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Hi again, Andrew, Re: Decision on park

Sorry to bother you but I have a question on the decision. Who in DC ordered the park to remain as is? I know the PA governor spoke up but he doesn't control DC. It's part of the story to know who made the decision. Please let me know.

Thank you.  
Best,  
Patty Saffran

On Jan 9, 2024, at 8:13 AM, Patty (b) (6) @verizon.net wrote:

Hi Andrew, Re: Penn and more

Thanks for the update. Glad for the decision. It's politicians and a small group of activists calling for statue removals, not the public. Some of the polls are in my last article on Arlington which I've included below. The process all along, including in Richmond and other cities, has been undemocratic, and not reported at all in the press. In addition, statue removals result in much higher crime rates such as in New Orleans, Charlottesville and Baltimore.

Kind regards,  
Patty Saffran

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[Patricia N. Saffran, The Unlawful Assault on Ezekiel's Masterpiece, the Arlington Reconciliation Memorial](#)  
jameshfetzer.org

On Jan 8, 2024, at 7:10 PM, McDougall, Andrew <Andrew\_McDougall@nps.gov> wrote:

Hey Patty

The review of the new design proposal for Welcome Park has been withdrawn. No changes to the William Penn statue are planned.

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## **Park withdraws review of Welcome Park rehabilitation proposal**

**PHILADELPHIA** — Independence National Historical Park has withdrawn the review of a draft proposal to rehabilitate Welcome Park and closed the public comment period. The preliminary draft proposal, which was released prematurely and