

Leah Michalak

From: Leah Michalak
Sent: Monday, January 10, 2022 9:29 AM
To: Sabrina Morgan
Subject: FW: Johnson square chart

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Director of Historic Preservation

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From: John Trussell <jtrusswr@cox.net>
Sent: Saturday, January 8, 2022 4:30 PM
To: historic <historic@thempc.org>
Subject: Johnson square chart

Hi Leah- This drawing of Johnson Square shows the proposed location of the Sar park bench. The proposed location is the small yellow square in the bottom left hand side, where the pencil is pointing. I apologize for this rough sketch and can prepare a higher quality sketch if required. I'm headed out of town and wanted to get this to you asap. Thanks for your assistance! John Trussell 478-957-7411

North

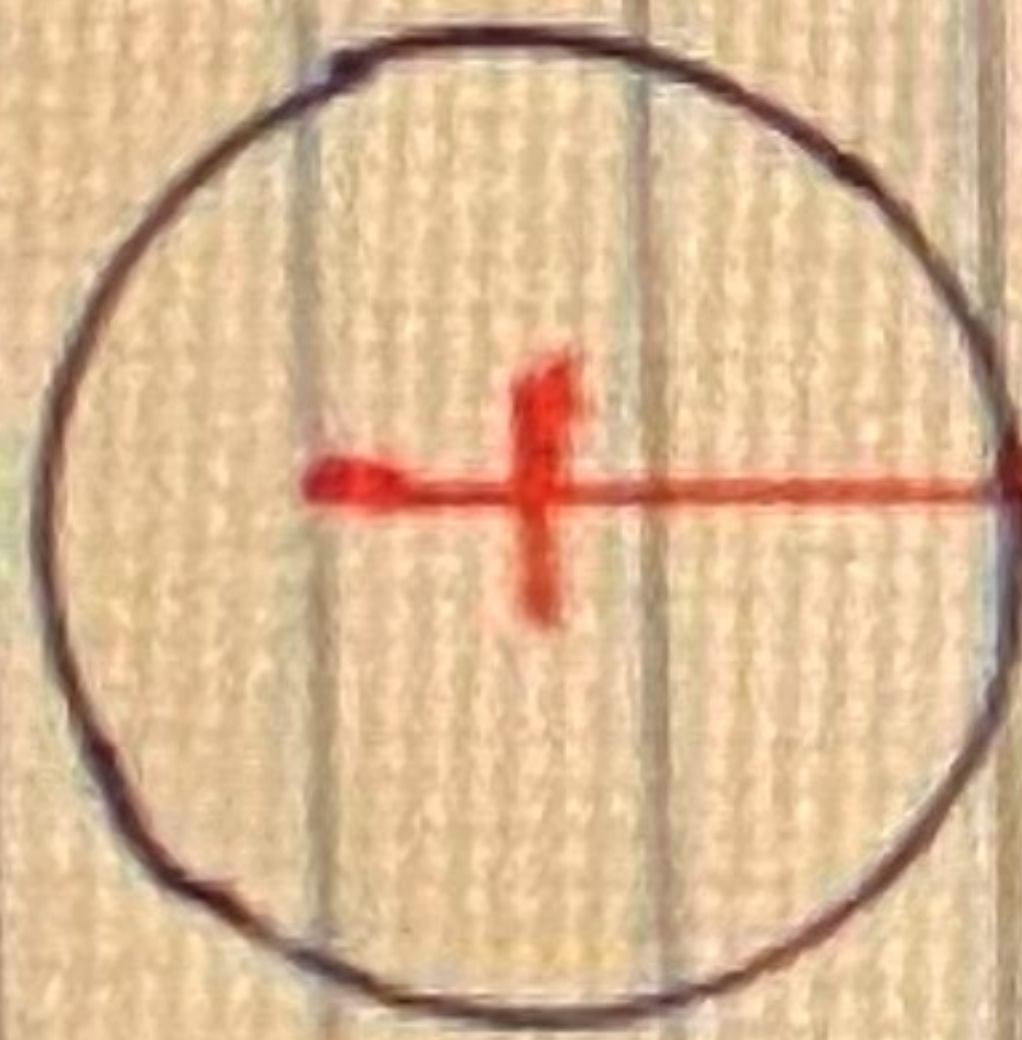
Toward
City Hall

National Historic
Landmark marker

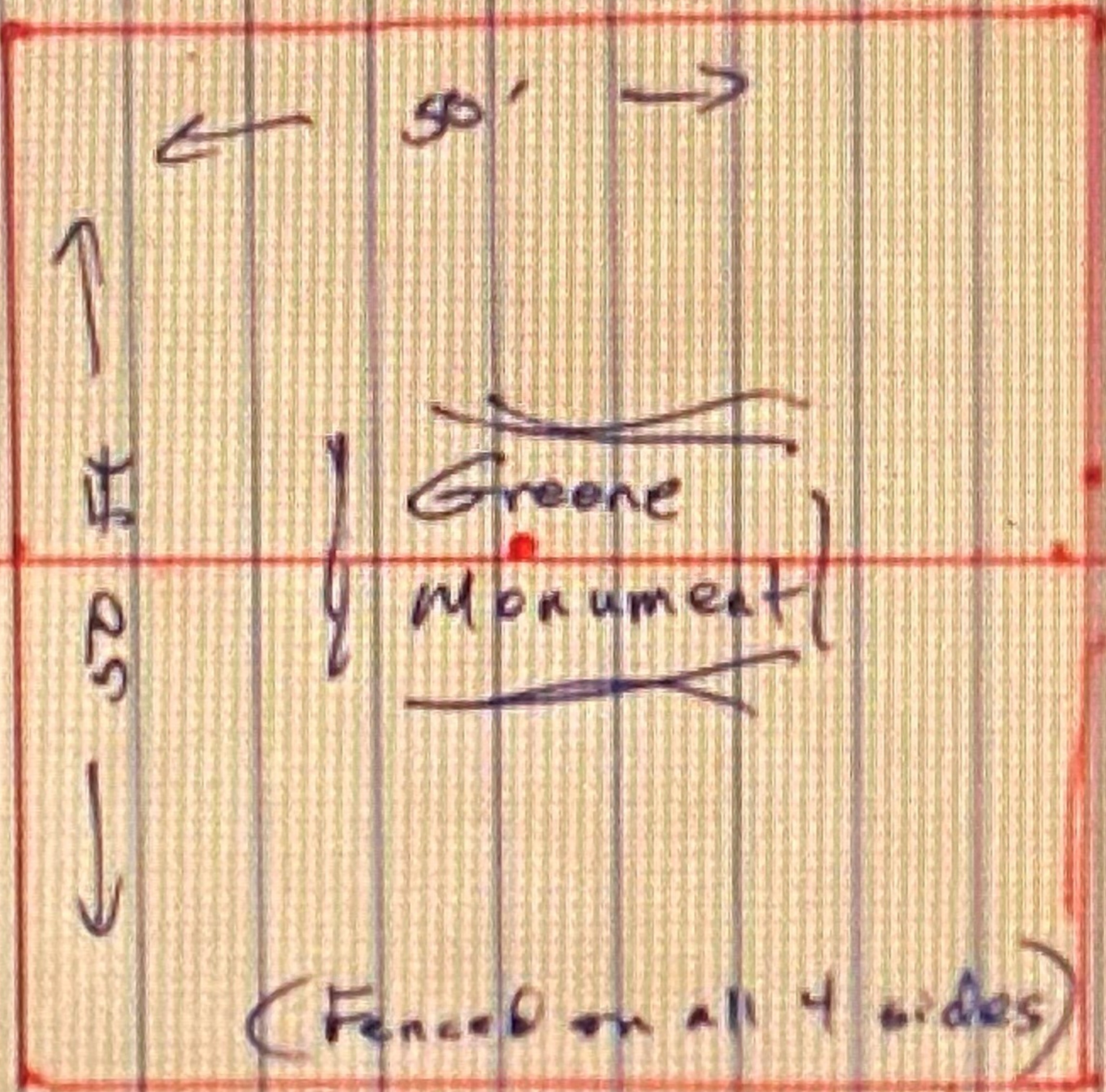
To Bull
St.

