

RESOLUTION NO. 20200729-091

WHEREAS, the City of Austin is committed to undoing systemic racism and institutional inequity; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 20171005-031 directed the City Manager to identify and develop recommendations for accomplishing removal or renaming of City-owned monuments and memorials of the Confederacy located on City-owned property, including, and without limitation, streets and buildings, and encouraged the City Manager to consult with the Equity Office and other City departments as needed to develop the findings and recommendations; and

WHEREAS, the Equity Office released a memorandum report on July 26, 2018, in response to Resolution No. 20171005-031 listing current City assets in each Council district that memorialize Confederate history or have tangential ties to the Confederacy; and

WHEREAS, Council members have already begun to collaborate with their respective constituents to begin to facilitate a robust stakeholder process to begin to rename city assets with latent Confederate history; and

WHEREAS, it is the aim of the Austin City Council to educate its citizens regarding all City assets that memorialize the Confederacy, other white supremacist causes, and any person or entity that has perpetuated violence against Black people, Indigenous people, and other nonwhite people; and

WHEREAS, the Asset Identification report released by the Equity Office on July 26, 2018, in response to Resolution No. 20171005-031 identified city-owned Confederate monuments and memorials and provided recommendations and guidance for renaming them; **NOW, THEREFORE**,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

It is the stated goal of the Austin City Council to rename all City assets dedicated to the Confederacy and white supremacy, and to recognize esteemed state and local heroes, places, and concepts that uphold the noble ideals of liberty, democracy, and self-determination.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to collaborate with the Austin City Council and the Equity Office to rename City assets that are dedicated to white supremacy, Confederate history and/or have tangential ties to the Confederacy, including, but not limited to, those identified in Resolution No. 20171005-031 and the memorandum issued to Mayor and Council on July 26, 2018, regarding Resolution No. 20171005-31, as well as other City assets identified by residents and stakeholders. This collaboration shall recognize, respect, and continue to utilize the community-based renaming process initiated by a community in collaboration with the district's Council representative for a city asset.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to assist Council members in facilitating an educational, restorative process for the reconsideration of troubling City assets.

This process shall include, as applicable for each city asset:

- Coordination with Austin History Center, Austin Transportation Department, Austin Equity Office, Austin Parks and Recreation Department, Travis County Historical Commission, Carver Museum, Austin Public Libraries, City Council offices, and citizen volunteers to host educational events and distribute written educational content both online and on paper regarding the confederate individuals and institutions memorialized in City assets;
- Coordination with the same groups regarding possible alternative names for the City assets with Confederate history and/or tangential ties to the Confederacy;
- Only after this educational process is completed with respect to a particular troubling asset, coordination with Austin Transportation Department, Austin Parks and Recreation, Austin Public Library, and Council offices to host listening sessions online and, where appropriate, in-person, at which residents, especially those who live or work on or at

troubling assets, may voice their opinions regarding changing the name of the relevant City assets latent with Confederate history;

- A virtual/remote participation option for all parties involved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to choose a cohort of least five, but no more than ten, city assets with latent Confederate history to move through this process within each six-month period beginning September 1, 2020. The City Manager is directed to report on the educational content delivered, public opinions voiced, and alternate names proposed for each cohort within one month of completing the cohort's process. The City Manager is directed to repeat this process until every City asset latent with Confederate and white supremacist history has gone through it. This includes but is not limited to, those identified in Resolution No. 20171005-031 and the memorandum issued to Mayor and Council on July 26, 2018, regarding Resolution No. 20171005-31, as well as other city assets identified by residents and stakeholders.

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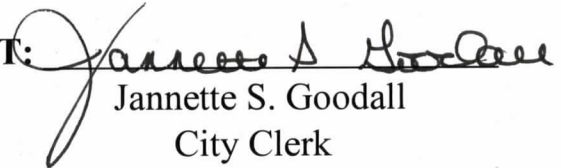
The City Manager is directed to provide a bi-annual report detailing the progress made to rename City assets with Confederate history.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:

The City Manager is directed to provide an update on the progress of this resolution by November 30, 2020.

ADOPTED: July 29, 2020

ATTEST:


Jannette S. Goodall
City Clerk