

Throckmorton Statue Ad Hoc Advisory Board Research

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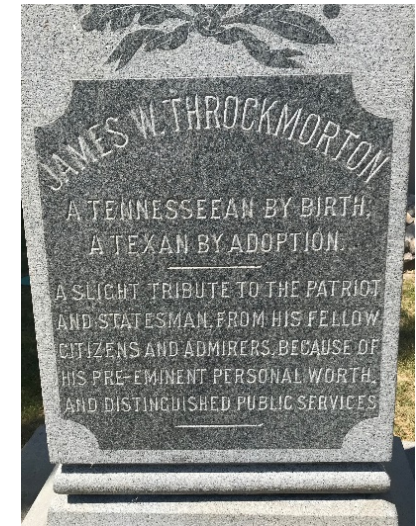
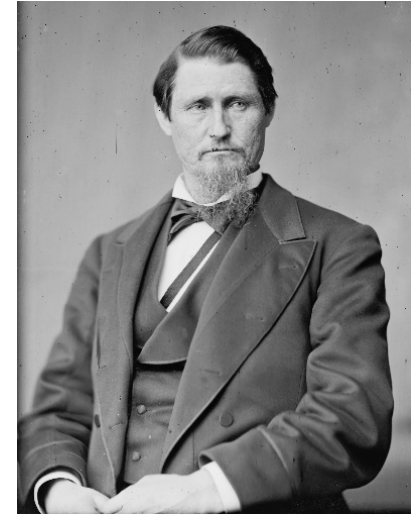
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Background

- Council was briefed on July 7 about the Throckmorton Statue located at MPAC.
- Staff was directed by Council to bring back a plan and proposed resolution for discussion.
- Ad Hoc Advisory Board was created July 21 with 11 members total appointed.
 - 7 appointed by Mayor/Council
 - One appointed from Arts Commission, HPAB, Main Street Board, and Collin County Historical Commission
- The purpose of the Ad Hoc Advisory Board was to:
 - Over the course of three or four meetings, advise staff in performing research related to the context, appropriateness, and relevancy of Throckmorton Statue
 - Provide an outlet for community engagement and present Council with research and options for the statue

Meeting #1 – August 19

- Advisory Board introductions
- Staff presentation on James Webb Throckmorton and the statue
- Staff presentation on monuments, memorials and artifacts
- Advisory Board discussion and comments



Meeting #2 – September 2

- Staff presentation on State Antiquities Landmark (SAL) designation and permit process and procedure
- Staff presentation on statue options and Advisory Board discussion and comments
- Staff presentation on surrounding communities/counties Confederate monuments and memorials
- Staff presentation about online public opinion platform



Meeting #3 – September 17

- Public Comment
 - 18 people spoke during the public comment period. 10 favored leaving the statue in place, 7 favored statue relocation and 1 did not share an opinion.
- Staff facilitation of Advisory Board discussion about other McKinney monuments, artifacts, or sites that may warrant further review.
- Public Input survey was conducted from 9/10-9/27.
 - 2,094 total survey responses. 1,781 McKinney residents.
 - Majority of McKinney residents favor leaving the statue in place.
 - Non-Resident respondents also favored leaving the statue in place.

Council Meeting – October 20, 2020

- Staff presented an overview of the Ad Hoc Advisory Board meetings and the public input component.
- Two members of the Ad Hoc Advisory Board made presentations.
 - Justin Beller advocated statue removal
 - Judge Nathan White advocated keeping the statue in place

Questions and Discussion