GHs
marker

Plaza Fountain



Benches



Greene
Monument

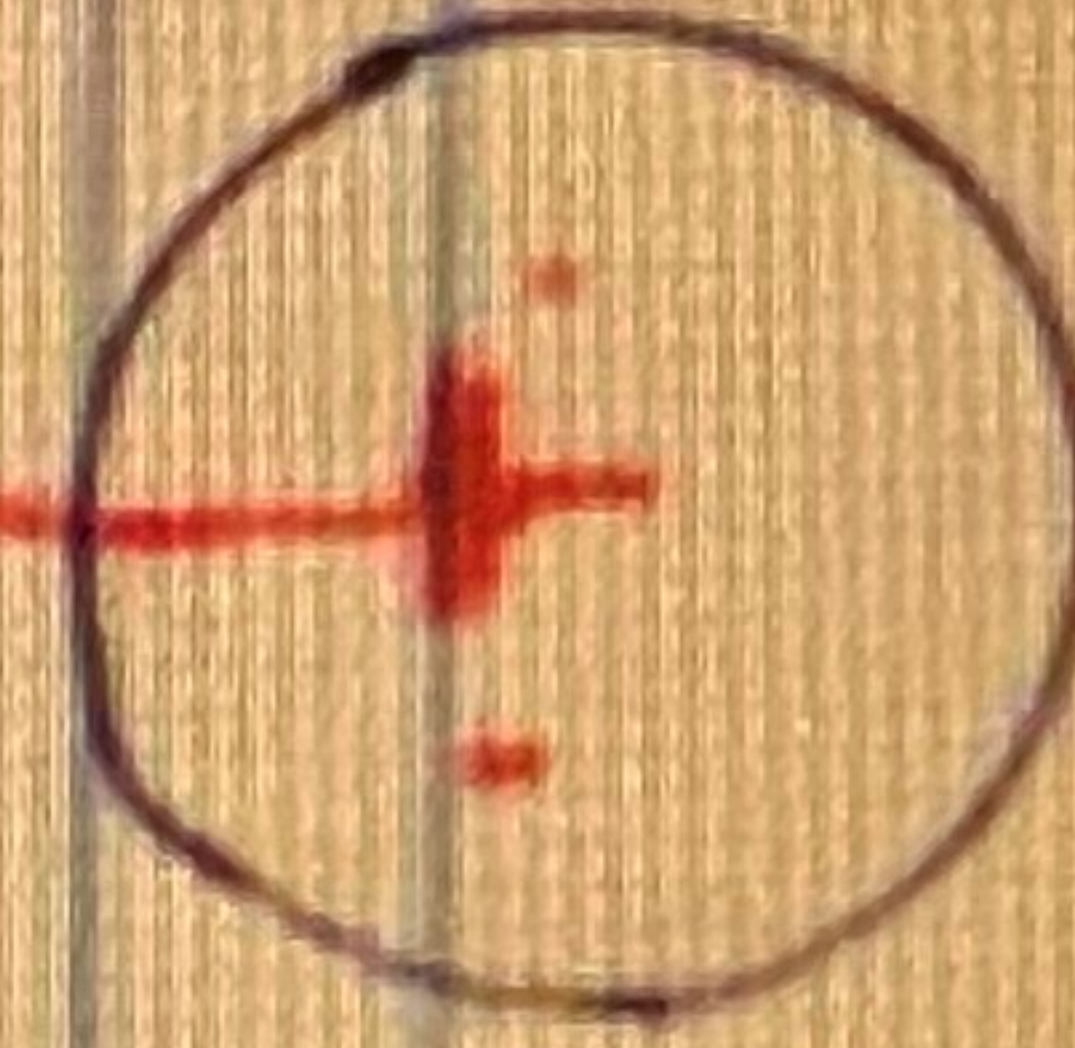
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GHs marker



