

Background

- **FBISD began construction in fall of 2017**
- **In response to Mr. Reginald Moore's concerns, FBISD engaged Goshawk Environmental Consulting, Inc.**
- **On February 17th, historical grave was discovered**
- **Goshawk began further investigations under the direction of the Texas Historical Commission (THC)**
- **Site boundaries were determined, believed to contain 94 grave shafts**

Background cont.

- **Discussions between FBISD and City of Sugar Land staff**
 - **Identify most appropriate and dignified course of action**
 - **Imperial Prison Farm Cemetery obtained by the City**
 - **City owned and maintained**



Background cont.

- **City engaged Goshawk for remote sensing and exploratory excavations**
- **Assessed the proposed area for possibility of unmarked graves**

Imperial Prison Farm Cemetery



Goshawk
confirmed no
graves in
assessed area

Imperial Prison Farm Cemetery



Imperial Prison Farm Cemetery



Engagement

- **Fort Bend Independent School District**
- **Texas Historical Commission**
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- **Sugar Land Heritage Foundation**
- **Mr. Reginald Moore with the Convict Leasing and Labor Project**
- **Community input**

Engagement cont.

- **Texas Historical Commission**
 - **Suggested the City of Waco**
 - **Formed an advisory board**
 - **Provided input on the reinterment process**

Memorandum of Understanding

- **Memorandum of Understanding between City of Sugar Land and FBISD**
 - **High level agreement that outlines responsibilities**
- **Allows for a formal Interlocal Agreement**
 - **Include details and anticipated cost estimates associated with relocation and interment**

Memorandum of Understanding

- **Fort Bend Independent School District**
 - **Conduct exhumation – ongoing**
 - **Approval of Interlocal Agreement**
 - **Submit a petition to the court for removal and reburial**
 - **Costs associated with: storage, new burial vessels, transportation, interment, and security**
 - **Procurement and placement of temporary markers for each grave**

Memorandum of Understanding

- **City of Sugar Land**
 - **Approval of Interlocal Agreement**
 - **Costs associated with: layout design and location, maintenance, future park development (walking paths, interpretive historical information, and parking)**
 - **Procurement and placement of permanent markers for each grave**

Next Steps

- **Begin drafting Interlocal Agreement with FBISD**
- **Complete exhumation**
- **FBISD file a petition with the court**

Questions