



City of Pensacola

Miraflores Community Advisory Group

Agenda

City of Pensacola
222 W. Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

February 12, 2025, 2:00 PM

Whibbs Conference Room, 1st floor

The meeting can be watched via live stream at cityofpensacola.com/video.

CALL TO ORDER

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

1. 25-133 MIRAFLORES COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 17, 2024.

Attachments: 5-17-24 Miraflores CAG minutes

OPEN FORUM

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. 25-134 MIRAFLORES BURIAL GROUND STUDY UPDATE

Attachments: Miraflores Burial Ground Update_2-12-25

NEW BUSINESS

3. 25-136 TESTING OF DENTAL FRAGMENT FOR MASTER'S THESIS DISCUSSION

Attachments: None

4. 25-135 COMMEMORATIVE MARKER DESIGN AND INSCRIPTION DISCUSSION

*Attachments: Miraflores Marker Design_Draft
Miraflores Marker Inscription_Draft*

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

ADJOURNMENT

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222 W. Main Street
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May 17, 2024, 10:00 AM

Hagler-Mason, 2nd Floor

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CALL TO ORDER

Members Present: Lusharon Wiley, Barbara Albrecht, Teniade Broughton, Rand Hicks, Michelle MacNeil, Allison Patton, Margo Stringfield

Members Absent: Angela Kyle (virtual), Bianca Villegas, Lonnie Wesley

Also Present: Historic Preservation Planner Walker, Assistant Planning & Zoning Division Manager Harding, Parks and Recreation Director Heistein, Assistant CRA Division Manager Halford, Dr. Katie Miller Wolf, Pat Murphy, Jay Brykczynski, Charles Booher, Jennifer Melcher, Debra Oliver, Gerald Smith, Gracelyn Pires, Dan Lindemann, Elizabeth Benchley

DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

Chairperson Wiley determined a quorum through roll call.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Advisory Member Hicks made a motion to approve the May 19, 2023 Miraflores Community Advisory Group meeting minutes. Advisory Member Patton seconded the motion and it passed 8-0 with two advisory members absent.

1. 24-461 MIRAFLORES COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP MEETING MINUTES FROM MAY 19, 2023

OPEN FORUM

Gerald Smith addressed the advisory group and shared his background in local community engagement and his interest in history. Mr. Smith shared history about the Boy Scouts and the YMCA and noted the Boy Scout Building at Miraflores Park was referred to as the Scout Hut. Mr. Smith wanted to ensure that the City supports the

various community groups that utilize the Boy Scout Building. He suggested placing a cover over the cornerstone for preservation and noted deferred maintenance on the building.

Dan Lindemann addressed the advisory group and thanked them for their volunteerism. Mr. Lindemann noted Miraflores Park could create a template for other parks in the city. He noted the need for Federal funding for various preservation efforts within the city, especially private property owners. Mr. Lindemann shared about his background on the Architectural Review Board and local preservation.

REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

2. 24-462 MIRAFLORES BURIAL GROUND STUDY UPDATE

Historic Preservation Planner Walker shared an update on the Miraflores Burial Ground Study. Ms. Walker shared the results of the historic human remains detection dog and ground-penetrating radar surveys that identified 80 possible unmarked burials within Miraflores Park. Several areas in the east half of the park were difficult to survey so the number of burials is at least 80, but could be larger. Debra Oliver, community member, asked about how the area was investigated after the initial recovery of human remains. Historic Preservation Planner Walker answered that all proper authorities were contacted and a field study was conducted concluding there were no other human remains present underneath the building. Gerald Smith, community member, asked about the potential for artifacts in and around the building that the Boy Scouts historically collected and showcased. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted there is a tremendous amount of newspaper accounts of Boy Scouts, after the turn of the century, looting archaeological sites including human remains and putting them on display. While it is possible that the Boy Scouts displayed artifacts at Miraflores Park, Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted is very unlikely the human remains recovered in 2021 resulted from those activities. The initial field investigation and skeletal analysis suggest the human remains were from burials disturbed during the construction of the Boy Scout Building in 1934.

