

Board of Trustees
History Task Force
Implementation Team
July 2017 Update



Action Item

“The task force recommends that the University erect better, more prominent signage for Gantt Circle that provides appropriate historical context about Harvey Gantt and why the circle bears his name.”

We request that the Board take action to make this commonly used name official. This official action is included in the proposed text.

The naming has been approved by the UACNLF and ELT.

Proposed Text

Gantt Circle

History was made in 1963 when Charleston native Harvey B. Gantt became the first African-American to enroll at any predominantly white public institution in South Carolina since Reconstruction. A marker commemorates the location where reporters and students gathered to watch the historic event following Gantt's successful lawsuit for entry into Clemson University. For many years, this site was unofficially called Gantt Circle. In 2017, the Board of Trustees made the name official.

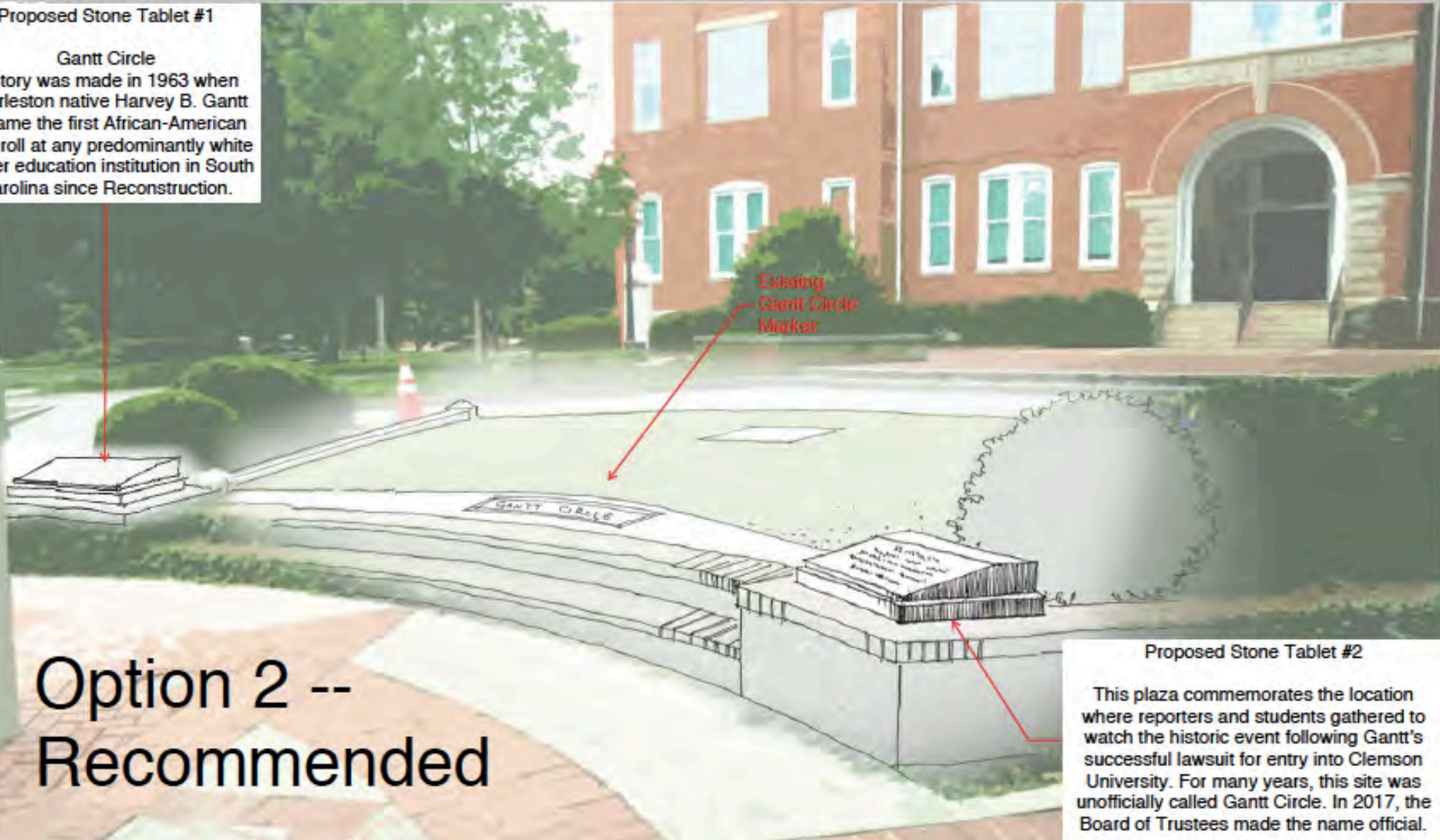
Proposed Design

Proposed Stone Tablet #1

Gantt Circle

History was made in 1963 when Charleston native Harvey B. Gantt became the first African-American to enroll at any predominantly white higher education institution in South Carolina since Reconstruction.

