



DEPARTMENT OF GENERAL SERVICES

Isiah Leggett
County Executive

David E. Dise
Director

September 24, 2015

Ms. Barbara Matthews
City Manager
City of Rockville
111 Maryland Avenue
Rockville, Maryland 20850

Re: Relocation of Confederate Statue/Monument

Dear Ms. Matthews,

Montgomery County hereby requests the City of Rockville, as the owner of the Beall-Dawson property at 103 West Montgomery Avenue, to authorize Montgomery County to proceed with the necessary approvals to effect the relocation of the Confederate Statue and Monument currently situated on the grounds of the Red Brick Courthouse.

As you are aware, Montgomery County recently received approval from the Rockville Historic Commission (HDC) to remove the referenced monument from the Red Brick Court House property. During its deliberation, the HDC expressed a strong desire for the monument to remain in the City of Rockville, if possible.

Prior to the HDC proceeding, County Executive Leggett and Council President Leventhal solicited input from the public on five potential relocation sites for the monument. A summary of the feedback is attached for your review. You will note that the Beall-Dawson property was one of the sites listed and received considerable positive feedback as a potential relocation site. This site was also favorably referenced by speakers at the HDC hearing if the decision was made to relocate the statue.

As you know, the Beall-Dawson property is owned by the City and serves as the headquarters of the Montgomery County Historical Society (MCHS). Recently, County Executive Leggett met with MCHS Executive Director Matthew Logan to discuss relocation of the statue. Understanding that the statue will be moved, Mr. Logan expressed support for the relocation to the Beall-Dawson property.

As it appears to be the favored site, Montgomery County proposes to relocate the monument from the current location to the Beall-Dawson property. Under our proposal, the County would prepare all necessary plans, applications and background materials for City and

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HDC approval, pay for the cost of relocation to the Beall-Dawson property, and perform any required site preparation for the monument's permanent setting. Once established, the monument's long term upkeep and maintenance will be the responsibility of the City.

In an effort to move forward as expeditiously as possible, we are requesting City authorization to proceed by October 8th so the County can make application to the HDC before the November meeting deadline.

Your cooperation is appreciated. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this matter, please contact me or Deputy Director Greg Ossont at 240-777-6193 directly.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Dise", with a large, stylized flourish extending to the right.

David E. Dise
Director

Enclosure

cc: George Leventhal, Montgomery County Council President
Bridget Newton, Mayor, City of Rockville
Matthew Logan, MCHS Executive Director Matthew Logan