middlebury College professor Erik Bleich **explained** in a 2011 article for the *Journal of Ethnic and Migration Studies* on the

development of hate speech and hate crimes laws, even the “Heil Hitler!” salute was officially banned.

But that didn’t mean it all disappeared overnight. After all, millions of German who had been part of the Nazi party still lived in the country. SS veterans who had fought under an ideology that was now outlawed would meet to drink and reminisce. There was always the risk, it seemed, of backsliding, even as a new menace — communism — rose in the east.

It wasn’t until the generation that came of age in the 1960s — the baby boomers who became known in Europe as **68ers** — that a full reckoning of the war and a culture of Holocaust education began to take hold. Students rose up against the suppression of memory, demanding answers to what their parents had done just 25 years earlier.

“A generation of criminals was ruling society after the war and no one talked about what they had done,” journalist **Günter Wallraff** told Deutsche Welle in 2008. “Discussing their crimes was not even a part of our school lessons.”

Today it’s mandatory in schools.

The law was also evolving. After a series of synagogues and cemeteries were vandalized, **Bleich explains**, the West German parliament voted unanimously in 1960 to “make it illegal to incite hatred, to provoke violence, or to insult, ridicule or defame ‘parts of the population’ in a manner apt to breach the peace.” Over time it was broadened to include racist writing.

Gradually, this evolved into a concept called “**defensive democracy.**” The idea is that democracies might need a boost from some illiberal policies — such as limits on free speech and the display of imagery, in this case, connected to the Holocaust and the Second World War — in order to keep everyone free. **In 2009** the law was strengthened again, when the German Constitutional Court officially ruled that a march to celebrate Nazi Rudolf Hess was illegal under Article 130 of the Penal Code, which bans anything that “approves of, glorifies or justifies the violent and despotic rule of the National Socialists.”

“Our German law centers on the strong belief that you should hinder this kind of speech in a society committed to principles of democratic coexistence and peace,” **Matthias Jahn**, a law professor at Goethe University in Frankfurt, told the Washington Post this week.

Germany still struggles with neo-Nazis and the far right. But even the **Alternative for Germany (AfD)**, the far-right German party, ran into trouble earlier this year when one of its leaders **seemed to minimize** the Holocaust and bashed Germany's culture of remembrance. The party voted to remove him.

By contrast, in one of our country's most notable free speech cases, neo-Nazis were famously allowed to march in **Skokie, Illinois**, in 1978. This was despite the fact that the choice was made to clearly hurt the large population of Holocaust survivors, and Jews, who lived there.

"What Germany does is what Germany does," says University of Chicago law professor Geoffrey Stone. "They learned different lessons" from history. "The lesson we learned is not to trust the government to decide what speech is okay and what speech is not okay."

"The First Amendment does not permit the government to forbid speech because ideas are thought to be offensive or odious. That's a message we have learned over our history: that we don't trust the government to make that decision."

If we had, he says, it likely would have been used against civil rights, women's rights, and LGBTQ rights.

How, then, do we deal with the memorials and the continued trauma?

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Earlier this year, Condoleezza Rice — who was the first woman African-American secretary of state in US history — **was asked on Fox News** if she wanted the South to erase the past by taking down the monuments to Confederate leaders.

"I am a firm believer in 'keep your history before you,'" she told the hosts. "So I don't actually want to rename things that were named for slave owners. I want us to have to look at those names, and realize what they did, and be able to tell our kids what they did and for them to have a sense of their own history."

But unlike in Germany, where memorials to the victims of the Holocaust are erected on the ruins of Nazi buildings as a way to teach future generations about the sins and horrors of

the past, most Confederate statues were designed to *glorify* the sins and horrors of the past.

Professor Kirt von Daacke, co-chair of the University of Virginia President's Commission on Slavery and the University, explains that the Robert E. Lee statue in Charlottesville was erected in 1924 "as part of the apex of white supremacist rule in Virginia and the US. It was explicitly part of a project designed to claim public space for whites only and remind African Americans that they were the dominated whose lives were worthless."

Both the statue of Robert E. Lee and a nearby statue of Stonewall Jackson, he continues, were installed just after the KKK marched directly into the heart of the African-American community.

"These statues," he says, were "the final act in a 30-plus-year project in Virginia ... eliminating African Americans from citizenship and the public sphere and erasing the history of the Civil War." He sees both of them as part of a Lost Cause mythology that itself was a whitewashing of history.

"To call these statues historical is to be willfully ignorant of history," he adds. "The statues are monuments to white supremacy, not to Lee, not to Jackson."

That said, not everyone agrees that the obvious answer is immediate removal.

