

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 25, 2018

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Confederate Monuments Resolution Update**

On April 25, 2018, City Council adopted a resolution to address Confederate Monuments, symbols and images in public places. The Office of Cultural Affairs is leading the implementation and this memorandum provides updates for your information.

A panel of local artists, historians, designers, educators and community members recommended by the City Manager will be presented to the Cultural Affairs Commission at its next meeting on June 21. With the Commission's input, this panel will comprise the advisory Working Group to recommend a scope for adding full historical context to Confederate art and symbols at Fair Park, commemorate the Hall of Negro Life and a proper memorial of the lynching of Allen Brooks at the corner of Akard and Main Streets.

We anticipate scheduling the Working Group's initial meetings in July and August to begin planning their work.

Additionally, City Council also requested other ideas to enhance and improve Pioneer Cemetery, including the possibility of new statues or plaques and alterations to the Confederate Monument, as well as potential changes to the Robert E. Lee and Confederate Soldier monument plinth and seating area in Oak Lawn Park.

At this point, no specific guidance has been given by council members. I will request meetings with respective council members to better understand their thoughts and any suggestions for potential partners and stakeholders that we may need to engage in these endeavors.

I will provide a more thorough update and timelines for the Working Group and items concerning Pioneer Cemetery and Oak Lawn Park within 90 days. Please contact me if you have questions.


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Assistant City Manager

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