Benches

Plaza Fountain



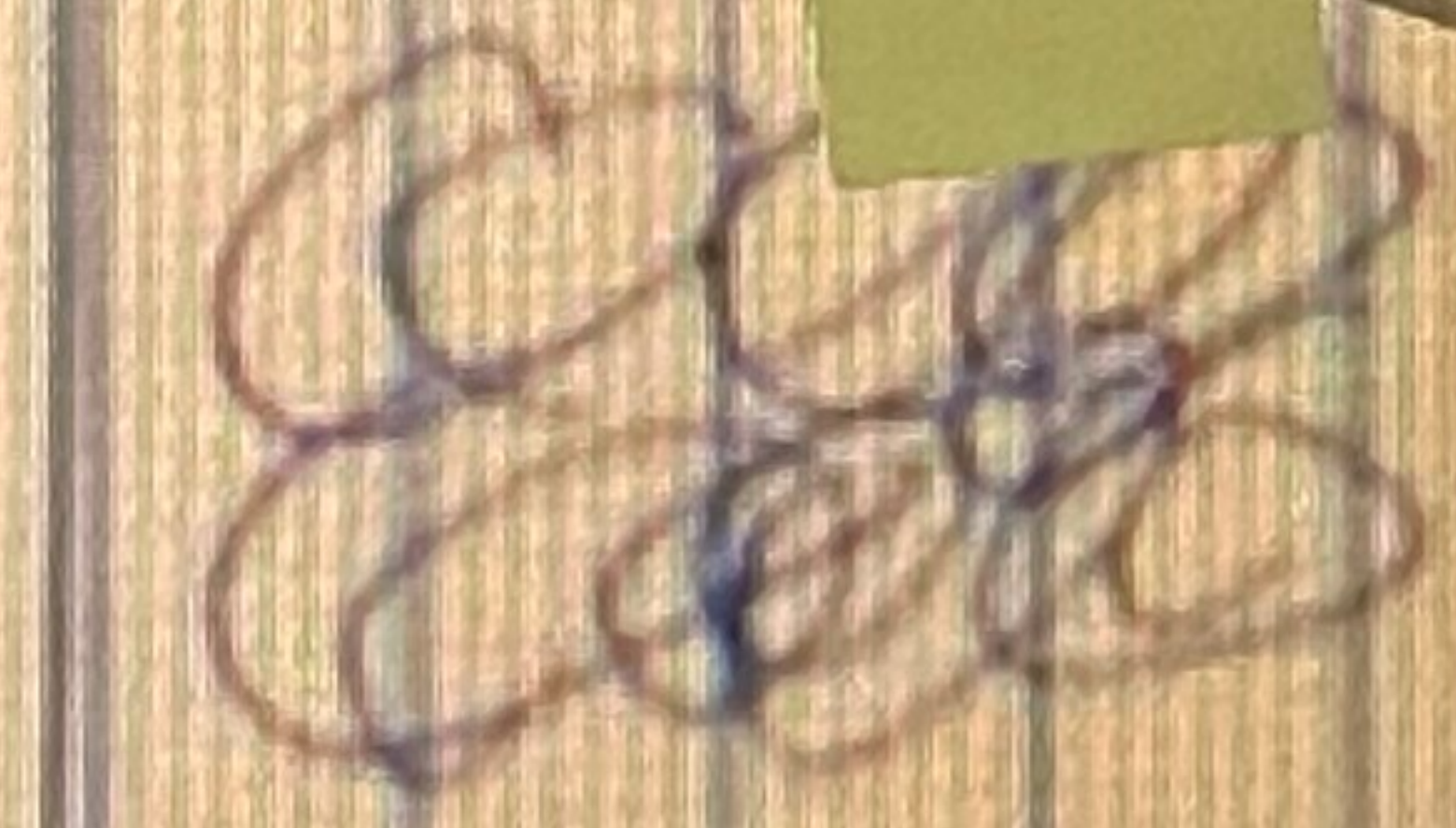
GHs marker

To Christ
Church

All sidewalks
± 6 ft wide



Sundial



To Congress St

Monica Gann

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Cc: Billie Trussell <jtrusswr@cox.net>
Subject: Sar park bench proposal

Hi Leah- We propose that the Sar park bench be placed two feet off the existing walkway that leads to Christ Church. This is in the southeast section of the square. It would be 20 forward(west) of the light Pole in this picture . It would require that only a small section of liriopie grass be removed (2x4 feet) and no trees would be impacted. It would not impact cleaning methods of the city and would be a great addition to this wonderful Revolutionary era themed Park. George Washington attended services at Christ Church before his departure from Savannah in May 1791. Thank you!
John Trussell 478-957-7411



Washington's Southern Tour

During his Southern tour of 1791, President George Washington attended services at the original Christ Church on Sunday, May 15. While in Savannah from May 12-15, Washington lodged at a house on the corner of Barnard and State streets on St. James (now Telfair) Square, dined at Brown's Coffeehouse with the Society of the Cincinnati, toured the ruins of the Revolutionary earthworks with General Lachlan McIntosh, was entertained at the Silk Filature on Reynold's Square and attended a large public dinner. After Sunday services, Washington dined with Catherine Greene (widow of Nathanael Greene) at Mulberry Grove plantation north of the city before departing for Augusta.

