



City of Dallas

**MAYOR'S TASK FORCE ON CONFEDERATE MONUMENTS  
MEETING MINUTES**

Tuesday, September 19, 2017

6 p.m.

Dallas City Hall, Council Chambers

1500 Marilla Street, 6EN

Dallas, Texas 75201

**PRESENT: [20]**

Frances Cudjoe Waters, Barvo Walker, Bryce Weigand, Buddy Apple, Coymelle Murchison, Jesse Hornbuckle, Marilyn Mayse, Norma Minnis, Coy Poitier, Jo Trizila, Maggie Murchison, Michael Waters, Rene Martinez, Joli Robinson, Larry Schoenbrun, Arman Rupani, Terrance Perkins, Glenn Newman, Sara Mokuria, Mary Orsak (Youth Commission)

**ABSENT: [2]**

Ervin Seamster, Jr., Frederick Haynes

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Larry Casto (CAO), Tammy Palomino (CAO), Bert Vandenberg (CAO), Juan Garcia (CMO), Jennifer Scripps (OCA), David Fisher (OCA), Clifton Gillespie (OCA), Kay Kallos (OCA), Lynn Rushton (OCA), Rhonda Ivery (OCA), Willis Winters (PKR), Neva Dean (DEV), Patricia Blasquez (MCC), John Slate (SEC), Mark Doty (DEV)

**I. Call To Order**

A quorum of the task force members being present, the Chair called the meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

**II. Approval of Minutes of the September 15, 2017 Meeting**

Mr. Martinez moved to adopt the minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Mr. Walker and unanimously adopted.

**III. Consideration of Written Public Comments**

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Mr. Apple moved that all written public comments received through 6 p.m. today via the online portal at DallasCulture.org be incorporated into the record of this meeting. Motion seconded by Mr. Weigand. The Chair called the vote and declared the motion passed with one abstention. [EXHIBIT A]

**IV. Briefings and Discussions on Task Force Work**

a. *Robert E. Lee and the Confederate Soldier Statue*

Briefed by Kay Kallos.

b. Confederate Monument

Briefed by Kay Kallos.

c. Confederate Street Names

Briefed by Neva Dean.

d. Historic Preservation/Landmark Status of Confederate Monument and Fair Park Art

Briefed by Mark Doty.

Mr. Martinez moved that the General Robert E. Lee statue that has been removed from Lee Park, should be auctioned or sold and the City should not allow its display in any public owned park or building in Dallas. Motion seconded by Mr. Walker.

Ms. Mokuria moved to amend the motion by adding the following after the last sentence: "Furthermore, the statue shall only be sold or gifted to a museum or educational center outside of Dallas that shall, in the event of public display, properly describe the statue in its accurate historical context, relative to the history of slavery and the Civil War, the mythology of 'Lost Cause' and 'gallant South' promotions in the post-Reconstruction era, and the history of segregation and discrimination that followed." Motion seconded by Dr. Waters.

The meeting recessed at 7:58 p.m. and reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

Ms. Mokuria moved to table the motion by Mr. Martinez and the motion to amend by Ms. Mokuria. Motion seconded by Ms. Coymelle Murchison. The Chair called the vote and declared the motion passed unanimously.

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Dr. Waters moved to recommend that the Robert E. Lee Monument be relocated. Motion seconded by Mr. Walker.

Ms. Mokuria moved the previous question. Motion seconded by Dr. Waters. The Chair called the vote and declared the motion passed unanimously.

On the original motion by Dr. Waters, the Chair called the vote and declared the motion passed (18-0) with two abstentions.

**V. Upcoming Meetings and Agenda Items (dates, times, and locations)**

The Chair announced that the next meeting of the task force would be September 22, 2017, 2:30 p.m., in the Council Chamber at Dallas City Hall.

**VI. Adjournment**

After all business properly brought before the task force had been considered, the task force adjourned at 9:04 p.m.

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Frances Cudjoe Waters, Chair

ATTEST:

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Clifton Gillespie, Office of Cultural Affairs

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Date Approved