



GREENWOOD CEMETERY

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Presentation Overview

- Cemetery Background
- Current Management Status
- Review of Recent Improvements
- Future Mapping and Customer Service



Greenwood Cemetery Background

- Waco's second oldest cemetery, located off South Highway 77
- The City purchased land for the cemetery in 1875 with the county, private individuals and groups also purchasing adjoining neighboring property
- The cemetery includes 18 acres and more than 2,500 headstone memorials
- Greenwood includes many notable African-American leaders and citizens and is the resting place for many residents that passed away during the Spanish Flu pandemic
- Community groups and associations were instrumental in preservation

Current Management Overview

- 2007: Council approved to close majority of cemetery to further burials
- 2014: City assumed overall maintenance
- 2017-2020: Improvement Project
- 2020: Declaration of Intent to consolidate into one property
- Parks and Recreation Department
 - Management of cemetery operations and maintenance
 - Collaboration with City Secretary's Office, internal city departments, Oakwood and Rosemound Associations, and Texas Historical Commission

Review of Recent Improvements

- \$435,000 project featured new perimeter fencing, ornate entranceways and signage
- The project was assisted by fiscal and land contributions:
 - Former cemetery associations, Texas Department of Transportation, McLennan County, and Methodist Children's Home
- The fence project included survey technology that digitally mapped grave markers
- Due to a variety of property owners and management groups, there remains a lack of burial records that impacts those trying to locate the burial site of family and loved ones

Mapping and Customer Service

- The digital survey is helping us better serve this need for publicly available information
- Digital data along with written content is being converted to a searchable map and database
 - Waco-McLennan County Library Genealogy Services
 - Information Technology GIS Mapping Division
 - McLennan County Cemetery Interest Group Volunteers
- Currently at a 25% status with completion anticipated by the end of 2021
 - Database will be made available through the Waco-McLennan County Library Genealogy Center web page, with corresponding links from the Parks and Recreation Department web page



QUESTIONS



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