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Public Comment Sought on First Street Cemetery Reburial and Memorialization Plans

Waco, Texas (July 3, 2014) – The First Street Cemetery Memorial Advisory Committee will host a public input meeting concerning the reburial of remains disinterred from First Street Cemetery. The Committee will also receive comments concerning the memorialization of the remains, including markers and signs, and the services to be conducted after the reburial.

Date: Tuesday, July 8, 2014
Time: 6:00 p.m.
Location: City of Waco Multi-Purpose Center
1020 Elm Avenue (next to the YMCA)
Waco, Texas 76704

During the construction of the Texas Ranger Company “F” Headquarters building in 2007, remains were discovered. The remains were disinterred under an archaeology permit issued by the Texas Historical Commission (THC). Under a Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) executed with the National Park Service, THC, and Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, the City of Waco is required to submit to THC a plan for the reburial and memorialization of the remains.

Fulfilling the requirements of the MOA requires that the City seek public input regarding the reburial and memorialization of the remains. The First Street Cemetery Memorial Advisory Committee was appointed to fulfill this requirement through its own discussions and deliberations as well as hosting a public meeting at which interested persons are invited to offer comments. The Committee will present recommendations on the reburial and memorialization to the Waco City Council.

In addition to appearing at the public meeting, citizens may send comments to the Waco City Secretary at: P.O. Box 2570, Waco, Texas 76702-2570 or email: Trish@ci.waco.tx.us or fax: 254-750-5748. A notice will be posted on the City’s website at waco-texas.com (click “Public Notices” under the Quick Links tab). The page has a link for sending comments to the City Secretary. Please submit comments by July 11, 2014.

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