Dr. Katie Miller Wolf shared the human remains have all the indicators of historic remains that were exhumed at some point in time. There were no indicators of Native American features which would be counter to what the Boy Scouts were collecting when they were exploring local indigenous sites. Dr. Miller Wolf noted the remains have the hallmarks and features indicative of the historic population in Pensacola and there is reasonable certainty that the remains are not from a local indigenous group. Advisory Member MacNeil asked about the orientation and color groupings of the burials on the map. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted the colors only indicate groupings and that all of the unmarked burials were oriented east to west, like that of Christian burials that we see in the historic record. Advisory Member Patton asked about the potential for burials underneath the Boy Scout Building. Historic Preservation Planner Walker answered the canine survey detected positive indicators in the basement but that could be due to the

residual scent of the remains found in 2021 or could represent additional burials under the building. Since at least two burials were disturbed during the construction of the building, it is likely there are other burial present under the building. Advisory Member Hicks asked about how to tell the story of many individuals with the remains from only two people. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted that archival records are useful for additional context but we must work with what we have available in a sensitive way that acknowledges that these were people, no matter their color. Ms. Oliver asked about community engagement and seeking descendants of the area. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted the city's webpage that includes a citizen input form and phone line dedicated to the Miraflores Burial Ground Study. The city is seeking community input and feedback about the park and how to commemorate it in the future. Advisory Member Broughton asked for clarification on the use of the term Creole. Historic Preservation Planner Walker answered in this case, the use of Creole is specific to Pensacola's population that would be a person of European and African American descent.

NEW BUSINESS

3. 24-465 NATIONAL PARK SERVICE GRANT- INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE DISCUSSION

Historic Preservation Planner Walker shared that the city was granted funds from the National Park Service for the ground penetrating radar survey and limited interpretive signage. Historic Preservation Planner Walker shared two drafts of 24 x 36 inch signs that were very preliminary and in draft format. The National Park Service standard for interpretive writing typically aims for 4th to 6th grade reading level though the technical nature of the content poses a challenge. Advisory Member Stringfield complimented the incorporation of land use history of the area which tells a portion of the story. Advisory Member Stringfield referenced a WPA record from an interview between Modeste Hargis and a local African American man, Tom Moreno, that includes a nice reference to death within the black community and that when people die they are not in the ground, their spirits are in the wind. Advisory Member Stringfield offered assistance from the UWF Archaeology Institute and the Florida Public Archaeology Network with peer review and signage refinement.

Advisory Member Albrecht noted that the signage text should maintain its technical nature to raise the bar. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted that the two interpretive signs could be mounted to an existing pad underneath the pavilion behind the Boy Scout Building, which would assist with avoiding ground disturbance. Advisory Member MacNeil asked if the signs are considered permanent and is there a plan for remaining funds, if any. Historic Preservation Planner Walker answered the signage has been designed in such a way that they can be permanent even if more of the story develops or additional opportunities arise. Remaining funds, if any, could potentially cover one additional, smaller sign. Advisory Member Patton asked about how signage is treated at other historic cemeteries. Advisory Member Stringfield noted that all ground disturbance is monitored by an archaeologist. Advisory Member Patton noted the signs should be

installed in a high visibility area that is accessible. Dr. Miller Wolf referenced the archival evidence for the burial ground being cleared during the historic period which may have included plantings that are typical of historic cemeteries. Dr. Miller Wolf posed the possibility of reintroducing plantings from the knowledge we have about historic cemeteries and mortuary practices. Advisory Member Stringfield mentioned the Florida Humanities grant programs that could assist with future interpretation.

