



Parks & Recreation

To: Mayor and City Council Members
Doug Faseler, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation

Through: Rick Cortes, Assistant City Manager

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Subject: **Resolution of the City Council of Seguin, Texas authorizing work to be performed at the Juan Seguin Burial Site; providing for reimbursement costs not-to-exceed \$400; and declaring an effective date.**

Last year, 200 bricks (193 monogrammed and 7 blank) were placed at the Juan Seguin Burial Site (not permanently). This effort was led by Albert Seguin Gonzales who is a direct descendent of Juan Seguin. Mr. Gonzales has been involved in efforts to beautify and enhance the Juan Seguin Burial Site for many years. Every October, Mr. Gonzales is part of the Juan Seguin Celebration special event that is held at the Coliseum and onsite at the Juan Seguin Burial Site. Council Member Medrano and Council Member Castellon have been involved with the celebration as well and all have helped to raise money to further beautify and enhance the Juan Seguin Burial Site.

Recent improvements to the burial site include new plantings, irrigation, overall landscaping, benches, and a decorative trashcan. The City of Seguin has partnered with fundraising efforts and helped fund beautification efforts at the burial site for all to enjoy. Recent burial site maintenance has included repainting and straightening of the flag poles and repairing the site lighting.

There is a restricted revenue account set up for the City to receive donations for the burial site. Currently, there is \$1,506.90 in the account. On July 14, 2015, Mr. Gonzales donated \$400 that was earmarked for the brick project. Recently, Mr. Gonzales requested that 50 additional monogrammed bricks be added to the 200 bricks that are already in place near the three flag poles. The names on the monogrammed bricks are primarily descendants of Juan Seguin and family, close friends, and Seguinites that were paid for by brick donors. In addition, some brick donors paid extra for bricks that were donated with such names as Mayors Keil, Mathis, and Stautzenberger and others including John Taylor, Sam Flores, Tomas Castellon, and Carlos Medrano.

Mr. Gonzales has requested to install 50 more bricks and to combine all of the monogrammed bricks (total of 250) in a more permanent foundation to prevent erosion, loss of bricks, and for aesthetic reasons through a contractor to be paid for through donations raised by Mr. Gonzales. Although City staff administratively approved the 200 bricks to be installed last year, with the additional request for installation of the 50 bricks and all to be permanently installed staff decided to put this request before City Council for consideration. According to Mr. Gonzales, there will be no more additional bricks added to the site.

Staff recommends approval of the resolution authorizing the work to be performed at the Juan Seguin Burial Site; providing for reimbursement costs not-to-exceed \$400; and declaring an effective date.