

Memorials Fact Sheet

In 2024, the City and the community are together developing vision for a George Floyd Square (GFS). The vision will outline a shared vision for George Floyd Square and the priorities for it to thrive and grow, including:

- Community priorities and values.
- Future use and ownership of the Peoples Way.
- Locations and goals for future memorials.
- The City's role for the memorials.
- Right-of-way infrastructure design and operational needs.

Current Conservation of the Memorials

George Floyd Global Memorial and local community caretakers are currently conducting conservation of the memorials on site in consultation with art conservators.

Artist's Rights

The artists who created work for the square may have rights and need to be consulted on the future of their works.

City Ownership and Regulations

- The Right of Way, which includes sidewalks, roads, utilities and runs from building face to building face is regulated and maintained by the City.
- The Peoples Way is owned by the City. The City plans to transfer that property to a community-centered owner in the future.
- The Say Their Names Cemetery is on a flood pond owned and maintained by the City.

Future Request for Qualifications (RFQ) for the Peoples' Way

The community will help decide if the City should transfer the art and memorials (a) with the property to the future community owner OR (b) to a different group, before transferring property ownership.

Project Map



Contact

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Upcoming Projects that Effect Memorials

Right-of-way (ROW) Future Design and Construction

- The new ROW design will likely need to include space for future memorials. City staff plan to have the vision document guide the process of defining these spaces.
- The construction and bid documents could include some elements related to future memorials, including practical elements such as a footing, which is an underground concrete base that would support future art to be installed.
- The ROW infrastructure project is eligible to receive support through the City's public art program. If selected, a public art project could also result in a memorial at the square.
- Existing memorials in the ROW will need to be transferred to other locations during construction of the ROW.
- There is \$228,000 in the 2024 budget to work with conservators and people at the square to develop a plan and cost estimate for transferring art and offerings to other locations as needed for the development of the Peoples' Way and construction of the Right-of-Way. This plan will help the City anticipate the work and the costs associated with stabilizing the offerings and moving them off-site as needed.

City Arts Programming Related to GFS

- In response to the murder of George Floyd, the City created the Creative Response Fund (CRF), which funded artist projects to heal and restore communities traumatized after the murder. CRF supported 49 projects for a total of \$480,000. \$90,000 of the funding went directly to projects at 38th and Chicago and GFS.
- In 2024 Arts & Cultural Affairs will be funding activities in the City's seven Cultural Districts, including the 38th Street Cultural District, which will receive awards totaling \$123,495. It is anticipated that similar funding will be available in 2025.

