

Working Group for Confederate Monuments

Meeting Record

Location of Meeting: Dallas City Hall
Room L1FN C
Dallas, TX 75201

Meeting Date: January 22, 2019 Meeting Start Time: 3:36 p.m.

Working Group Members Present

Buddy Apple
Arthur Gregg
Craig Holcolmb
Coyelle Murchison
Melissa Prycer
Joli Robinson
Albert Valtierra
Matt Wood

Staff Present:

Mark Doty, Chief Planner – Historic Preservation, Sustainable
Development and Construction
Kay Kallos, Public Art Manager Office of Cultural Affairs
Jennifer Scripps, Office of Cultural Affairs Director

Guests

Edward Sebasta, citizen

Working Group Member(s) Absent:

Melissa Alfaro
George Keaton
Joyce King
G Newman
Jon Rollins
Angela Young

AGENDA:

Meeting called to order 3:33 pm by Joli Robinson

Confirmation of the name change for the group: Working Group for the Recontextualization of Fair Park History and the Memorial to Victims of Lynching in Dallas County to reflect the purpose of the group.

GOALS FOR THE WORKING GROUP REVIEWED

FAIR PARK RECONTEXTUALIZATION

- Identify the topics about diversity, inclusion and participation by marginalized groups that would enhance the knowledge about the history of Fair Park.
 - Search for individuals who can provide oral histories/stories about Fair Park history-Melissa Prycer has identified a source for oral histories: Dela Campbell, independent historian.
 - March 5, 2019 review outline of Community Listening sessions.
 - Request assistance from the Dallas Public Library (Jennifer Scripps), the African American Museum(Kay Kallos) the Dallas Historical Society Archive (Kay Kallos), Latinx groups (Albert Valtierra) and the State Fair Archive (Craig Holcomb) to identify resource material for Fair Park histories relating to stories not current told and groups not current represented.

- Identify additional individuals who may have this information: Joli Robinson will reach out to Peggy Lornig, Kay Kallos will contact Angela Young for Native American contacts and George Keaton-Remembering Black Dallas.
- Identify methods to effectively communicate these histories to visitors at Fair Park
 - Need interpretive planner-for design/build
- Identify locations for new signage to communicate new information about Fair Park
 - Confirm what is currently at Fair Park
 - What does the current Walking Tour offer (Matt Wood)
 - What is available from the Hall of State (Matt Wood)
 - Collection current bibliography for Fair Park information (Matt Wood)
 - Connect with Spectra to see what they have planned (Kay Kallos and Matt Wood)
- Explore other methods of communication new histories
 - Digital
 - Print
 - Other
- Explore locations for expanded exhibitions about Fair Park History
 - Identify potential exhibition topics
- Funding Sources

GOALS FOR THE MEMORIAL TO VICTIMS OF LYNCHING IN DALLAS COUNTY

- Review updates from the Equal Justice Initiative and the National Museum of Peace and Justice
 - Identify when the formal proposal for the historical marker can be initiated (Jennifer Scripps)
 - Identify descendants of lynching who can inform the memorials (not assigned)
 - Identify how to collect information about lynchings in Dallas County-methodology from the Atlanta History Center (Buddy Apple.)
 - Review relevant information from *Controversial Monuments and Memorials* by David B. Allison
 - Review the Equal Justice Initiative Guide (Jennifer Scripps and Kay Kallos)
 - Research other victims from Dallas County (Jennifer Scripps and Kay Kallos)
 - William Taylor
- Discussion about location of Lynching Memorial-deferred to March 5, 2019
 - Akard and Main
 - Old Red Courthouse
 - Other

TIMELINE FOR FORMULATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

- Proposed deadline -April 2019.

NEXT MEETING-Tuesday, March 5, 2019

Meeting adjourned at 4:43