Alfred Brophy, a law professor at the University of Alabama, wrote me he believes it's generally *not* the right idea to remove a statue because "we should not allow our country to forget that there was once a time when the people in power celebrated the Confederacy and its support of slavery."

Whitewashing took place, he explains, when the history of the South was rewritten to be about "states' rights" rather than slavery. "I think there's a ton of validity to the argument that removal of statues facilitates forgetting," he said. "Once the public space is cleared of Confederate statues, it's easy to forget that Confederate statues once blanketed the countryside. They serve as stark reminders of the bad old days."

He worries, though, that there is a good argument for removing them after Charlottesville. "When a monument serves as a contemporary rallying point, then we need to remove them, I suspect."

How other countries have dealt with monuments to dictators, fascists and racists

By Amanda Erickson August 15

The waning days of the Confederacy did not look so different from the last hours of Nazi Germany. As Matthew Schofield of McClatchy Newspapers explained: “Flags were torn down while defeated cities still burned, even as citizens crawling from the rubble were just realizing that the governments they represented had ended.”

But decades — and centuries — later, symbols of those regimes are treated quite differently.

In the United States, the Confederacy is celebrated even today. There are more than 700 Confederate monuments in public parks, courthouse squares and state capitols nationwide. (They're not all old, either — North Carolina has added 35 such markers since 2000.) The Confederate flag still waves high above some statehouses in the South.

Not so in Germany.

In 1949, the newfound Federal Republic of Germany banned the swastika from public life. And since 1945, its government has worked to systematically get rid of Nazi-era memorials and architecture. Nazi officials were buried in unmarked graves. Swastikas were ground off buildings. Monuments and statues from the Third Reich were torn down. The military jail that housed high-ranking Nazi officials awaiting their war-crimes trials was torn down, so that it would not become a shrine for neo-Nazis. (According to Schofield, “Officials went so far as to pulverize the bricks and throw the remains into the North Sea.”) Zeppelin Field, former home of Nazi party rallies, was fenced off and visitors warned to keep away.

Even Adolf Hitler's bunker, where he killed himself, was sealed in the early 1990s, after Germany's reunification. Today, it sits underneath a parking lot marked only with a small plaque. (In November 2016, private investors paid to open a model bunker nearby for visitors as a historical exhibition, a controversial decision that upset the city's historians and Jewish leaders).*

In other instances, Germany has converted the seats of Nazi power into educational spaces. Germans turned the headquarters of the Gestapo, the SS and the Reich Security Service into a museum called the Topography of Terror, which tells of the horrors carried out by those who worked there. The Nazi-era High Command of the Armed Forces has been converted into the

German Resistance Memorial Center. Berlin's Olympic Stadium, used by Hitler to glorify fascism during the 1936 Games, was reopened for a celebration of Jewish athletes. (German students spend part of each year learning about the atrocities of Nazi Germany and are required to visit at least one concentration camp before they graduate.)

Nazi symbolism is so taboo that even when it is sanctioned, it's controversial. In 2008, a man tore the head off the Hitler statue at Berlin's Madame Tussauds museum. It was restored, and the sculpture was subsequently tucked behind security glass.

“I think with the fall of the Nazi regime, Germans realized the only way to again become a valid nation was to eliminate the symbols. Banning them was appropriate,” Deidre Berger, director of the American Jewish Committee office in Berlin, told McClatchy. “Americans made a different choice with the symbols of the Confederacy.”

In other countries, there are echoes of Germany's approach. In Bucharest, Romania, at least six statues of Marshal Ion Antonescu have been removed in recent years. Antonescu conspired with Hitler, helping him kill at least 250,000 Jews during World War II. (The statues were not erected until the fall of the Soviet Union, when Romanians wanted to celebrate their native leaders and anti-Soviet heritage.)

In Spain, authorities have set about renaming streets that commemorate Francisco Franco. In 2006, the Spanish parliament passed a law requiring every province in the country to remove Franco statues. (Most were already gone.) But the dictator's body is still housed in a shrine called the Valley of the Fallen; critics say the prominent placement serves only to glorify his reign.

In other places, it's more complicated. Japan's Maritime Self-Defense Force still uses the Rising Sun flag, a controversial symbol of the country's imperial history. And Prime Minister Shinzo Abe still sends offerings to Yasukuni Shrine, which honors Japan's war dead. China and South Korea see Abe's actions as glorifying Japan's wartime crimes.

In Italy, there are few racist statues, but lots of desire to relive the past. Mussolini nostalgics still participate in thrice-yearly pilgrimages to the leader's tomb. On Ponza, where Mussolini was imprisoned in 1943, a summer festival dramatizes his stay.