4. 24-463 FLORIDA DIVISION OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES ABANDONED AFRICAN AMERICAN CEMETERY GRANT DISCUSSION

Historic Preservation Planner Walker shared that the Florida Division of Historical Resources opened the Abandoned African American Cemeteries grant program and the city intends to apply. The grant program offers up to \$50,000 with no match requirement. Municipal governments are restricted from research funds but can apply for cemetery protection funds that can cover a preservation plan, marking burials, security measures, and limited interpretation. Historic Preservation Planner Walker talked about future maintenance and the sensitivity of the burial ground. The city was leaning toward the direction of one larger marker to commemorate the burial ground and also serve as a structure to reinter the two individuals recovered in 2021. Advisory Member Stringfield echoed that the City of Pensacola is at the forefront of protecting cemetery landscapes and the city is setting the model for this particular case. Advisory Member Stringfield urged against introducing elements that were not previously there and individual markers would be challenging. One single marker to commemorate and reinter would be appropriate. Keeping the park open and in use as its always been is important. Advisory Member Patton asked about the breadth of additional research and what may be involved with continuing the study. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted most of the local repositories have been explored but there may be helpful WPA records at places like the National Archives and the McClung Museum and other repositories in Florida may have information. Cost is being explored for a consultant to conduct additional research including travel. Dr. Miller Wolf noted this is a good partnership opportunity with the University of West Florida for a master's student to take on additional research for a thesis project. Advisory Member Patton echoed that this is a good opportunity to partner with UWF. Advisory Member Stringfield noted that death certificates did not become common until the late 1800s and many of the early church records did not survive. The group discussed the fluid nature of the study and that the story will unfold as more research is done. Advisory Member MacNeil asked if there was a possibility for a sculpture or lighting from the trees that could commemorate the site while not disturbing the ground. Advisory Member Hicks asked for Parks and Recreation Director Heistein's thoughts who shared that the ideas being discussed could be explored and proper installation and protection of the trees would be important. Advisory Member Patton asked for clarification on the potential for lighting through the upcoming grant program. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted the lighting outlined in the grant is likely related to security or lighting a well-established cemetery, but perhaps lighting could be used for interpretive purposes.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

Chairperson Wiley shared a nice overview of the discussion and ideas that were shared by the advisory group and audience. Historic Preservation Planner Walker noted that the next meeting of the group will be determined and encouraged the group and audience to engage in the citywide 10 year strategic plan process.

ADJOURNMENT

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A photograph of a cemetery with tall pine trees and a small building in the background. The text is overlaid on the image.

MIRAFLORES

Burial Ground Study

PENSACOLA





PUBLIC INFORMATION:
Jan. 18, 2023

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Mayor Reeves Announces Community Advisory Group for Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study

Mayor D.C. Reeves has selected 10 individuals to serve as the Miraflores Burial Ground Study Community Advisory Group, which will assist the City of Pensacola in the assessment and future commemoration of Miraflores Park.

The members of the Community Advisory Group are:

- Barbara Albrecht, Coastal Communities Coordinator for the University of West Florida, Director of the Panhandle Watershed Alliance
- Teniadé Broughton, District 5 City Council Member, President of the John Sunday Society
- Rand Hicks, Parks and Recreation Board Chairman
- Angela Kyle, Vice President of Sustainability Business Development at JLL, Mayoral Transition Team Focus Area Leader for Strategic Planning
- Michelle MacNeil, Principal at Architectural Affairs
- Allison Patton, District 6 City Council Member
- Margo Stringfield, Research Associate for the UWF Archaeology Institute
- Bianca Villegas, Planning Board member
- Lonnie Wesley, Pastor of Greater Little Rock Baptist Church, Mayoral Transition Team Focus Area Leader for Citizen Engagement
- Dr. Lusharon Wiley, Vice President of Corporate Culture at Innisfree Hotels, Mayoral Transition Team Focus Area Leader for Employee Engagement & Culture

The City of Pensacola will be working with the Community Advisory Group, partners and community stakeholders as the study moves forward and research continues at the site.

The Miraflores Burial Ground Study Community Advisory Group will operate in the Sunshine ([Florida Statute 286.011](#)), with all meetings publicly advertised, open to the public, and minutes taken.

The first meeting of the advisory group has not yet been scheduled, but please stay tuned to the City of Pensacola website at cityofpensacola.com/miraflores for updates.

