



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 20-00073

City Council

2/13/2020

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Sherri Myers

SUBJECT:

UNITY PROJECT COMMITTEE

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council establish a Unity Project Monument Committee for the purpose of developing an inclusive monument history of the City of Pensacola. Further that Council direct the Council Executive to work in collaboration with the Mayor's Office regarding the composition and mission of the committee to be brought for Council approval no later than March 26, 2020.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

Pensacola has a rich history that is one of its greatest assets. Monuments often express the history, culture and values of a place and are erected to honor individuals who are representative of the community's culture, aspiration, vision and values. Pensacola's monuments do not reflect the great diversity of cultures and people who made significant contributions to not only Pensacola's history, but also the history of our county.

To address the diversity deficiencies in our city's history as told through its monuments, the City Council sent a project to Escambia County to be included in a request for funds to Triumph Gulf Coast to build a Unity Project to add monuments to the City of Pensacola.

The Unity Project calls for the establishment of a Unity Project Monument Committee. To date, no action has been taken towards moving this project forward. The time is ripe to establish a committee comprised of various individuals representing Native American tribes, African Americans, women, people with disabilities and other historically significant ethnic minorities. The committee would gather information through outreach into the community, seeking ideas for the creation of a great and powerful work of art that will be a tourist attraction and inspiration to experience Pensacola's dynamic history.

Triumph Gulf Coast provided notice that this project meets the minimum requirements for further consideration. A full application will need to be completed and submitted for formal consideration. The amount of Triumph Funds requested was \$3,000,000.

PRIOR ACTION:

November 15, 2017 - Triumph Gulf Coast received the Unity Project application

February 6, 2018 - Staff received notification from Triumph Gulf Coast that the project meets the minimum requirement for further consideration

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No financial impact for setting up a committee.

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Unity Project - Triumph Eligible Letter

PRESENTATION: No