Erected by The Georgia Historical Society, The Society of the Cincinnati in the State of Georgia, and The Sons of the Revolution in the State of Georgia
1999.18

Celebrating 250 years of
American freedom 1776 - 2026

The Sons of the American Revolution

Front and
back edges

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Grey Granite - Black Litho
all polished 4-Ø bench

STEEDLEY MONUMENT WORKS

APPROVED

AS SHOWN AS CHANGED

DATE _____

NAME _____

EMAILED
2-2-22

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legs front
and back

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JEEPERS CREEPERS - LAURA - MOON RIVER - MY SHINING HOUR - ON THE ATCHISON, TOPEKA & SANTA FE





HISTORIC SITE &
MONUMENT COMMISSION
PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE
Johnson Sq.
Location: Johnson Sq.
Historical Marker Board
Application Number: 22-00001-144
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Location: Johnson O'Connor House, 121-123 East Congress St.
Application Number: 20-00000001
July 8, 2020 2:30 PM - 5:00 PM
Meeting Location: Johnson O'Connor House
Contact: 919.461.1400

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Contact: 919.461.1400





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From: Leah Michalak
Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 12:25 PM
To: John Trussell; Sabrina Morgan; Robert Vinyard; lamar davis; Paul Callanan; Roger W. Coursey; Allen Greenly; billdobbs.georgia; W. Brown; David G. Jessel (SOL); Joe Vancura; Monica Gann
Subject: RE: [Caution - External Email] SAR Park Bench for Johnson Square

Thank you, John. We will ensure this information is included with the agenda and noted in the staff recommendation.

Best,

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Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 12:03 PM
To: Leah Michalak <michalakl@thempc.org>; Sabrina Morgan <morgans@thempc.org>; Robert Vinyard <bob.vinyard@me.com>; lamar davis <lamardavis1946@yahoo.com>; Paul Callanan <LTCMRSC@aol.com>; Roger W. Coursey <captrog2000@yahoo.com>; Allen Greenly <wagreenly@gmail.com>; billdobbs.georgia <billdobbs.georgia@gmail.com>; W. Brown <engineerscorner@gmail.com>; David G. Jessel (SOL) <ptljessel@charter.net>; Joe Vancura <jvmembership@gmail.com>
Subject: Fwd: [Caution - External Email] SAR Park Bench for Johnson Square

Leah and Bri- Please find attached below the email of support from District Two Alderman Detric Leggett for our proposed SAR Park Bench in Johnson Square. 811 Utilities location service was notified this morning to scan the area. Thankyou for your support of this project! John Trussell , Ga SAR

----- Forwarded message -----

From: **Detric Leggett** <DLeggett@savannahga.gov>

Date: Wed, Jan 19, 2022 at 11:01 AM

Subject: Re: [Caution - External Email] SAR Park Bench for Johnson Square

To: John Trussell <jtrusswr@gmail.com>

Greetings John and team,

I think the addition of the bench would be a plus for the area. I fully support the effort.

Detric C. Leggett

Alderman District 2- City of Savannah

Dleggett@savannahga.gov

912-346-8176

From: John Trussell <jtrusswr@gmail.com>

Sent: Wednesday, January 19, 2022 10:32:55 AM

To: Detric Leggett <DLeggett@Savannahga.Gov>; John Trussell <jtrusswr@gmail.com>

Subject: [Caution - External Email] SAR Park Bench for Johnson Square

Honorable Detric Leggett,

Alderman , District Two

Dear Mr. Leggett,

- I'm John Trussell, Publicity Chairman for the Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution and we are planning a National Congress this July 10-15 in Savannah with 600-750 attendees. Thus our meeting will have a significant positive impact on the hotels, restaurants, visitor sites and businesses in Savannah.

We are planning with the Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission to place a SAR funded Park Bench in Johnson Square that will commemorate 250 years of American freedom from the British- 1776-2026. As you know, Johnson Square has significant Revolutionary importance and the General Nathaniel Greene monument is located there , along with markers commemorating the visit of President George Washington in 1791.

The small granite SAR Park bench would be located along the walkway in the park and we are now working through the approval process with the MPC. I would like to discuss this proposal with you and hopefully gain your support for this important historical project. The dedication of the SAR Park Bench will be an important part of our Congress program. I called your cell phone but was unable to leave a message. Would you please call me at your convenience at 478-957-7411 so I can discuss this matter with you? Thank You very much for your public service and I look forward to talking with you very soon.

