



CITY OF SUGAR LAND

ASSISTANT CITY MANAGER

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Reginald Moore
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Dear Mr. Moore:

As you are aware, the City of Sugar Land now owns the Old Imperial Farm Cemetery. Prior to our ownership, you have held numerous meetings with Parks and Management staff regarding your concerns for the future of the Cemetery. As part of the planning for the park site, it has always been the City's intent to honor the history of the area by preserving the site and providing additional access to the perimeter of the Cemetery.

We believe we are on the correct road to achieve the same goals as you have stated publicly:

- The perimeter signage will tell the story of the convict-lease system
- It will be open and accessible to the public
- It will allow many more people to learn the history of this landmark.

The current plans for the Cemetery include infographics that will be available to the general public at all times. This information will tell the story of the prison convict-lease system that was used when this Cemetery was active. It is our intent to gather information from as many sources as possible for the historical narrative that will be included around the Cemetery.

The City continues to balance the community's needs with the community's history. As we have stated, the City has no intent to locate or construct a museum as you have requested on this park site. We believe that opportunities are available to acknowledge the history of Sugar Land at the cemetery, in the HMNS museum and the historical foundation currently supported by the City of Sugar Land.

Unlike a museum, where admission would be charged, this site will be available to school tours and other historical entities in Fort Bend County. We believe that providing signage telling the historical contributions that helped Sugar Land begin will allow the maximum number of people to recognize and understand this important aspect of our community's beginnings.

We are currently planning to employ a summer intern who will consolidate all of the current information available regarding the Cemetery. If you are available, we will gladly meet with you this summer to gain the data and history that you have. We appreciate your interest and passion for this historical site in Sugar Land.

Best regards,

Karen Daly
Assistant City Manager