

**RESOLUTION:** To transform the City of Charlottesville's core public spaces in keeping with the recommendations of the Blue Ribbon Commission on Race, Memorials and Public Spaces (BRC) such that a more complete history of race is told and the City's commitment to truth, freedom and equity is affirmed.

**WHEREAS** the Charlottesville City Council made a clear commitment to reveal and tell the full story of race through our City's public spaces when it established the BRC in August 2016; and

**WHEREAS** the BRC's Final Report acknowledged that far too often our public spaces and histories have ignored, silenced or suppressed African American history, as well as the legacy of white supremacy and the unimaginable harms done under that cause; and

**WHEREAS** the public spaces of Charlottesville's Historic North Downtown and Court Square Districts contain the \*Robert E. Lee statue in Lee Park, the Stonewall Jackson statue in Jackson Park, the slave auction block and the Reconstruction era's Freedman's Bureau;

**BE IT RESOLVED** that the City Council of Charlottesville directs staff to:

- In consultation with community and stakeholder groups chosen at the discretion of the City Manager such as the Jefferson School African American Heritage Center, the PLACE Design Task Force, the Human Rights Commission and the Historic Resources Commission to write and issue (within 90 days of the adoption of this Resolution) a Request for Proposal (RFP) for professional design services to create a Master Plan for the Historic North Downtown and Court Square Districts that would:
  - Redesign and transform Jackson Park through the addition of a \*\*new memorial to Charlottesville's enslaved population while retaining its ability to function as a community gathering space,
  - Redesign Lee Park, independent of the Lee statue while retaining its ability to function as a community gathering space,
  - Replace the current plaque at the slave auction block with one that is legible,
  - Identify and acknowledge the site of the Freedman's Bureau.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED** that all submissions through the RFP process shall:

- Provide at least two preliminary Master Plan options of the above inclusive of new site plans, elevations and sections, 3D visualizations, and specifications for signage, commemorative plaques, lighting and landscape elements as appropriate throughout this historic precinct so as to create a coherent narrative.
- Engage the community at large in a manner that ensures that those underrepresented communities were fulsomely included in the process, as well as the Board of Architectural Review (BAR) the Historic Resources Commission, the Human Rights Commission, the PLACE Design Task Force, Planning Commission and City Council.
- Provide preliminary cost estimates on all options.
- Establish a timeline to be completed within 12 months of contract signing.
- Allow for the development, design and implementation of a final Master Plan as adopted by City Council, through a total project budget not to exceed \$1,000,000.00\*

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City Council of Charlottesville, Virginia, supports re-naming Jackson Park and hereby directs staff to bring Council a range of options on how and what to rename the park within 60 days of the adoption of this Resolution for its consideration.

\* NOTE: The Robert E. Lee statue will be relocated as per a 3:2 majority vote by City Council on February 6, 2017.

\*\*NOTE: Should the fabrication and installation of a new memorial for Charlottesville's enslaved population exceed the established budget, additional grants and private funds shall be raised to supplement the City's contribution.

*(Resolution offered by Councilor Galvin, February 6, 2017 and adopted 5:0)*