The town of Latina, built by Mussolini in 1932, still offers tours designed to show off the “good things” brought by fascism. It “is a living fascist monument,” Riccardo Pece, the head of the tourist office, told Newsweek, using the original fascist name for the town. “One of the good things Mussolini did was drain the swamps, get rid of malaria and distribute land to peasants and settlers. He gave them a house in exchange for their labour and sweat. That’s why people still nourish affection for him.”

** An earlier version of this article erroneously suggested that Hitler's bunker had been reopened.*

Kamp, Jacqueline

From: Schroader, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Kamp, Jacqueline
Subject: FW: Jefferson Davis Park Page

FYI



Kathy Schroader
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360.397.2280 ext 4958



From: Peter Anderson [<mailto:pelliott@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 2:55 PM
To: Cnty Community Planning
Subject: Jefferson Davis Park Page

Good afternoon,

I am writing to ask that you please remove this page from your website. It is a private park, and it is an embarrassment to have it in our community. Further, as your site notes, it has no significance to the heritage of our community.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/jefferson-davis-highway-marker>

From: [Furno, Peggy](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Jefferson monument
Date: Thursday, August 17, 2017 1:29:18 PM
Attachments: [image001.png](#)

Hi, Jackie,

I was referred to you as to whether you know who the contact is for the Jefferson monument located north of Vancouver off of I-5. I had a citizen call stating that they wanted to monument to be taken down and I'm not sure where to direct him. The caller is James King – 360-450-9106.

Thanks for your assistance.

Peggy Furno | Citizen Liaison



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From: redsand12185@aol.com
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Removal of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park neo-confederate's monument
Date: Thursday, August 31, 2017 9:22:46 PM

Good evening,

I am citizen of Clark County and I am requesting the removal of the Jefferson Davis Memorial Park neo-confederate's monument from the Clark County's Historic Register. It serves no purpose other than a reminder of the brutal and violent history of this country.

Thank you.

Ashley Giha

Kamp, Jacqueline

From: Schroader, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:05 PM
To: Kamp, Jacqueline
Subject: FW: Jefferson Davis Marker

FYI



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From: Allison Hopstad [<mailto:ahopstad@gmail.com>]
Sent: Tuesday, August 15, 2017 7:20 AM
To: Cnty Community Planning
Subject: Jefferson Davis Marker

Why do you still have this marker listed with glowing language on the county website? It's on private property and the highway is being renamed.

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/jefferson-davis-highway-marker>



Stephanie Rice

@CouvRice

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Jenn @Pond_Witch · 16h



Replying to @CouvRice

Gross.



From: [Elizabeth Madrigal](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Comment re Jefferson Davis Memorial off I-5 in Ridgefield - Historic Register Removal
Date: Wednesday, August 30, 2017 3:02:44 PM

Dear Commissioners,

First of all, thank you all for your service to our community. Your willingness to serve as Clark County Heritage Commissioners who evaluate and preserve the historic sites in Clark County benefits current and future generations. I will be attending your next commission hearing and plan to publicly comment regarding the current registration of the neo-confederate monument on private property along the I-5, known as the Jefferson Davis Memorial.

As I believe this will be discussed at your meeting on the 5th of September, I wanted to register my support for the commission and encourage you to set a public hearing to begin the process of removing this site from our public register. Frankly with no historical significance to this area, it is disturbing that it got on the register in the first place. No monument to a traitor who fought to continue and justify the enslavement of a people should ever receive public support in any manner.

Allowing this abomination to remain on the public record, categorized in this way, inadvertently and overtly validates this history of our country's shameful crimes against our African American people. Again, I sincerely hope you will set a public hearing. I would request that you collect my email below and advise me when and if this hearing is scheduled.

With warm regards,

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From: [Orjiako, Oliver](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#); [Lumbantobing, Sharon](#)
Subject: FW: JD Marker
Date: Monday, August 14, 2017 9:52:46 AM

Just FYI. Thanks.



Oliver Orjiako
Director
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From: David McDonald [mailto:david@mcdonaldpc.com]
Sent: Sunday, August 13, 2017 1:46 PM
To: Horne, Chris
Cc: Orjiako, Oliver; Boldt, Marc
Subject: JD Marker

Chris:

I think it is time to remove this from our website and, concomitantly, from our Historic Register. It sits on private property and the individuals have every right to have it there. However, I do not believe it is necessary for our county website to acknowledge it.

I grew up in the South and lived in a segregated society there for several years before integration came to the schools in 1969. Back then, the private schools were integrated and the public schools were segregated so I attended private school. When the schools integrated, my parents took me out of private school and put me into public school because they supported integration. I lived through the riots, racial struggles and city wide curfews of those tumultuous times and learned the important lesson of diversity and integration. Given the events during the presidential campaign, and especially of these past few days in Virginia (not to mention the resurrection of the KKK and the rise of groups such as Vanguard America), I see and feel a strong resurgence of some of the bigotry and superiority exuded by white members of my community when I was a child. Thus, I advocate for the removal of reference to this monument on the county website.

