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## Mayor's Commemorative Landscape Task Force October 23, 2024 at 12:00 PM Virtual Meeting

## Agenda

- 1. Welcome
- 2. Discussion on Recommendation for Osage Nation Commemoration
- 3. Update on Recommendation for Baptist Church Commemoration
- Next Meeting: TBD
- Public Comment
- 6. Comments from Members
- 7. Adjourn

The Osage: A Living Heritage

Osage territory covered the entire state of Missouri dating back to A.D. 500. Their trails are throughout the state, including through this park. Osage Nation was a culturally rich and sophisticated society with deeply held customs and beliefs. As the first French traders and settlers moved into the area the Osage established ties with them, becoming partners in business and sometimes in life. But after the Louisiana Purchase the United States government decided it was imperative to move all tribes farther west to make way for European settlers. Under pressure beginning in 1808, the Osage ceded the land where they had lived for centuries. They were paid one cent for every six acres ceded. In the process Osage history on this land was misrepresented and largely erased. Today, the City of Clayton wishes to acknowledge the traditional homelands of the Osage and pay respect to elders, both past and present, for the heritage they bring to this land.