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## DuSable Honors: Monument and Street Locations. Date for City Holiday

December 21, 2020

Dear Mayor Lightfoot:

Again, thanks for a wonderful meeting last Sunday. We look forward to a great working relationship in correcting the wrongs to Chicago's founding Father DuSable, after 240 years. Below are the proposed locations for DuSable Drive, the Monument and date(s) proposed City Holiday.

1. **DuSable Drive:** The Outer Lake Shore Drive from Hollywood to the North to 67th Street to the South to be renamed "Jean Baptiste Pointe DuSable Drive".
2. **DuSable Monument:** The erection of the major 25-foot DuSable Monument, should be at the **entrance to Grant Park on Ida B. Wells Drive in the Median/Island**, between the 2 Indian Bronzes/Horses which is 175 feet East of Michigan Avenue on Ida B. Wells Drive. **Chicago Park District owns the location**

Mayor Lightfoot, this is the perfect location for your approval to place the Bronze Monument in a 12-foot square land space. The size of the Island/Median is 42 feet by 35 feet. In communication with Superintendent Michael Kelly, if you can approve the space, it will allow us to go full force with our fundraising campaign to supplement the lion share of budget/funds which we are requesting from the City.

In the event for architectural reason that location is not available, the next choice is **in front of the Buckingham Fountain at Ida B. Well Drive and Columbus Drive.**

3. **DuSable Holiday:** The full City Holiday to set aside in honor of DuSable who founded this great city, should be one of the following dates. Since March 4th is a day set aside as a day of observance, that would have to be upgraded to a full City Holiday. If March 4th is not a workable date, the perfect time would be the first Saturday in July of each year to reduce the financial burden.

It is believed that DuSable was born on June 26<sup>th</sup> or shortly thereafter. Therefore the 1<sup>st</sup> Saturday in July, could-be the most cost-effective date to honor and celebrated the founding father of Chicago, each year. As soon as the cost for both dates are known, we will send a firm update as which of the two City ordinances should be proposed for a vote to celebrate "DuSable City Holiday".

About every five-seven years, DuSable Day and Independence Day would be combined which is a good thing for the city. Chicago can afford to by-pass several Holidays we now celebrate, but the long over-due DuSable Holiday is a must!

Again, I can be reached at 312/719-6181 or E-mail [Bheroesmatter@gmail.com](mailto:Bheroesmatter@gmail.com). Our sincere thanks to you. God Bless you and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

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