I am not quite sure what the process would be for removing it from the Historic Register but removing it from the website should not be difficult.

Best Regards,

David

<https://www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/jefferson-davis-highway-marker>

JEFFERSON DAVIS HIGHWAY MARKER



Jefferson Davis Highway Marker

The listing of the Jefferson Davis Highway marker on the Clark County Heritage Register is unique. The monument itself is not deemed historically significant to Clark County, nor is the life of Jefferson Davis, president of the Confederate States of America during the Civil War.

Rather, the significance lies in the grassroots effort, led by the Daughters of the Confederacy, for the designation and commemoration of Highway 99.

The marker was listed on the Clark County Heritage Register in 2002.

Open to Public:

Yes. However, this property is privately owned.

Location

Jefferson Davis Highway Marker
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Ridgefield, WA 98642

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From: [Naacp Vancouver](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Comment re Jefferson Davis Memorial off I-5 in Ridgefield - Historic Register Removal
Date: Saturday, September 02, 2017 5:58:19 PM

Dear Commissioners,

I hope you are doing well, as a volunteer myself I understand the time commitment and sacrifice you are making, thank you! We are spoiled in Clark County with all the historical sights surrounding us. I was informed that the I-5 Jefferson Davis Memorial will be on the agenda of your next meeting. I will be attending and offering my public comment.

As a person of African descent that flag is a painful reminder that there were people who fought to keep slavery intact. As a mother and grandmother that has to drive pass this shameful flag with my children and grandchildren it sends a message to them, that they are not welcomed in Clark County.

Best Wishes

Bridgette Fahnbulleh

President NAACP BRANCH 1139

360 356-4828

"We Shall Overcome"

From: [Michele Wollert](#)
To: [Cnty Comm Planning Historic Preservation](#)
Subject: Remove Jefferson Davis National Highway Marker from Register
Date: Friday, August 18, 2017 3:00:39 PM

Good afternoon:

I respectfully request that the members of the Clark County Historic Preservation Committee remove the Jefferson Davis National Highway Marker, located on private property, from its Clark County Heritage Register, as soon as possible.

Clark County should not be memorializing and honoring historic figures whose main claim to fame is that they fought to preserve and protect slavery, the most shameful violation of human rights our great country has ever seen.

These memorials were erected for one purpose only: to glorify that reprehensible time in history and to cause infinite distress to oppressed minority residents as a reminder of their former second-class status.

Jefferson Davis declared in 1861 that the cause of his state's secession was that "she had heard proclaimed the theory that all men are created free and equal, and this made the basis of an attack upon her social institutions; and the sacred Declaration of Independence has been invoked to maintain the position of the equality of the races." Davis's vice president, Alexander Stephens, also stated that "slavery . . . was the immediate cause of the late rupture and present revolution" and that protecting it was the "cornerstone" of the new Confederate government.

This memorial should never have been given a place of honor on the Clark County Heritage Register. Please vote in the affirmative to remove it.

Thank you for your public service. My husband and I own two historic homes (1910 and 1911) in this beautiful county. Your work is very important and I very much appreciate it.

Regards,

Michele Wollert
Vancouver WA
Shumway and Arnada

To: historicpreservation@clark.wa.gov

To: Jacqui Kamp

Cc: Robert Ted Hinds (Chair), Sarah Fox (Vice-Chair), Sean Denniston, Alex Gall, Rob Heaney, Roch Manley, Mark Pelletier

RE: De-Listing Jefferson Davis Park on Clark County Historic Registry

From: Southwest Washington Emergency Response Network Against Hate

Date: 08/31/2017

Dear Committee Members,

We are a committed group of people who have organized in Southwest Washington to mobilize responses to acts of hate. We are writing to express our strong support of de-listing the Jefferson Davis Park on the Clark County Historic Registry.

According to the Historic Sites website: "This highway's coast-to-coast designation is an important early project accomplished by an American women's organization" but reputable scholars and historic websites do not include this as an important accomplishment in Washington during that time. This particular item does not have an adequate educational nor historically significant reason to be included in the register nor for the owners of the land to receive the tax incentives that come from this listing.

It is important to consider when the marble slab was erected in order to contextualize the creation of the memorial. It was erected on June 18th, 1938 – 73 years after the Civil War ended and during a decade of rising backlash towards immigrants and minorities. This memorial, rather than celebrating the victory of the highway, was a means of institutionalizing and reifying a racist ideology that had officially lost almost three quarters of a century before.

