

## Asheville City Council January 26, 2021 Voicemail Comments

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1/25/2021 11:19 AM	Hi, my name is Chelsea Clinton. I am a citizen of Asheville North Carolina at my comment is revolving around the Asheville Vance Monument that it's not been taken down after the task force voted to take it down after the Shroud was put up and then taken down after college have been made that it might not be taken down. Just calling to hold the city council accountable to follow through on the task force recommendations and the overall tone of you know, racism and efforts towards reparations in the city of Asheville and needs to come down. So thank you for your time by.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 11:25 AM	Hi there. My name is Rena Voss and I am an Asheville citizen. I want to leave a comment about the Vance Monument. I know that we have a task a course and it's obviously a very crucial issue to address in our city and that task force has voted to take the monument down and now there are comments saying that they may not address it anymore. I think it's very performative may be very performative if the city covered the monument up while they were protests over the summer and then just decided to let the situation Peter out and no longer address. The monument that Monument is a symbol of racism and it stands exactly where the slaves people were sold in our city and its birth.Very important too many people in the city that this Monument be taken down relocated to a designated space not in the center of the city and replaced with something meaningful Wholesome Choice selectively of the values. We currently hold. So thank you for listening to this comment. Please take the monument down. Please feel free the promises that this would be his already made. Thank you.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 11:43 AM	Hi, my name is Carina Macaluso, and I am a resident of Pascal and I'm calling to say that the lack of initiative regarding the removal of Vance Monument is sickening and it perpetuates a culture of racial discrimination, which should not have a place in the city of Asheville. I am calling for the removal Advanced Monument immediately to work further towards reparations initial Equity. Thank you.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 11:48 AM	Hi, I'm Robyn Sanchez calling to leave a comment about the Vance Monument the task Force's voted. But the monument still there the time is to take it down. There's no other option. No repurposing. Take it down move it take it down disassemble it put something else there. Thank you for listening.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 11:53 AM	Hi, this is Arianna Greenberg. I am a resident of Asheville, North Carolina. I am calling to request that the Vance Monument be removed immediately really if this is embarrassing how long this has been going on and how may how much resources have been used for this? Our city was in New York Times magazine saying that we were going to lead them in the South for reparations? And now we've spent so much money that really really could have made a huge impact in other name is in our city.And we're still not sure what's going on with it. And I think that the city council have multiple times expressed that it's a majority of people who live here who think that it should be removed. So, please please do not use more of our resources. Please please actually make a decision and you know stand up stand behind what you have said in the past. Thank you.	Open Comment

1/25/2021 11:57 AM	Hi, this is Michelle grassy from Asheville, North Carolina. I am calling to demand that actual city council and city manager Campbell remove the racist Vance Monument off the city staff who refused to listen to the task force recommendations. And if you're not willing to do this, you can both them there and ever Campbell can resign since we have showed up consistently using every government process you told us to use because you guys claim that you care about Community Choice. We have shown up in the streets. We have been tear gas and shot at by your racist police department and have waited while you created more tax or suggest you use our money for a \$28,000 shrouding for Vance that blew off in the Wind.Slash the reparations promise and you continue to inflict violence on black and brown people during a deadly pandemic all the city of Asheville floods with terrorists. You said you were listening you are not your refusal to define a p d and invest in black and brown communities or to pay reparations is installed and violence alone your refusal to shut down. The tourism industry is an injury costing thousands of citizens their health and lives. And now you have the nerve to say that the Vance Monument might not be removed Campbell told far-right business owner, but it might not be removed and mannheimer said good question. When asked if she would make good on the promise of removal black Asheville demands are not toys to be tossed around and compared along side the want them a few racists and rich white people in this community. We don't have time for your cowardice while you make another task force and take vacations. We are dying off. Black and brown people are dying remove Vans now fire the city manager and any staff who refused to listen to these demands met arrestor Deborah Campbell and any other council members who refused to listen you should resign right now. We are not asking we are demanding do better for the people of Asheville you coward.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 12:04 PM	My name is Amy Paul. I live in Asheville in in the north end of town in Grove Park. I would like you all to take the GED Vance Monument down. Thank you.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 12:11 PM	Hi, my name is Brian Paul. I'm a Nashville resident and it is time to take the Vance Monument down. Please vote to have it taken down. Thank you.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 12:21 PM	Good afternoon. My name is Nicole Norman and I've been living in Western North Carolina since two thousand and two. I wanted to leave a comment regarding the Vance Monument. This is something that we felt relief about anticipating that it would be removed from City Center. It is a symbol that no longer resonates and hasn't resonated with a community for a very long time this city and area is intended to be a place of inclusion not intimidation and not pouring salt in painful memories of several Generations in both current times. I highly request that my comment be added.Does the voice for what the citizens want here if there's any questions. My number is 828-216-1196. Thank you for taking my opinion.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 2:22 PM	Hi, my name is Nicole my body. I live in West Asheville on Parkview Drive in our sorry Riverview Drive, and I wanted to leave a a voicemail regarding the advanced Monument still being up after being voted to take down. So I would like the council to you know act on that. Thank you.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 4:09 PM	Hi there. My name is Grace and I'm a resident of Asheville. I'm calling regarding the Vance Monument the task force that was assigned to discuss the future of this month payment voted to have it torn down. That's what a lot of the your community is asking you to do the Shroud is gone but now we're hearing it may not be taken down and I'm I'm calling in to let you know that we're we're very upset about this. We'd like you to follow through on what you said you were going to do which was to assemble task force and listen to what they said. So please listen to what they say and please take the Vance Monument down now.	Open Comment