Existing
Gantt Circle
Marker

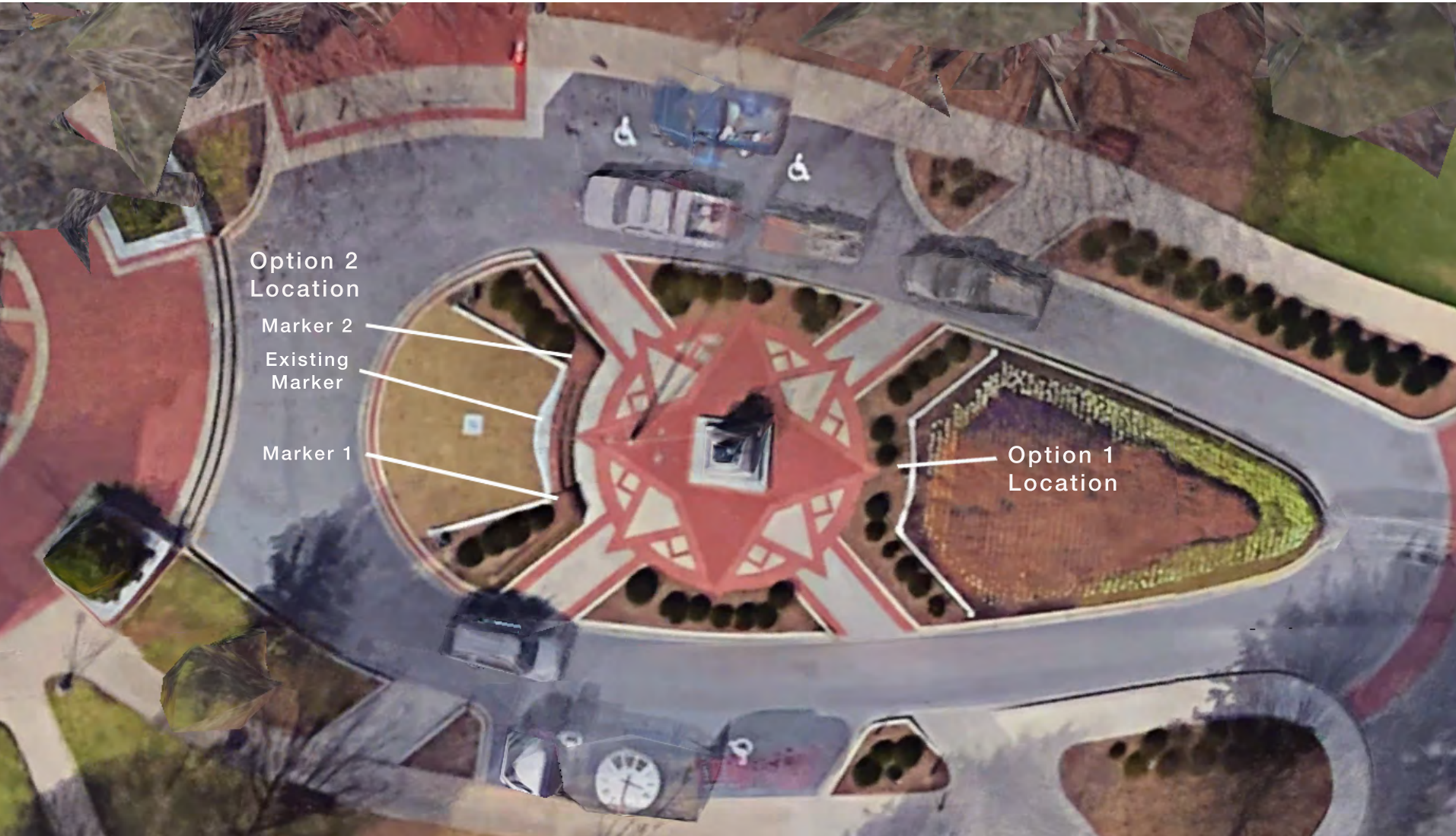


Proposed Stone Tablet #2

This plaza commemorates the location where reporters and students gathered to watch the historic event following Gantt's successful lawsuit for entry into Clemson University. For many years, this site was unofficially called Gantt Circle. In 2017, the Board of Trustees made the name official.

Option 2 --
Recommended

Proposed Location



Update

- With these two action items, all recommendations of the History Task Force have been implemented or are in the process of being addressed.
 - Updated historical timeline ✓
 - Updated biographies of key figures in Clemson's founding ✓
 - Social media updates ✓
 - New history website ✓
 - Clemson History Day (Week) ✓
 - Academic history course ✓
 - Historical campus tours ✓
 - Better signage for Gantt Circle ✓
 - Better signage for historical buildings ✓

Update

- Remaining items include:
 - Recommendations on additional markers, statues and monuments, which will be developed in coordination with the UACNLF and Development.
 - Recommendation on a Clemson Museum/Discovery Center.

- Ongoing responsibility for sustaining these efforts and the role of Implementation Team are still to be determined.