As homeowners, renters, and tax-paying residents in Clark County, we do not support the message that including this "memorial" on the historic sites sends. We strongly encourage you to take it off the list and begin the process of healing that our country still needs over 150 years after the conclusion of the Civil War.

We want Clark County to represent inclusion and support for all of our neighbors, and this monument sends a very different and repugnant message.

Sincerely,



Tina Burdsall

On behalf of: Southwest Washington Emergency Response Network Against Hate

Kamp, Jacqueline

From: Schroader, Kathy
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 12:06 PM
To: Kamp, Jacqueline
Subject: FW: Jefferson Davis Highway marker link?

FYI

Kathy Schroader
Office Assistant II
COMMUNITY PLANNING

360.397.2280 ext 4958

-----Original Message-----

From: Michele Wollert [<mailto:michelewollert@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, August 16, 2017 11:15 AM
To: Cnty Community Planning
Subject: Jefferson Davis Highway marker link?

Good morning:

Just curious why a Confederate marker on private property is listed on the Community Planning section of Clark County's website?

Do you all know how that came to be placed here? Did David Madore and/or Tom Mielke direct that action?

Thanks for helping me understand its significance to a public government entity.

Regards,

Michele Wollert
Vancouver

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From: [Erik Ernst](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: Jefferson Davis Park
Date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017 9:22:10 PM

Greetings,

I was recently told that the County is having a meeting on October 3rd to consider removing Jefferson Davis Park from the Historic Registry. I strongly urge the board to not remove the Park from the historic registry. It is absolutely preposterous to remove significant historical places and items just because a small group of people (ANTIFA) are asking to have them removed. These are the same people who threw tar and paint on both Jefferson Davis Highway markers, and completely painted over the Park sign. ANTIFA, was recently added to the terrorist watch list. Whats next, renaming the County, because its named after William Clark, or better yet, renaming the State of Washington, because Washington owned slaves. When will this madness end? Please take a stand with preserving history. If you do not preserve history, then why does your board exist?

We will be at the meeting on October 3rd, along with numerous others in support of keeping the Park on the registry.

Thank you,
Erik Ernst
Secretary
Jefferson Davis Park

1st Brigade Commander
Sons of Confederate Veterans Pacific NW Division

From: [larry farley](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: rebel
Date: Thursday, September 21, 2017 7:07:35 AM

leave the jefferson davis park alone---let the J.D. park be this means different thing's too us
and we are not a hate group we go to the grave yards every year to honer our died!

From: [larry farley](#)
To: [Kamp, Jacqueline](#)
Subject: rebel
Date: Friday, September 22, 2017 8:48:39 AM

we all are u.s. vet's in the eyes of the U.S.A. so stop taken our rights away from us S.C.V.
1ST LT. FARLEY!

trouble.

1958 law

“In 1958, the U.S. Congress gave Confederate veterans the same legal status as U.S. Veterans (U.S. Public Law 85-425, Section 410) and all Confederate graves were declared those of U.S. war dead. Those desecrating Confederate graves and Confederate monuments are defiling United States veterans, same as WWI, WWII, Korean, Vietnam, or Middle East vets. Let's see you print this.



Meeting Notes

Tuesday, Sept. 5, 2017 - 6:00 p.m.

(These are summary, not verbatim, minutes. Audio recordings are available on the Historic Preservation Commission's page at www.clark.wa.gov/community-planning/historic-preservation-commission.)

Member Present:	Robert Hinds, Mark Pelletier, Sarah Fox, Roch Manley, Sean Denniston, Rob Heaney and Alex Gall
Members Excused:	
Staff Present:	Jacqui Kamp and Chris Cook (Clark County); Jan Bader and Jon Wagner (City of Vancouver)
Guests:	Patrick Lee (Applicant-Clark County)

- I. **Roll Call & Introductions:** Commission members and staff introduced themselves.
- II. **New Business and Announcements:**

Jefferson Davis Highway Marker: Discussion to consider scheduling a public hearing about whether the marker should be removed from the Clark County Heritage Register.

- Jacqui Kamp, staff, provided a brief overview of the reason this item was before the HPC
- After the violence in Charlottesville in August, the county received comment regarding concern of the marker on the Clark County Heritage Register with some requesting it be removed which have been forwarded to the Historic Preservation Commission, collected as part of the record and posted to the web
- Jacqui stated the background of the highway marker and the process required to remove it from the Clark County Heritage Register which is owner initiated or commission initiated. The process is same as placing it on the register. All comments are part of the packet
- Sean Denniston asked who the markers belong to.
 - Jacqui stated the highway marker is owned by the United Daughters of the Confederacy
- Sean asked if there is a process to amend nominations.
 - Jacqui stated that it would be through a public hearing.
 - Chris Cook confirmed that to take an action and make a record there would need to be a public hearing.

