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Commemoration Commission memo to the City Council re street and park names

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To: City Council:

From: Commemoration Commission

Date: September 7, 2017

The Commemoration Commission would like to suggest that we could put in place a process whereby the city could identify certain streets and parks where adding commemorative names to those streets and parks could raise awareness about current issues we are facing as a nation. This could be a tool to educate our residents while addressing continued bigotry and racism.

The committee could come up with a process, identify potential locations, and suggest various ways to implement changes. We could also, with your concurrence, adopt commemorative names for streets and parks, and suggest ways to publicize those changes while reasserting our values as a city. We could, for instance, coordinate a public arts project which culminates in a day of unveiling. This would raise awareness and make a much stronger statement than if we went through a long and complicated process to try and change street and park names.

We will have committee representatives at your council meeting on September 13.

Bruce Williams, for the Commemoration Commission

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Councilmembers,

The Commemoration Commission has submitted the letter below in preparation for your discussion of street names.

Jessie

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Thank you. I've received your email and have shared it with the Council.