

From: [Lundy, Zeth](#)
To: [Lundy, Betsy](#)
Subject: FW: Gomez Monument should Stand
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:20:10 AM

From: Samantha Foulke
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 7:49 AM
To: Cultural Commission
Subject: Gomez Monument should Stand

I am an accepted student at EMCC, awaiting a second stimulus arrangement for enrollment functionality and am a product of baby boomers I would prefer my comment isn't reiterated throughout digital publication. My viewpoint for Millenials is we need this kind of representation, of unrest existing, as statues are being taken down for similar echoes of reasoning. It isn't true to strip the land of all Explorers that Navigated to the Existing Villages or Whatnot for the sign of the times centuries ago. The riff isn't discussed any longer in an open arena, but there are diverse communities, so this should appease any unsettling karma. Brenda Foulke

From: [Lundy, Zeth](#)
To: [Lundy, Betsy](#)
Subject: FW: Monument removal
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:18:59 AM

From: Sherry Robshaw
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 6:23 PM
To: Cultural Commission
Subject: Monument removal

When is this going to stop!? Everyone is on the bandwagon of destroying history. No it might have not been all good but it happened. Why can't people look at it as not "commemorating" something, so much as remembering what happened and strive not to make the same mistakes.

Not every memory in history has a happy connotation but should it be totally wiped out? Where is the forgiveness? Why the need for so much destruction? Why the need to bring more hate in the world? We, as human beings, are all in this together and the more who fight to tear things down, the more devided we all become. This is not the way forward, but the way back to segregation and racial inequality. Stop the nonsense and look forward to what can be done to better the situation not make it worse.

Thank you

Sherry Robshaw

Sent from my U.S.Cellular© Smartphone

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From: [Lundy, Zeth](#)
To: [Lundy, Betsy](#)
Subject: FW: Remove the statue!
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:15:30 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Conlow, Cathy
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 1:19 PM
To: 'Marion Anderson' <manderson808080@gmail.com>; Councilors <Councilors@bangormaine.gov>
Cc: Emery, Tanya <tanya.emery@bangormaine.gov>; Cultural Commission <culturalcommission@bangormaine.gov>
Subject: RE: Remove the statue!

Marion, thank you for your email. The City policies and ordinances set forth a process for the deaccession of public monuments. It requires that the Cultural Commission for the city of Bangor make a recommendation to the Council. A process has been established by the Cultural Commission to review the facts and make a recommendation to Council. Please feel free to direct any additional comments to culturalcommission@bangormaine.gov. Please include your name and address. Thanks Cathy

August 26, 2020

Contact:Tanya Emery, Director of Community & Economic Development
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Public Meetings to Discuss the Possible Deaccession of the Gomez Monument start Wednesday, September 2

BANGOR, MAINE - The City of Bangor's Commission on Cultural Development will hold public meetings on September 2, 17, and 30, at 9:00 AM to discuss the possible removal of the Gomez Monument. Public participation will be through remote means that include Zoom and the City's live-streaming Facebook page. Anyone who wants to offer public comment must attend the meeting through Zoom or submit the comment at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting by emailing it to culturalcommission@bangormaine.gov.

Information on the Zoom meetings, including links, can be found by going to the City's website, www.bangormaine.gov/calendar and by clicking on the meeting. Public comment through Zoom requires a person to state their name and address. Any inappropriate or offensive remarks may be removed or cause removal of the person making them. The public may be recognized to speak by using the hand wave function in Zoom or, on a phone, by pressing *9.

Any questions may be directed to culturalcommission@bangormaine.gov. More information for remote meetings can be found at www.bangormaine.gov/video.

-----Original Message-----

From: Marion Anderson <manderson808080@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, August 27, 2020 12:52 PM
To: Councilors <Councilors@bangormaine.gov>
Subject: Remove the statue!

This is not a person who should be memorialized or celebrated. I call for immediate removal!

From: [Lundy, Zeth](#)
To: [Lundy, Betsy](#)
Subject: FW: support for removing Gomez monument
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:45:41 AM

From: Catherine Schmitt
Sent: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Cultural Commission
Subject: support for removing Gomez monument

Hello

I am writing to express support for removing the monument to Estevan Gomez on the banks of Kenduskeag Stream. Gomez was a colonist and enslaver of Native Americans. The monument's location at the site of what was once a Wabanaki village is especially egregious and offensive. I would prefer no monument at all, but if another marker is to be installed it should reference the confluence of Kenduskeag Stream and the Penobscot River as a historic and contemporary homeland of Indigenous peoples.

Thank you for considering this matter.

Catherine Schmitt

Bangor resident

From: [Lundy, Zeth](#)
To: [Lundy, Betsy](#)
Subject: FW: Support for Statue's Removal
Date: Monday, August 31, 2020 9:20:46 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: Diane Oltarzewski <dianeolta@gmail.com>
Sent: Friday, August 28, 2020 9:16 AM
To: Cultural Commission <culturalcommission@bangormaine.gov>
Subject: Support for Statue's Removal

I am completely in accord with the removal of the statue commemorating Estevan Gomez from the Bangor waterfront. Ambassador Dana's clarification that we should not be elevating a historical figure who was complicit in kidnapping and enslaving Indigenous people is a welcome injection of truth into our mainstream consciousness. Please honor her testimony and courage and take this away so it will not impose historical distortions on the minds of new generations.

We must be pro-active in the pursuit of truth and justice, and this is one way Bangor can participate directly.

Best regards,
Diane Oltarzewski
Belfast

From: [Deanna Wilbur](#)
To: [Cultural Commission](#)
Subject: Gomez monument removal
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 11:29:56 AM

To whom it may concern,

I am a Bangor native and purchased a property in Bangor in January. I fully support the removal of the Estevan Gomez statue on Broad St. There are plenty of incredible Bangorians we could honor with monuments. We don't need an ugly monument about a guy (who may or may not have even stepped foot in Bangor) who kidnapped human beings to be sold into slavery. Get that shit OUTTA HERE.

Thank you for your time,
Dee Wilbur

From: [Davitt, Clare](#)
To: [Emery, Tanya](#); [Lundy, Betsy](#); [Cultural Commission](#)
Cc: [Conlow, Cathy](#)
Subject: Re: Gomez monument
Date: Thursday, August 27, 2020 4:57:15 PM

Sorry, I guess original email didn't come through. I've copied and pasted it below:

Hi Clare,

I'm sending this to you asking your assistance to get it to whomever will be taking up public comment on the removal of the Gomez monument. The contact email address in the BDN article, <culturalcommission@bangormaine.gov>, turns out to be invalid. Perhaps you can alert the cultural commission to that fact. Thanks for your assistance. Diane

I'd like to offer this comment:

Removing the monument on the banks of the Penobscot commemorating Estevan Gomez sailing up the river 500 years ago, will not change the fact that Gomez sailed up the river 500 years ago. May I suggest replacing it with a plaque that not only states the event of his coming, but utilizes it as a teaching tool, one that tells how he went on to kidnap and attempt to enslave Native peoples. The cross motif that was chosen for the monument was unfortunate. It could be said to perpetuate the fallacy that Christianity brought civilization to the many people subjugated by its practitioners and missionaries. Diane Monroe Smith, Holden, Maine <dianemonroesmith.com>

Clare Davitt
Bangor City Council Chair
clare.davitt@bangormaine.gov

Pronouns: she/her

On Aug 27, 2020, at 4:54 PM, Davitt, Clare wrote:

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Begin forwarded message:

From: Clare Davitt
Date: August 27, 2020 at 4:50:25 PM EDT
To: "Davitt, Clare"
Subject: Fwd: Gomez monument