Identify, evaluate, designate and assist in the protection of Clark County's irreplaceable historic and cultural resources.

- Sarah Fox made a motion to schedule a hearing for this topic at the next available meeting date. Roch Manley seconded the motion.
- Roch stated that this would be the first registered site/property/item that we have talked about changing status on and Sean makes a good point as to relevance of history changes and which history is relevant
- Sean stated that we don't put things on the register to honor them, we put them on the register because they are significant. Not all history is honorable; some terrible things can be significant. We have to be honest about the significance about the things on the register. The National Register does not put memorials on the register unless the thing itself is significant.
- Sarah reminded Sean that the discussion should be on the motion and the discussion about the topic should be at the hearing.
- Robert believes the commission owes the community the process.
- All were in favor (6-0 – Alex Gall was absent for the vote) of the motion to schedule a hearing for the Jefferson Davis Highway marker for potential de-listing of the marker from the Clark County Heritage Register.
- Robert stated that the meeting will be at a larger location to accommodate all that would like to attend
- Sarah explained that if you provided your email, you will get notified of the meeting

III. Public Hearing – HST2017-00003 – 1919 NE 78th St., Vancouver – Clark County Poor Farm –Certificate of Appropriateness application for proposed new cemetery fence:

- Jacqui Kamp gave an overview of the application of the Certificate of Appropriateness for a new split rail fence to encircle the cemetery on the north, south and east, and relocation of a chain link security fence that currently bisects the cemetery by moving it to the western boundary. The Certificate of Appropriateness also includes placement of an interpretive panel to explain that the fence was not historically part of the property. Staff is recommending approval of the application as proposed.
- Robert Hinds stated that he understands the design concerns and cost implications of the fence options. He commends staff for a very good staff report and process.
- Roch Manley liked the suggestion of removing the chain link fence at grade level so as not to disturb the soil by leaving the footings of the fence in place. Pat Lee (Parks Department) stated that that could create a safety hazard at the site and be a liability issue, specifically maintenance equipment that could run into the footings and personal injury that could occur. Therefore the county wants to pull out the footings of the chain link fence completely.
- Roch asked if the county has done the ground penetrating radar around the fence area to ensure proper removal of the fence footings. Pat handed out an exhibit to show where the burials are located and showing where the split rail fence will go. The perimeter of the cemetery will include a 15 foot buffer for maintenance roads along the north and south and a 12 foot buffer to the east for use as an access/maintenance road. The exhibit shows an 18 foot central road in the middle of the cemetery, which is where the existing chain link fence is located. We will be hiring an on-site cultural observer to oversee fence removal and post hole digging to guide us if we come across any artifacts.
- Rob Heaney asked if the fence removal would be done by bulldozing with a track hoe bucket and chain as opposed to excavating them. Pat replied yes.
- Sean asked if the notation about the fence not being historic would go on the interpretive panel that was designed for the cemetery. The reply is that the notation will need to go on a separate sign attached to the fence because the interpretive panel has already been created and printed.

- Sean appreciated the thoroughness of the Certificate of Appropriateness and its responsiveness to addressing the concerns of the Historic Preservation Commission, even though he was not originally in agreement with adding a fence as it was not part of the original historic property.
- Roch asked if there was a maintenance budget allocated for future repair and replacement. Pat Lee and Chris Cook (Clark County Prosecuting Attorney) replied that maintenance activities are funded through the county budget.

