

MEMORANDUM

To: City of Seguin Mayor and Council
Steve Parker, City Manager

From: Jack Jones, Director of Parks and Recreation
Kyle Kramm, Main Street & CVB Director

Through: Rick Cortes, Deputy City Manager

Subject: Juan Seguin Burial Site.

Date: November 16, 2021

In 2017, the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce Leadership Class of 2017 chose an ambitious project to create an Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) parking lot and ADA access to the Juan Seguin Burial Site located off of South Saunders Street close to the Seguin Events Complex. The parking situation at the time was head-in parking only on the west side of the burial site off South Saunders Street. The asphalt parking area was not ADA accessible due to the steep incline of the road. In addition, it was dangerous to back-out of the parking spot(s) given the crest of the hill was located just north of the head-in parking area. Even if anyone that was physically challenged parked at the burial site, there was still the steep slope to navigate along with stairs to get to the actual burial site marker that was dug into the hillside in 1976.

In meeting with City staff at that time, it was decided by the Leadership Class to create an ADA parking lot south of the fenced burial site where the ground was flat. In addition, given the challenges of creating an ADA ramp to access the actual burial site marker, it was decided to create a large informational sign so that visitors to the burial site can read and understand the history of Juan Seguin. With no ADA access to the actual burial site marker, the thought at the time was to show a picture of the burial marker on the large sign so visitors could pay homage from a distance. The Leadership began their fundraising efforts. The ADA parking lot was completed in 2018 around the time that the Leadership Class graduated. Work on the large informational sign started but was never finished due to the class graduating.

In 2020, City staff began to work with Kendy Gravett, Chamber President at the time, to help get the design of the sign completed since that Leadership Class had graduated. As designed, the large informational sign is 36" tall and 96" long. The sponsor sign is 24" tall and 36" long. Staff has received a quote for the signage to be completed and shipped at a cost of \$4,4437.89. Available donated funding to pay for the two signs is \$4,593.52 left-over from the Leadership Class project and a City Juan Seguin Burial Site donations account.