In Patriotic Service-

John Trussell,

Georgia Society, Sons of the American Revolution

478-957-7411

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Honoring the soldiers who fought
in the Battle of Savannah 1779.
The British withdrew July 11, 1782

The Sons of the American Revolution

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JAMES MONROE
APPROVED
AS SHOWN AS CHANGED
DATE
NAME _____

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**SAVANNAH-CHATHAM COUNTY HISTORIC SITE AND MONUMENT
COMMISSION
HISTORICAL MARKER DECISION**

PETITIONER: GA SONS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, John Trussell
306 Pheasant Ridge Drive
Warner Robins, Ga 31088

FILE No.: 21-003594-COA

LOCATION: 303 MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR BLVD.
REVOLUTIONARY BATTLEFIELD PARK

DATE: August 5, 2021

NATURE OF REQUEST:

The applicant is requesting approval from the Historic Site and Monument Commission to install a granite memorial bench within Battlefield Park at 303 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. The text is on the bench is proposed as follows:

Top of the Bench: *“Honoring the soldiers who fought in the battle of Savannah 1779.
The British withdrew July 11, 1782”*
Front End of the Bench: *“The Sons of the American Revolution”*
Leg of the Bench: *“GA SAR”*

The proposed location of the bench is between the sidewalk and the ground-embedded donor marker at the east end of the park. It is 4 feet wide, 18 inches deep, and 24 inches high situated on a concrete base which extends to meet the public sidewalk.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

As required in the Master Plan and Guidelines, written notice was sent to all property owners, and the neighborhood association, within 200 feet of the subject property. A sign was posted on the property fifteen days prior to the meeting. As of the writing of this report, no comments were received from the public.

FINDINGS:

The following standards from the Historic Site and Monument Commission Guidelines for Markers, Monuments and Public Art apply:

Evaluating Themes for Markers and Monuments. New markers and monuments commemorate and honor people, places, and/or events.

Proposed themes should fall into one or more of the following categories.

- *Arts and Humanities (including art, architecture, music, theater, literature, education, etc.)*

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- *Science and Engineering (including technology, inventions, medical, communications, etc.)*
- *Civic and Institutional*
- *Social and Humanitarian*
- *Industry and Commerce (including economics, agriculture, transportation, etc.)*
- *Politics and Government*
- *Military History (people, places, or events)*
- *Religious History (people, places or events)*
- *Maritime History*
- *Colonial History*
- *Local History (folklore and/or local heroes)*
- *Cultural and Ethnic Heritage*
- *Education*

The proposed theme should have documented significant, clear and direct local relevance to the history and development of Chatham County. The local focus should be the predominant theme of the monument.

The level of significance should be high enough to warrant a public presence.

The person, place or event commemorated should not have been sufficiently commemorated elsewhere in the County. The theme should be distinct and original, and not be duplicated in other existing markers or monuments.

The theme should reflect a larger connection to the community as a whole, and not only to one distinct group.

There should be significant documented evidence (written or oral) of the commemorated event, person, or place.

The proposed theme of the new marker/other object includes one category listed by the HSMC: Military History. The significance of the proposed marker/other object is illustrated in the text of the bench and in the full text of the event provided by the petitioner. In short, the Battle of Savannah was fought against the British during the Revolutionary War at/near this site. The theme is high enough to warrant a public presence and the event commemorated reflects the community as a whole. There is significant documented evidence of the event and the bench is distinct and is not similar to the other markers and objects within Battlefield Park.

Evaluating Sites for Markers, Monuments, or Public Art. *Certain factors should be taken into consideration when evaluating whether a site is the appropriate location for a marker, monument or public art [hereto referred to as “object” to indicate the inclusion of all three types]. These factors include:*

The installation of an object should not cause overcrowding of the site, if there are existing objects. Objects should be sited far enough away from other objects as to allow the visitor proper appreciation of each individually.

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This is large historic site with many objects, markers, memorials, etc. There are several other objects in the general area where this bench is proposed. On the east end, some items include: a flag pole, interpretative signage, and ground embedded markers. On the west, north, and south ends there are Georgia Historical Society markers, and several benches. There are also site features such as a Redoubt.

The installation of a bench on the east side is consistent with the placement of other objects on the site and is far enough away to allow the visitor proper appreciation of each. They are intended to be appreciated together.

