

# Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE August 24, 2017

TO Honorable Members of the City Council

SUBJECT Members of Mayor's Task Force on Confederate Monuments

I am pleased to present the members of the Mayor's Task Force on Confederate Monuments. It is critical that this task force be an independent, qualified and diverse panel. I appreciate you all for sending your recommendations to achieve this goal.

## **Chair:**

Frances Waters, J.D., is the Chief Strategist of FCW Strategic Consulting with a particular focus on arts/culture, education and organizational strategic planning, and capacity-building. She has also served as a United Methodist pastor and church strategist. She is a graduate of Stanford University and Harvard Law School and is an involved, committed member of the Dallas community.

## **Task Force Members:**

Buddy Apple, Attorney and Preservationist  
Sara Mokuria, Associate Director for Leadership Initiatives, University of Texas at Dallas  
Coy Murchison, Health Care Administration Professional  
Jesse Hornbuckle, Photographer and Business owner  
Terrance Perkins, Executive Director, Passage of Youth, Inc. and Pastor  
Dr. Ervin Seamster, Jr., President, Southwestern Christian College and Pastor  
Marilyn Mayse, Attorney  
Dr. Frederick D. Haynes, Senior Pastor, Friendship-West Baptist Church  
Norma Minnis, Mortgage Broker  
Coy Poitier, Dallas County Historical Commission  
Dr. Glynn Newman, Professor, Eastfield College  
Jo Trizila, President & CEO, TrizCom Public Relations  
Maggie Murchison, Executive Committee, The University of Texas Chancellor's Council  
Barvo Walker, Sculptor  
Rene Martinez, Education Consultant  
Joli Robinson, Dallas Truth, Racial Healing & Transformation  
Larry Schoenbrun, Attorney, Gardere Wyne Sewell LLP  
Bryce Weigand, Architect, Weigand Art & Architecture  
Arman Rupani, Managing Partner, Rupani & Matthew Group LLC

## **Communications Advisor:**

Ken Luce, Founding Partner, LDWWgroup

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Director of Cultural Affairs Jennifer Scripps will serve as the lead city staff liaison for the task force. The task force may also consult with relevant staff in Historic Preservation, Parks and Recreation and the City Attorney's Office.

The first task force meeting will be held on Thursday, August 31, at 6 p.m. in the Dallas City Council Chambers. All meetings will be publicly posted in accordance with the Texas Open Meetings Act and recorded/broadcasted.

If you have any questions, please contact Patricia Blasquez at [patricia.blasquez@dallascityhall.com](mailto:patricia.blasquez@dallascityhall.com).

Best Regards,



Michael S. Rawlings  
Mayor

c: Larry Casto, City Attorney  
Craig D. Kinton, City Auditor  
Rosa A. Rios, City Secretary  
Daniel F. Solis, Administrative Judge  
Kimberly Bizer Tolbert, Chief of Staff to the City Manager  
Majed A. Al-Ghafry, Assistant City Manager  
Jo M. (Jody) Puckett, Assistant City Manager (Interim)

Jon Fortune, Assistant City Manager  
Joey Zapata, Assistant City Manager  
M. Elizabeth Reich, Chief Financial Officer  
Nadia Chandler Hardy, Chief of Community Services  
Raquel Favela, Chief of Economic Development & Neighborhood Services  
Theresa O'Donnell, Chief of Resilience  
Directors and Assistant Directors