Public Comment

- **Rob Freed:** I serve on the Farm Advisory Board. The split rail fence may not be the ideal design, but it serves the correct purpose in protecting the valuable cultural resource and provides honor to the people who are buried there and protects against further disturbance.
- **Lisa Bayautet:** Lisa requested the Historic Commission to please utilize their capacity to advise the Board of County Councilors to set aside funds for additional maintenance specific to this area if the fencing recommendation is made. She distributed photos of an easement fence for a stormwater access on the farm that extends towards her property. The fence was damaged last year and Lisa was told that it would be two to three years before the budget allows for its repair. Another photo shows another damaged fence near the cemetery which was damaged when a tree fell in 2015. Lisa read a letter written by her neighbor on August 28, 2017, describing this damaged fence. The neighbor conversed with a county employee one week later who was chopping up and removing the tree and said someone would return to repair the damaged fence. The fence has not been repaired to date and remains mangled in places and an eye sore, with blackberry bushes growing onto their property. The property owner is requesting access to the county property so that she can better remove the blackberry bushes and garbage that is occasionally left there. Lisa stated that there needs to be better communications between residents and the county regarding the maintenance of the fences. Lisa requested that the county please include a recommendation of additional maintenance funding for these fences because the county maintenance fund is not enough to repair and preserve these areas. Her second point is that she is aware of the 500 ft protected area that the Department of Archeology and Historic Preservation (DAHP) designates as a protected area beyond the 150 by 300 ft cemetery. Lisa stated that the county allowed her to build her home on the immediate border of the cemetery and that her home was excavated 10 feet during construction with no ground monitoring. A representative from DAHP told her that "there is not yet a historical cemetery that has not revealed bodies outside of a cemetery in our state". Lisa requested the commission to please honor the 500 ft boundary around the cemetery on all sides because she believes there are bodies outside of the cemetery.
- **Tracy Pax:** Tracy read aloud her neighbor (Robin Summers) letter. Robin is one of the neighbors whose property borders the west side of the cemetery. Robin was informed by the Parks Department a few weeks ago that the cyclone fence would be moved to the west and it would be 6-8 feet from the property line allowing trees to be planted. Issues regarding the fence have been bounced around for a few months. It is her understanding that people may be buried in shallow graves. She asked the commission to consider using

more trees and shrubs to demarcate the cemetery boundaries instead of a fence. There are already a lot of mature trees on the western boundary. A cemetery is a resting place and should be peaceful. Trees and landscaping would be the most appropriate for demarcating the boundary. There is also a lot of wildlife in the area that could benefit from this.

- With no further comment, the hearing was closed to move on to deliberations.

HPC Deliberation:

- Robert Hinds closed public comment. Robert stated that county code requires that the HPC have a professional archeologist on the commission and that gentleman is Alex Gall. The HPC is very cognizant of the need to respect human remains and they have consulted site surveys and asked questions about how far dispersed graves may be from cemetery boundaries to address these concerns.
- Sarah Fox moved to approve the Certificate of Appropriateness for the fence. Roch Manley seconded the motion. The vote was 6-0 in favor of approving the Certificate of Appropriateness. Alex Gall did not vote.
- Jacqui asked the HPC for any input on the placement on the location of the interpretive panel. Sean requested that it be placed in the most publicly accessible and visible location.

IV. Old Business and Updates

- Approval of the HPC meeting minutes from the August 1, 2017. Roch Manley moved to approve the minutes and Sarah Fox seconded. All were unanimously in favor of approving the minutes.
- Council presentations: Review of PowerPoint presentations and scheduling. Jacqui distributed the presentation schedule and requested that HPC members identify which meetings they can attend. Jacqui sent out the draft presentation slides and solicited feedback and edits. The style is less text and more graphics to tell the story of the HPC. Sarah suggested that we create a one page handout or Powerpoint for each city showing their properties that are on the register. Robert requested more photos to tie this to Native American history as well.

V. Public Comment

- Bridgette Fahnbulleh: I'm the President of the NAACP of Vancouver. What was the union fighting against? Slavery. Property law as applied to people allowing individuals to buy and sell other people. No honor or memorial should be given for flying the confederate flag. She shared stories of cruel, inhumane treatment of former slaves and shared stories that her grandmother shared with her about slavery.
- Elizabeth Madrigal: I'm part of Indivisible Vancouver. I find this flag incredibly offensive. I know that it is on private property and the county can't remove it. This is not representative of our community. Slavery should not be honored in any way. The government should not sanction it by having it on the public register. It is very hurtful and sad when your government says "well, but this is part of history". It's harmful to people, bad for business, and Clark County should not be sanctioning this.

