

**Goal: A recommendation that will have broad community support and move the community forward in a united manner.**

General Theme Embedded In the Recommendations: The monument should not be moved as it would be seen by many as trying to erase history. Instead of erasing history we should try to uncover more of it and find ways to share it. The history of Clarke’s African-American community has been ignored in the past and needs to be explored, documented and shared side-by-side with the history of Clarke’s white population. It’s all important.

| Committee Recommendation   | Comments   |
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| <p>1. The Courthouse Green should be an area dedicated to both memorials and education.</p>  | <p>Initially, any new memorial(s) should focus on remembering those who also fought or supported the Union in order to both recognize the efforts of Clarke’s African-American community and tell a more complete story of the Civil War.</p> <p>Create linkage between the Green and both the CCHA Museum and the Josephine School Community Museum.</p> <p>Long term the County may want to add memorials to Clarke County people or events from other eras.</p>   |
| <p>2. The current Confederate monument should stay. Contextual signage should be added.</p>  | <p>Involve historians, community members and possibly students when creating signage or contextualization.</p> <p>Small signs with QR codes may be the most attractive and versatile.</p>  |
| <p>3. An additional monument should be installed to recognize one or more of the African-Americans who fought with or helped the Union Armed Services.</p> <p>This new monument should have equal visual impact with the current Confederate monument.</p> | <p>The most frequently mentioned people or groups proposed for recognition are 1) the 90+ Clarke County born African-Americans who served in the Union Armed Services and 2) Thomas Laws. However, this could be investigated further before a determination is made.</p> <p>Uncovering the story of the 90+ African-Americans would add to the knowledge of Clarke’s history.</p> <p>Contextualization and signage as in #2.</p> <p>Local artists could be asked for input. An artist competition could be announced.</p> |
| <p>4. The naming of one or more of the Courthouses should be considered.</p>   | <p>When doing business in a Courthouse our citizens would walk by a Confederate Monument and into a building named for an African-American.</p>  |
| <p>5. The Board of Supervisors should work to gain ownership of the Confederate monument.</p>  | <p>Minor maintenance is needed. The dry-laid stone base of the monument is showing.</p> <p>The monument should be covered by an insurance policy.</p>  |
| <p>6. Grants and private contributions should be utilized to the maximum extent to fund the recommendation.</p>  | <p>Community support should be preeminent, but staff time and dedicated responsibilities will likely be required as has been the case with most other historical signs and events.</p>   |

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**Further Comments:**

The Committee took one vote that covered all the items listed in the Recommendation column. The actions listed were viewed as six elements of one recommendation, not six independent recommendations. The Board of Supervisors obviously has the right to accept and act on individual elements of the Committee's Recommendation but the Committee views it as one single recommendation.

The Comments column is meant for clarification. It lists supporting ideas that were discussed without apparent disagreement within the Committee.

The final vote was 7 to 1.

It should be noted that three of the Committee Members who voted to support the recommendations did so because they felt it was the plan would gain the most community support and move the community forward in a united manner. On a totally personal level they would have preferred the monument be moved to a more suitable location.

One Committee Member felt he had to vote against the Recommendation because he felt the Green was the "moral center" of the community and as such was not the place for a monument tied to the Confederacy.

It is believed that if the Board of Supervisors accepts the Committee's Recommendation, that acceptance will need to be followed by quick and visible action. (walking the talk)