1/25/2021 6:27 PM	Call my name is Dakota. I live in Nashville. I'm just calling to give my support to take down and completely remove these vast monument in downtown Asheville know that we purchasing know doing the meaning or anything. Just take it out take it down. It's unnecessary and it doesn't make asphalt look good think.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 6:34 PM	Hello, my name is Andrew. I'm a resident of the city of Asheville. And I'm calling to express the need to remove a monument in downtown Asheville it in particular is a symbol to the institution of slavery that occurred in particular and for that reason alone should be taken down. This is not a new piece of information the residents of Asheville. Have I forgotten that the city motioned to remove the monument this past summer and I'm sure you have not forgotten the various demonstrations to remove monument and for the defunding of the actual police department. over the past summer You are capable group of people who can figure out how to remove the monument remove the monument and I don't. Act like you are not capable or Unknowing. Because what that shows is you are unwilling. Please do not be unwilling as you are more than capable to remove the monument. Listen to your constituents. Just stick up for your constituents. This is a simple thing to do think you.	Open Comment
1/25/2021 9:52 PM	Hi, my name is still in stock and I'm asking for the removal of the Vance Monument. It is hideous and a	Open Comment
1/25/2021 11:34 PM	Hello, my name is Colette Heiser. And I am a resident of Asheville. I live and work here. I am a graduate of unc-asheville. I am disgusted by what I'm seeing about the vents Monument not being taken down. It needs to be taken down Point Blank. It honors a racist slave owner. And is that I mean that is wage not what we say. That's our actual stands for but if it needs to come down it needs to come down. I vote I make sure my friends and people I love and in the community and we are watching you take it down. You said you would you did this already take it down take down the man's Monument. Thank you.	Open Comment
1/26/2021 7:56 AM	Hi, my name is Aspen and I'm calling about the dance monument that it's supposed to be taken down, but it had no action put forward on it. It is I'm not okay to be making false promises to a community that has already been. tirelessly abused by the travel industry in this community and there's so many better things that you can do with that space. You have a monument to Nina Simone who's actually he's really prevalent in the Asheville area and not as horrible as a person advance, so there's a lot of other options and you know, y'all are dragging your feet on reparations or dragging your feet on them down the Vans monument, and it's it's really just time to hold on dear promises for the black community and stay true to your word gotta keep the trust of the individuals that voted for you because you don't, you know, you're not going to get voted again. So I'm just take down the Vans Monument replace it with something better or just have nothing there really wasn't that big of a deal in Asheville other than all the awful things he did. All right. Thanks. Hope this do something.	Open Comment

1/26/2021 8:24 AM	<p>Hello, my name is David. Einzig. I live in Ashville, North Carolina at 91 Richmond Hill Drive. I'm calling to comment on the proposed developments called The Bluffs happening near would win Woodson and Asheville kind of in that in that Zone near Richmond Hill Park. Um, I'm a resident of the neighborhood and I've been here for five years. So I asked for and I'm seeing the increase in traffic in the increase in just in general. Umlt's it's just kind of a bad idea to put that amount of units in that zone. I walk in that area. Not just the parts, but in that area all the time and the amount of runoff that would happen in to the river. It's just it's literally on the water. It's just seems like a horrible idea. So, I'm calling to voice my opinion and the entire neighborhood feels the same way and many people in Asheville feel the same way. So please help us by at least taking a look at the variance where they're talking about having more units per acre, and I know that there we would just really appreciate your help on this. So I'm just calling to speak out against the bluff. Thank you guys for your time.</p>	Open Comment
1/26/2021 8:33 AM	<p>Hello, my name is Ashley pack and I'm a resident of Asheville. I live in the Richmond Hill Neighborhood on Richmond Hill Drive. I suppose this is an open public, I'm not sure if you have anything on the agenda for the Bluffs project the development that's scheduled to be built here in our neighborhood. So I just wanted to add add a public opinion that I'm completely against the development. I am really concerned for the quality of water the the traffic in our neighborhood the unnecessary dead edition of of building. We really really appreciate and value the woods 100 neighborhood and you know all of that land next to Richmond Hill Park much rather it be sort of preserved and cultivated something natural versus housing. Um, I think if Asheville can contribute anything. I know that it's a concern phone number.Town of Woodfin, but it also affects us living here in Asheville, and would appreciate our city helping the town of Woodfin to come to change the stupid to deny the construction and to allow for something better that would really enrich our city to be built there. So, thanks for listening.</p>	Open Comment
1/26/2021 8:56 AM	<p>All right. My name is Jonathan Frederic. I live at 91 Richmond Hill Drive Asheville. Um, I'm just calling to express my opposition to this development called The Bluffs right off to our little neighborhood. I see all kinds of problems around. This many wishes does not make sense to our community that I understand that the land will get developed. I would like to see it developed with a little bit more community in mind with something that makes a lot more sense to his surroundings and alsothe environmental impact that I think it needs some looking into much more than it has been. so I will continue to voice my opposition along with hundreds of other people that I'm sure of already called in today, but I just appreciate. You guys listening to us? Thank you.</p>	Open Comment
1/26/2021 8:59 AM	<p>Hey, my name is Alex Cruz. I'm a Nashville resident and I would very strongly like the advanced Monument gone. It is a strong symbol of Jim Crow and white white power here in Nashville. It needs to go I think in the next few years. We're going to be hearing a lot more advances involved in the half-mile railroad tunnel in Ridgecrest where oh about four hundred black people died in advance was responsible for that long since over saw it and was encouraging of it and that's going to be coming out more and more and I don't think Asheville needs that it's her that's what was going on in that part of our history and we need a way to talk about that and not memorialize Vance wage. You know positive way, so let's take it down. Thanks so much. Bye.</p>	Open Comment