- Sarah Martin: The Jefferson Davis highway marker is a disgusting reminder of the cause of the confederacy: the enslavement of human beings. I find the notion of celebrating this legacy as repugnant and hope you reconsider listing this as a heritage site and providing funding for its upkeep, when it has nothing to do with Clark County's heritage legacy. Why should Clark County support the celebration of hatred and oppression? Do the right thing and remove this site from the heritage register.
- Thomas Gallegos: Hate makes people feel bad. Why celebrate hate?
- Patrick Gallegos: I have many friends who are non-white. Please do not celebrate slavery.
- Daniel Jokela: Jefferson Davis is not historically significant to Clark County or Washington State. Jefferson Davis did not visit our state. Washington state was not part of the confederacy and did not become a state until 24 years after the end of the civil war. The organization that maintains the Jefferson Davis marker is dedicated to honoring and promoting the cause of the confederacy. The inclusion of the monument on the registry signals to our citizens that Clark County supports the ideals of a failed society and is a haven for white supremacists. The confederate flag and the highway markers signal to minority communities that they are not safe in southwest Washington. Historic sites on the registry may receive financial support from the county, including reduced property taxes and are promoted on the county's website and mobile app. According to the county's website, the monument itself is not deemed historically significant to Clark County, nor is the life of Jefferson Davis. The fact that it is on the registry is memorializing the work of the Daughters of the Confederacy. Let's memorialize the grassroots work of the NAACP instead.
- Hector Reyes: I'm speaking on behalf of the Southwest Washington Emergency Response Network. I find it appalling that such a monument exists. Every time I drive past it, I feel uncomfortable. It is toxic to our county. Fifteen years ago this became a registered marker. I encourage the present historic commission to look at how this could have happened.
- Chris Dudley: I appreciate that you are considering this issue. Memorializing and glorifying this is an abomination. I don't want any kind of violence that has been threatened by supporters of this marker.
- Rob Freed: I was chair of the historic commission in 2002 when the marker was put on the register. I was personally against it. Monuments do not belong on the register. Structures and buildings are what go on the register. The monument has a checkered past in terms of moving around to several different sites over many decades. It has lost its historic context because it's not on Highway 99 any more. Jacqui Kamp clarified that there was a hearing in 2007 and there was a process for putting it on the register in its current site.
- Amber: We are a military family and I work for the court system and school district. We want to invest our lives here in Ridgefield. I didn't notice the flag at first. My daughter said she was getting racial discrimination from school. Adults create a climate of what is acceptable and not acceptable.
- Enshane Nomoto: I moved here from Alaska and Ohio a few years ago. I enjoy that the Pacific Northwest is a progressive society that is open to different people. I really feel like a minority here, but I did not feel like a minority of thought. I was on the I-5 freeway after Charlottesville and I noticed the confederate flag and a man standing there standing as if he was protecting the space. It was jarring. I started rethinking about the type of community I moved to where hate is being celebrated. I don't think we should honor hate. We don't stand for this as a community or a state. Please consider taking it off the register.

- Jacqui Kamp clarified that any property on the historic register is qualified to apply for county grants and tax reductions, and this property has not applied for any public funding.
- Tiffany Burnette: I previously lived on the east coast and overseas. After the Charlottesville incident, I saw 4-5 trucks parked along the I-5 freeway flying confederate flags, which is a symbol of violence. I'm new to Clark County but felt like I don't want to live here. We are rallying our forces and we don't want symbols of white supremacy in our community.
- Matthew Farver: The listing is a symbol to the community. This memorial is a symbol of white supremacy. That's what Jefferson Davis stood for. It's a symbol for the Daughters of the Confederacy of how the world should be. For this community, it's a symbol for what the world should not be. If private property owners want this marker on their property, that's their right. But we shouldn't give them a place on the register.
- Shari Bush: Thank you for clarifying that this property is not getting a tax reduction. I don't want this organization to be able to apply for tax reductions and grants. It's important that we as a community do not sanction this symbol of hate.
- Rheta Rubenstein: Robert E Lee would not support confederate flags in Washington state.
- Howard Rubenstein: I want to thank the commission for holding a public hearing on this. Perception is reality. If I look and see that this marker is a public listing, it says to me that the people of this community welcome this in some way. I've only lived here for a year. I was truly aghast to learn about this marker. I come from Detroit where black people are much more visible. I was concerned about moving to SW Washington that was so segregated. This marker is not warm and welcoming.
- Damion Jiles: I want to ask "what would a segregated superbowl look like?" I went to high school in Texas which honored slave owners. I always wondered why these names were honored. It sends a message. When you have monuments to slavery, it sends a message.
- Megan Dudley: I do not think the monument reflects our community. I do not agree that it be included on the historic register.
- Sean asked for clarification about ex-parte communications.
- Chris Cook clarified that the HPC members are not expected to be in an isolation chamber while this community discussion is occurring. Chris Cook stated that she assumes that HPC members have no financial interest or ties to the owners of the Jefferson Davis highway marker. If they do, they must recuse themselves. If anyone wants to talk about it with you, you should state that you can't talk about it and encourage them to give their public testimony at the public hearing. The influence on the commissioner's decision needs to be content that the public can hear and read, not conversations that occur in private. This meeting is being recorded and the words that you speak will be part of the public record. It is difficult to access the spoken word. Many people came in with written words. Written submittals are really helpful. If you can email them to Jacqui Kamp at the county, she will get them to the commission before the meeting. Jacqui gave out her email address. The Commission members will be able to read your thoughts before the public hearing. If you can hand in your written comments before or after you speak, it will be helpful. The chair will decide the time limit for each speaker at the public hearing. The Open Public Meetings Act (OPMA) requires that the public hearing be noticed in advance on the county website. The public hearing will also be published in the Columbian and possibly the Reflector.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.