

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE June 5, 2020

TO Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

SUBJECT **Update on the Memorial to Victims of Racial Violence**

By resolution in April 2018, City Council directed the creation of a working group to recommend the scope to contextualize the full history of Fair Park and memorialize the lynching Allen Brooks.

As previously communicated by memorandum in October 2019, the Working Group recognized that there are many victims of racial violence that need memorialization. After consideration of five possible locations, they recommended Martyr's Park (265 Commerce Street, Dallas, 75201) for this City of Dallas Memorial.

Following approval by the Park Board on October 24, 2019, a national Request for Qualifications call for artists was published resulting in more than 50 submissions from local and national artists.

Three artists have been short-listed by the selection committee and will be contracted to submit a site-specific design, with the final selection panel scheduled for July 31, 2020. Those three finalist selections are:

- Norman Lee of Re-Site: <http://www.resite-studio.com/>
- Jay Warren: <http://warrensculpture.com/>
- Ai Qui Hopen/Humanity Memorial Inc: <https://www.aiquihopen.com>

The selection panel recommendation will be presented to the Public Art Committee and Arts and Culture Advisory Commission in September 2020. Thereafter, it will be presented to the Quality of Life, Arts & Culture Committee and then to City Council.

The project will be funded using \$100,000 from Dallas Water Utilities capital bond funds.

Current estimates are that installation will occur in 2021, depending on the design and scope of the project.

If you have any other questions, please contact Jennifer Scripps, Director of the Office of Arts and Culture.

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Joey Zapata
Assistant City Manager

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