

# **Black History Month 2020**

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**Work Session - February 4, 2020**

# Today's presentation

**Discuss City of McKinney activities  
for Black History Month**

# Background



- 2018 district designation from TCA
- Recognizes high concentration of cultural assets

# HDMCD Boundaries



## HDMCD celebrates arts, culture & heritage to create:

- An environmentally pleasing district
- A strong, unified district
- A richly diverse district
- A unique, one-of-a-kind district
- An economically vital district

# Black History Month 2019

- **We Must Honor, We Must Teach**
  - Documentary recording stories from McKinney's African-American Community
  - Portraits of educators reveal & dedication at MPAC
  - Celebration & screening at Faubion MS



## **During 2019, the City of McKinney...**

- **Ross Cemetery & Mexican Cemetery**
- **Discussions with community members about highlighting the Cultural Heritage of McKinney**
- **Discussion with other City departments about how to respond to those comments from the community**



**Featuring key sites from a historical perspective**

# Black History of McKinney Website Demo



# Website Featured

- **Downtown/Cultural District social media**
- **McKinneyTexas.org**
- **Presented on February 16 for Discussion Event**

# Additional Black History Month highlights

McKinney Public Library and Flourish Community-based Initiatives present

**BLACK  
HISTORY  
MONTH**

**PANEL DISCUSSION:  
WHERE DO WE GO FROM HERE?**

**Sunday, Feb. 16 • 4 p.m. • Free**  
McKinney Performing Arts Center

# Flourish & McKinney Public Library

- Panel discussion on Sunday, February 16 at MPAC
- Year long, community reading initiative
- *Where Do We Go from Here: Chaos or Community?* Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

**Black History Month Proclamation  
City Council Regular Meeting  
Tuesday, February 4 at 6:00 p.m.**

# Other Cultural Heritage Initiatives

- **Historic Walking Tours through GIS**
  - Hispanic – American history in McKinney
- **Partnerships with Chestnut Square and Collin County History Center**
- **Ross Cemetery & Mexican Cemetery Preservation**
- **Cross promotion and activities with other City Departments**

# Questions?

