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ITEM #5: Accept the Chapel Hill Nine Subcommittee Commemorative Marker Recommendation

Council Question: Can we have access to the full text that is blocked by the photos on p. 32 of the packet?

Council Question: What is the gist of the text that would accompany the marker?

Staff Response: *"On this site on Sunday, February 28, 1960, nine young men from Lincoln High School entered what was then the Colonial Drug Store, sat at a booth and sought the same service that was given to white customers. They remained seated after they were refused service and told to leave. In time, they left voluntarily and were confronted by police who took down their names as they stood on this sidewalk. Their courageous step sparked a decade of civil rights demonstrations in Chapel Hill."*

Full text can also be found on page 59 of the packet (and will be clear in the presentation).

Council Question: Were there any other forms of the marker discussed or contemplated (e.g. free standing, mounted, on the ground)?

Staff Response: *A variety of kinds of markers were discussed by the group. Ultimately, this recommendation is not advocating for any specific form for a marker. Instead, the recommendation includes high level interests to guide and inform the design.*

Council Question: Could someone explain how the local history trading cards would work? What would they look like? How big would they be? What time period would the cards cover?

Staff Response: *Using nine of the documentary photographs from the Historic Civil Rights Commemorations Task Force's visual timeline, we are developing nine local history trading cards. All nine cards together will form a mobile timeline, spanning 1960-1969, and are designed for users to learn about Chapel Hill's Civil Rights Movement.*

On November 30, the Chapel Hill Public Library will host an Exhibit Launch and Reception. At this event, we will unveil the timeline, share the trading cards, and screen a video about the Chapel Hill Nine. Thereafter, sturdy vinyl copies of the timeline and sets of the trading cards will be available for checkout at the Library for area schools and community groups to use in programs and lessons about the Civil Rights Movement and local history.

Funding for this project is provided by an LSTA (Library Services and Technology) grant from the State Library.

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Council Question: When were the photos displayed on pgs. 59 and 60 taken?

Staff Response: *The documentary photographs were taken in 1964.*

Council Question: Will the recording of the conversation on July 24, 2018 made by library staff be made publicly available, to any member of the public, not just researchers?

Staff Response: *Yes. We will make this recording available online for anyone to view. We anticipate having all of this history available online by November 30.*