

I move the following:

1st, That there be postponed until the April 2018 meeting any decision by the Historical Commission under G.S. § 100-2.1 concerning the proposal by the Secretary of Administration to relocate the three monuments from Capitol Square to the Bentonville Battlefield;

2nd, That the Chair appoint from the Commission a committee to report its findings at the April meeting, from the information to be assembled as follows;

3rd, That the Chair solicit, from the U.N.C. School of Government, North Carolina Central Law School, Wake Forest Law School, Campbell Law School, the North Carolina Justice Department, and any other appropriate sources, legal opinions interpreting G.S. § 100-2.1 and specifically addressing—

(a) what actions the Commission may take under the statute,

(b) whether the Commission may recommend additional sites as appropriate for re-location, and

(c) whether the Commission may recommend that the monuments be re-interpreted;

4th, That the Chair ask the State Historic Preservation Officer to assemble and provide all available information as to the prominence, honor, visibility, availability, and access of both sites, Capitol Square and the Bentonville Battlefield;

5th, That the Chair ask the State Historic Preservation Officer to assemble and provide all relevant information as to—

(a) whether the three monuments are in danger, and what appropriate measures are needed to preserve them, and

(b) whether there currently exists any planned construction, renovation, or reconfiguration of buildings, open spaces, parking, or transportation projects that would affect the three monuments;

6th, That the Chair solicit the advice of Yale history professor David Blight and Atlanta History Center president Sheffield Hale, both being national experts on monuments;

7th, That the appointed committee review and consider the September 21, 2017, Memorandum of Record from the House of Representatives' Majority Leadership, and the September 21, 2017, letter to Governor Roy Cooper from Senate President Pro Tempore Philip Berger; and

8th, That the Chair arrange for a certified stenographer to attend the April meeting, to ensure that all the information presented can be fully recorded.