About the Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study

As a result of research following the discovery of human remains at Miraflores Park in June 2021, the City of Pensacola will be conducting a burial ground study of the park's grounds with a goal of assessing, interpreting and commemorating the site.

Human remains were discovered by a local Boy Scout troop in the crawl space beneath the Boy Scout Building at the park. Local authorities were contacted including Pensacola Police Department, the District 1 Medical Examiner's Office, biological anthropologists from the University of West Florida as well as the Florida State Historic Preservation Office and the State Archaeologist. The field investigation indicated that the human remains were associated with historic fill and originated from a historic, disturbed context. They were likely disturbed during the construction of the Boy Scout Building in 1941.

Local anthropologists from the University of West Florida conducted a skeletal analysis that indicated there were two individuals present, one female and likely one male. It has also been determined that the jurisdiction of leading the study of the burial ground is of Pensacola.

The investigation determined that the remains are older than 75 years, meaning they are a modern, forensic case. Ancestry is difficult to determine with partial skeletal but features of the female individual suggest there are traits that align with the known populations in historic Pensacola such as African, Creole, and European.

Miraflores Park was originally known as Havana Square before being renamed in 1965 as Pensacola's Fiesta de Five Flags celebration. Ongoing historic research has multiple historic documents including newspaper articles, meeting minutes, legal records and a map indicating that Havana Square was used as a burial ground primarily for African American or Creole descent.

Forward, historic research will continue, along with tasking the Community Advisory Group to explore options to conduct a ground penetrating radar survey. The ground penetrating radar survey will help to determine if other potential burials are present and delineate the boundaries of the potential burial ground for future land protection.

The Community Advisory Group will also be tasked with gathering feedback from the community on how they would like to see the park interpreted and commemorated, and to develop ideas for eventual reinterment of the two individuals. This group will hold regular meetings, with opportunities for public input and engagement throughout the study.

The Miraflores Park Burial Ground Study will be posted on the City of Pensacola website at cityofpensacola.com/miraflores.

MIRAFLORES PARK TIMELINE

June 19, 2021

Human remains recovered from crawl space underneath the Boy Scout Building at Miraflores Park. Investigation begins.

July 8, 2021

- PPD releases investigation results.
- PPD, the Medical Examiner's Office, and officials from the University of West Florida's Anthropology Department have concluded that no evidence of a crime was present in relation to the remains.
- PPD investigation closed.
- Remains released to UWF for further investigation.

July 14, 2021

A statement from the Bureau of Archaeological Research was drafted: "The human remains found in June at 1601 East La Rua Street (Miraflores Park) have been determined to be more than 75 years deceased and thus do not constitute a modern, forensically significant case. Following Florida law, UWF Anthropology and the Archaeology Institute have consulted with Florida's State Archaeologist about the case. Further analyses are needed to discern the origin of these remains and determine final disposition. We will issue another statement when we know more."

July 20, 2021

1884 map showing Miraflores Park was shared by UWF Historic Trust to the City of Pensacola. Investigation of the human remains was still understood to be under the jurisdiction of the state archaeologist.

August 27, 2021

State Archaeologist confirmed that the remains fall under the Ch. 872.02 rather than 872.05, allowing for the initiation of the bioarchaeological analysis.

March 7, 2022

Florida Department of State provided the following statement to WEAR, "Based on archival documentation, it is likely that the remains discovered at Miraflores Park were originally interred in a historic African American graveyard within the modern park boundaries. The exact location of the cemetery has not yet been confirmed; however, the University of West Florida is conducting research on the history of this gravesite and are taking the lead on analyzing the bones that were discovered last June. The final results from these osteological assessments will further add to the investigation of this case."

April 29, 2022

UWF Department of Anthropology provided the report, Human Remains Report for Historical Remains Recovered from Miraflores Park, Pensacola FL (UWF Case 6A21) to city staff and state archaeologist.

October 3, 2022

New Cultural Affairs/Resources Coordinator hired at the city and tasked with further research and lead on Miraflores Park.

October 21, 2022

Confirmation that City of Pensacola has jurisdiction over the potential unmarked burial ground and/or human remains.



