

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE November 13, 2020

TO Honorable Members of the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee

SUBJECT **Update on Site for Memorial for Victims of Racial Violence**

In September 2020, the Committee was briefed on a forthcoming public art project, the Memorial for Victims of Racial Violence. This memorandum provides an interim update on the public art project and site.

Site

The proposed site, as originally recommended by an advisory Working Group, is at Martyrs Park, at 379 W. Commerce, and was previously reviewed and recommended by the Public Art Committee, the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission and approved by the Park & Recreation Board.

However, as requested by the Committee in September, the Office of Arts & Culture (OAC) is facilitating more discussions with advisory stakeholders to reassess the site and consider alternative options closer to City Hall that ensure the best accessibility, visibility and security for the Memorial.

These discussions and meetings are underway, and the site recommendation is not yet finalized. Staff will make a recommendation to the Committee in early 2021 and the City Council will make the final decision.

Public Art Project

The City issued a national call for artists and 53 applicants submitted their qualifications. A Selection Panel of community members, arts professionals and a representative from the Park and Recreation Department recommended three of these artists to submit their concept designs and make presentations in September 2020. The Public Art Committee was briefed on November 10, 2020.

Next Steps

On November 19, 2020, the Public Art Committee Chair will brief the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission.

The OAC will complete review of alternate sites for accessibility, visibility, security and feasibility, as well as additional sources of funding.

The Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee will be briefed with a recommended site and artist in early 2021.

Lastly, an historical marker is planned at Akard and Main Streets to identify and memorialize the site of the lynching of Allen Brooks on March 3, 1910.

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Please contact me or Jennifer Scripps, Director of the Office of Arts & Culture, for further information.



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