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City of Waco to Hold Virtual Ribbon Cutting for Greenwood Cemetery

WACO, TEXAS (September 13, 2020) The City of Waco will hold a Virtual Ribbon Cutting to mark the completion of the renovation of the Greenwood Cemetery. Due to COVID-19 limits on group meetings and to observe social distancing the participants met individually at the beautiful new entrance of the cemetery to record their part of the ceremony.

The edited virtual ribbon cutting celebration ceremony will air on WCCC-TV (available on Spectrum and Grande cable channel 10 and on the web at www.wccc.tv) at 10am on Tuesday, September 15th.

Participating in the Virtual Ribbon Cutting are Jonathan Cook- Waco Parks and Recreation Director, Waco City Manager Bradley Ford, Waco Mayor Kyle Deaver, Mayor Pro Tem and District One Council Representative Andrea Barefield, and former Waco City Council District One Representative Noah Jackson.

The Greenwood Cemetery is Waco's second oldest cemetery, dating back to 1875 when the City of Waco, McLennan County and several private entities each began operating their respective portions of the 18acre site for burials. While Greenwood is the final resting place for many of Waco's famous and widely celebrated citizens, it has struggled with the legacy of a segregated past.

The \$435,000 improvement project was a collaborative effort to remove boundaries and place the entire cemetery within the City of Waco's care. Working together were families, citizens and former cemetery association members along with the Texas Historical Commission, Texas Department of Transportation, People's Cemetery Association, McLennan County, Methodist Children's Home and the City of Waco.

The City of Waco invites all its citizens to share in this special ceremony of the official opening of the Greenwood Cemetery that now has beautiful arched entrances, and an iron fence that encloses the all-in-one combined burial ground for all who rest there.

Media interested in receiving a full HD copy of the video after the ceremony airs can call 750-5636 or email Larryh@wacotx.gov.

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