

Asheville City Council March 23, 2021 Voicemail Comment		
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<p>Hello. My name is Keaton Hill. I'm a resident of North Asheville, and I'm calling to comment on the Vance monument and unfinished business D two and the urban renewal profits, which are part of public hearing, be of the Vance monument. I'm concerned that it continues to remain up as an ongoing source of harm to black community members and to my children as a white parent, that monument is violent and a lie, and I want it to be removed as soon as possible. I urge you to take this necessary step following the recommendations of the task force, as well as so many people in our local communities. Also regarding the spending of the \$1.6 million profit from the urban renewal land. I stand with vice mayor Smith and urge the rest of council to explore the important questions that she has, has raised about that money being used for renovation of diva review, as opposed to being invested in mortgage down payment assistance and other permanent housing options for black community members. I urge council to join with vice mayor Smith, to explore all available options regarding the urban renewal profits in ways that are community based and truly reparative. Thank you.</p>	3/22/2021 11:30 AM	Unfinished Business D
<p>Hey, this is KJ. Um, wanting to voice an opinion about the issue at hand, regarding the removal of the Vance monument. I'm surprised and seriously concerned that this is even still an issue in the year 2021, a city whose central meeting place for events and community is basically.</p>	3/22/2021 5:37 PM	Unfinished Business D
<p>My name is Pete elbows or the smells of Asheville. This comment is in regards to the city comes to meeting for March 23rd, 2021 veins. Wonderment would often a member of the city council in regards to the Vance monument. I'd like to say I'm born and grew up in Germany. Another sign for a couple of years in America. And I can speak for both countries. I think it is not good to spend tax payer money for removing off the amendment. We have so many other problems in Nashville. The money needs to be spent, especially in the middle of an ongoing pandemic. The monument is part of an American history and history can be written again. I like to give you an example back from Germany, that has a moment in heightened time, which is South of Germany from Avenue Roma. He was a football Bosch and during the second world war, and that was done a lot of farther things as everybody knows, it was a Jim Dorn divide history. Again, they just have to accept it and have to make the best out of all the now plenty 20 I'm on the minutes, and this has nothing to do with any racist. It's part of our history and we have to list it and we have to accept more history. So please think about that.</p>	3/22/2021 10:04 PM	Unfinished Business D

Hello. Good morning. My name is that could be cannon. I live in West Asheville, uh, for over 15 years now. Um, I work at the YW CA of Asheville. Um, I want to speak on, um, unfinished business due to the removal of the Vance monument. Um, I'm very invested in removing that monument to racism and white supremacy. And I expect, um, everyone on the council to move quickly to dismantle this reminder of racism that slaps in the face of our citizens every single day. When we say that we are working towards eliminating racism, and yet we still see this monument, please, please remove it finally so we can begin the healing process that is needed. Thank you for hearing me and thank you for taking action. I'm so grateful that this council is all women now, and I really want to see what women can do when they get together for action. Thank you. I also want to speak on planning, hearing be about the use of the funds, the unfortunate funds, um, that were taken from the black community. Um, I really believe that money needs to be put back into the community in a different way, then renovating public housing. Um, please follow our black community leaders and their recommendations on what we do with these funds. Please put them back into the black community in a truly helpful way with possible mortgages, mortgage loans, um, paying off a student debt, um, funding, making sure people have internet access. There's so much that can be done other than rebuilding public housing. Um, we can find a new, different way. I do believe it. Thank you. Thank you all for hearing me.

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