The proposed object should not damage or disturb existing established vegetation on the site including low tree limbs, or significant tree roots.

No trees exist near the site. The only vegetation is the grass.

The proposed object should not require the removal or alteration of existing above or below ground utilities.

The information on whether existing utilities would be affected was not included with the submittal packet.

The proposed site should be large enough to accommodate an object, and should not encroach on other existing object sites, buildings, or designated green space.

This site may be considered designated green space; however, the large green space can accommodate the bench.

The proposed site should not be utilized for special events (such as sports, festivals, ceremonies, etc) on a regular basis which an object would disrupt.

Although the site is used for events, the bench will contribute to the events and will not disrupt the ceremonies and tours.

The proposed site should not be prone to frequent automobile accidents which could damage the proposed object.

The object would be adjacent to the gravel entrance to the parking lot for the Railroad Museum and is not prone to frequent automobile accidents.

The proposed site should be easily accessible to pedestrians and the physically challenged (excluding marker sites).

The standard is met. The proposed location of the bench is between the sidewalk and the ground-embedded donor marker at the east end of the park. It is situated on a concrete base which extends to meet the public sidewalk.

The proposed site should be visible and accessible from a public right of way.

The proposed site should be easy to maintain.

The bench will face a sidewalk and is easily accessible. Because the grass only consists of grass, the site is easy to maintain.

The installation of the object should enhance the space and character of the surrounding neighborhood.

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The installation of the object should not significantly affect automobile traffic sight lines.

The installation of the granite bench will enhance the empty section of sidewalk.

The installation of the object should enhance the design of the overall site.

The site is home to multiple other objects; however, the installation of the granite bench will enhance the empty section of sidewalk.

If periodic memorial services are likely, the site should be able to accommodate them without causing undue disruption to the neighborhood, plantings, etc.

Periodic memorial services are likely; however, the site can accommodate them without causing disruption.

Site in Relation to Theme for Markers or Monuments. *The relationship between site and theme for a marker or monument is critical in determining the appropriate site for a particular theme.*

Marker. *A marker should be erected in as close proximity to the site to which it is related as possible and be clearly visible from a public right-of-way.*

The standard is met.

Design. *The design of a marker, monument, or public work of art should be of the highest quality and caliber, and enhance public space. In order to promote the high standards the City of Savannah has historically enjoyed in its markers, monuments, and public art, the following guidelines should be observed.*

Markers. *Markers may be mounted on a freestanding pole, wall-mounted, or embedded in the ground. As the primary purpose is to inform the public about an event, place or person, the aesthetic significance of a marker is generally minimal.*

Markers not erected through the GHS's marker program shall not bear the GHS or state seal.

The standard is met.

Except the marker title, the marker text should be not more than 1" in height, and not less than 1/2".

This information was not provided with the submittal packet.

Marker text should be created in a manner that, to the extent possible, prevents fading and erosion.

The standard is met.

Markers should be considered permanent and designed accordingly.

The standard is met.

Markers should be made of an enduring, non-corroding material.

The bench is proposed to be granite which is an enduring, non-corroding material.

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Funding.

Budget. *The Mayor and Aldermen do not fund new markers, monuments, or works of art. The applicant is fully responsible for funding the design, construction, installation, and any necessary landscaping, paving, or lighting involved with a new marker, monument, or work of art.*

The budget is \$1800 plus installation and sidewalk expansion and is funded by Georgia Sons of the American Revolution, David Jessel, President.

BOARD DECISION:

The Savannah – Chatham County Historic Site and Monument Commission does hereby **approve** to install a granite memorial bench within Battlefield Park at 303 Martin Luther King, Jr. Blvd. **with the following conditions** to be submitted to staff for final approval because the proposed work otherwise meets the Master Plan and Guidelines.

1. Provide information on whether existing utilities will be affected.
2. Provide the text heights and ensure that, except the marker title, the marker text is not more than 1” in height, and not less than 1/2”.

DocuSigned by:

Thomas Gensheimer

8-5-2021

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Thomas Gensheimer, Vice-Chairman
Historic Site and Monument Commission

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Melanie Wilson

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Melanie Wilson, Executive Director
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

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Leah G. Michalak, Director of Historic Preservation
Chatham County-Savannah Metropolitan Planning Commission

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MW: LGM