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October 14, 2015

Mr. Nathan Macek, Chair  
Alexandria Transportation Commission  
724 Franklin Street  
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Dear Mr. ~~Macek~~ <sup>Nate</sup>:

At its September 29 meeting, City Council adopted the attached resolution to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names. The resolution directs the City Manager to appoint the seven members of the Advisory Group, with two members appointed at-large and one member appointed from each of the Alexandria Human Rights Commission, the Historic Alexandria Resources Commission, the Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage, the Alexandria Planning Commission, and the Alexandria Transportation Commission.

The functions of the Advisory Group are to:

1. Attend scheduled Advisory Group meetings, which shall be open to the public.
2. Bring community values, knowledge, and ideas into its discussions and considerations.
3. Develop recommendations on actions, if any, that it believes City Council should consider with respect to:
  - a. The status of the Appomattox statue on South Washington Street;
  - b. The name of Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria;
  - c. The names of the many streets within the City that are named after Confederate generals and military leaders; and
  - d. A specific policy on flying of any flags on property owned or under the control of the City.
4. Hold one or more public hearings to solicit comments from the public on the issues relating to Confederate memorials.

The Advisory Group will meet on an ad hoc basis, including holding one or more public hearings, and is to complete its work and forward its recommendations to City Council no later than March 15, 2016.

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Please provide a recommendation for a representative from the Alexandria Transportation Commission to the Advisory Group, no later than October 30, 2015. I have asked Craig Fifer, Director of Communications and Public Information, to provide staff support to the Advisory Group and coordinate the appointment of members. You may contact Craig at [craig.fifer@alexandriava.gov](mailto:craig.fifer@alexandriava.gov) or 703.746.3965 to provide your recommendation or to obtain additional information. If you know of other individuals who may be interested in serving in the two at-large positions on the Advisory Group, please encourage them to submit the application for appointment at [www.alexandriava.gov/Confederate](http://www.alexandriava.gov/Confederate).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Mark B. Jinks  
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution Establishing an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names

cc: Steve Sindiong, Principal Planner, Transportation & Environmental Services

**RESOLUTION NO. 2689**

**WHEREAS**, the Alexandria City Council has received a report on City symbols, signs, and memorials relating to the Confederacy; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexandria City Council has decreed that Confederate flags will no longer be flown by the City in City rights-of-way; and

**WHEREAS**, Alexandria City Council wishes to establish an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names to review and recommend any actions that should be taken with respect to these street names and memorials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names shall advise City Council on any actions it may wish to take with respect to (1) the status of the *Appomattox* statue on South Washington Street; (2) the name of Jefferson Davis Highway in the City of Alexandria; (3) the names of the many streets named after Confederate generals and military leaders; (4) a specific policy with respect to the flying of any flags on property owned or under the control of the City; and

**WHEREAS**, a diverse and knowledgeable group of City residents can assist in making recommendations with respect to these memorials;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA:**

1. That there is hereby established the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names (the "Advisory Group").

2. That the Advisory Group shall consist of 7 members, and these members (one each) shall come from the following entities:

- Alexandria Human Rights Commission
- Historic Alexandria Resources Commission
- Alexandria Society for the Preservation of Black Heritage
- Planning Commission
- Transportation Commission

In addition, the City Manager shall appoint two citizen members at large.

3. That the City Manager, after seeking recommendations from these commissions and associations, as well as self-nominations by Alexandria residents who wish to serve as members at large, shall appoint the seven members for the Advisory Group;

4. That, in making its appointments, the City Manager shall endeavor to ensure that in aggregate, the Advisory Group membership is representative of the diversity of interests in the issues before it;

5. That the City Manager shall appoint a chair for the Advisory Group;

6. That the City Manager shall confirm all Advisory Group members through an appointment letter;

7. That the City Manager shall provide staff support to the Advisory Group;

8. That the functions of the Advisory Group shall be to:

- a. Attend scheduled Advisory Group meetings, which shall be open to the public;
- b. Bring community values, knowledge, and ideas into its discussions and considerations;
- c. Develop recommendations on actions, if any, that it believes City Council should consider with respect to (1) the status of the *Appomattox* statue on

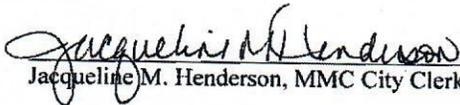
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- d. Hold one or more public hearings to solicit comments from the public on the issues relating to Confederate memorials; and

9. That the Advisory Group shall meet on an ad hoc basis, complete its work and forward its recommendations to City Council no later than March 15, 2016.

Adopted: September 29, 2015

  
WILLIAM D. EULLE MAYOR

ATTEST:

  
Jacqueline M. Henderson, MMC City Clerk