

Williamson County Memorial Brick Program

Feb. 8, 2022 – City Council

Overview

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History

- Williamson County Historical Commission
 - Mission of the commission is to protect and preserve the county's historic and prehistoric resources for the use, education, economic benefit, and enjoyment of present and future generations.
- Created the Memorial Brick Program which was established to recognize and honor persons, organizations, and events related to military service, ancestral heritage, or historical significance, and that are in some manner associated with modern Citizens of Georgetown and Williamson County

Memorial Brick Program

- This program has been in existence for a few decades
- In 2021 the City realized we did not have a formal agreement with the Williamson County Historical Commission (WCHC)
- The City paused paver installations
 - Asked WCHC to draft an agreement
 - Include process and procedures
 - Establish role and responsibilities
 - Set terms of agreement
 - Set parameters around program
 - Order form

Previous Process

- Applicant fills out a memorial brick order form
 - \$50 per brick made payable to Williamson County Historical Commission
- Commission reviews order requests
 - Bricks are made to order
- Commission delivers the bricks to the City of Georgetown's Public Works team to install around the square in City's right-of-way

Previous Process

- Lacked clarity on liability of bricks in perpetuity
- No clear standard on who could be memorialized

Proposed Agreement

- Releases City of liability for maintenance, text, or other issues relating to the bricks other than damage as a direct result of action by the City
- Outlines roles and responsibilities of WCHC and the City for:
 - In the event of damage or need of removal
 - Coordination of installation
- Creates an appeals process
 - WCHC representative will meet with a City representative to review and make a final decision

Who can be recognized?

- An ancestor
- The military service of a veteran
- A historical person associated with a historical event
- Other WCHC approved figure
- WCHC will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion (creed), gender, gender expression, age, national origin (ancestry), disability, marital status, sexual orientation, or military status in any of its operations.
- WCHC will permit all requests for memorialization except those that fall under the Brick Text Exclusions.

Who cannot be recognized?

- WCHC will not accept a donation for any Memorial Brick that recognizes any person convicted of a felony, as defined by state, federal, or other jurisdiction's law, or persons convicted of war crimes or genocide
- Such requests will be returned to the Donor with an explanation for the rejection and explain the Appeals process

Proposed Agreement



Council Direction

- Does Council wish to continue the City's involvement in the Memorial Brick Program?
- Are there any changes you wish to see in an agreement with WCHC?
 - Who can be recognized
 - Language on bricks
 - Location of bricks

Thank You