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The City of Pensacola has been selected to receive a \$22,160 grant from the National Park Service to fund a ground penetrating radar survey at Miraflores Park as part of the Miraflores Burial Ground Study.

This grant award is part of \$21 million awarded by the National Park Service to 37 projects in 16 states through the [Historic Preservation Fund's African American Civil Rights grant program](#), which funds preservation projects and efforts of sites tied to the struggle of African Americans to gain equal rights.

The City of Pensacola and Pensacola Energy conducted preliminary ground penetrating radar data collection at Miraflores Park on Monday, May 22, but the grant funding will be instrumental in the city's ability to conduct a more thorough, controlled GPR survey.

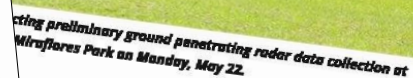
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map, and stay informed about future updates on the study, visit msacola.com/miraflores.

s Park is located at 1601 E. La Rua St. in Pensacola.



NOTICE OF AWARD



AUTHORIZATION (Legislation/Regulations)
64 USC §3001 et seq National Historic Preservation Act

1. DATE SUBMITTED: MM/DD/YYYY 07/19/2023		1a. SUPERSEDES AWARD NOTICE dated _____ except that any addenda or reactions previously imposed remain in effect unless specifically rescinded	
2. CFDA NO. 15.004 - Historic Preservation Fund Grants-to-Aid			
3. ASSISTANCE TYPE: Project Grant			
4. GRANT NO. P23AP0114-00 Originating MEA # aa. FAIN P23AP0114		b. TYPE OF AWARD Other	
6. PROJECT PERIOD From MM/DD/YYYY 07/01/2023		bb. ACTION TYPE: New	
7. BUDGET PERIOD From MM/DD/YYYY 07/01/2023		Through MM/DD/YYYY 08/30/2026	
8. TITLE OF PROJECT (OR PROGRAM) 2022 HW ACCT - City of Pensacola			
9a. GRANTEE NAME AND ADDRESS PENSACOLA, CITY OF 232 W. Main St Pensacola, FL, 32502-6743			
1b. GRANTEE AUTHORIZING OFFICIAL Mrs. Ardrea Walker 232 W. Main Street Pensacola, FL, 32502-6743 Phone: 850-436-1571			

11. APPROVED BUDGET (Includes Direct Assistance)		12. AWARD COMPUTATION	
I Financial Assistance from the Federal Awarding Agency Only		a. Amount of Federal Financial Assistance (from Item 11a)	
II Total project costs including grant funds and all other financial participation		b. Less Unavailable Balance From Prior Budget Period	
a. Salaries and Wages	14,500.00	c. Less Cumulative Prior Award(s) This Budget Period	
b. Fringe Benefits	2,807.00	d. AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE THIS ACTION	
c. Total Personnel Costs	17,306.00	13. Total Federal Funds Awarded to Date for Project Period	
d. Equipment	0.00	14. RECOMMENDED FUTURE SUPPORT	
e. Supplies	0.00	(Subject to the availability of funds and satisfactory progress of the project):	
f. Travel	0.00	YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	
g. Construction	0.00	YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS YEAR TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	
h. Other	5,677.00	15. PROGRAMS BEING REVIEWED ARE BASED ON AWARDING HISTORY OF THE FOLLOWING	
i. Continual	18,983.00	a. REDUCTION	
j. TOTAL DIRECT COSTS	36,600.00	b. ADDITIONAL COSTS	
k. INDIRECT COSTS	0.00	c. BATTERIES	
l. TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET	36,600.00	d. OTHER RESEARCH (plant/Animal Subject)	
m. Federal Share	22,160.00	e. OTHER (See FORM 424)	
n. Non-Federal Share	17,396.00	16. THIS AWARD IS BASED ON AN APPLICATION SUBMITTED TO AND AN APPROVED BY THE FEDERAL AWARDING AGENCY	
REMARKS (Other Terms and Conditions Attached)	Yes	ON THE ABOVE STATED REQUIREMENTS IS SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS SUBMITTED BY THE AWARDING AGENCY	
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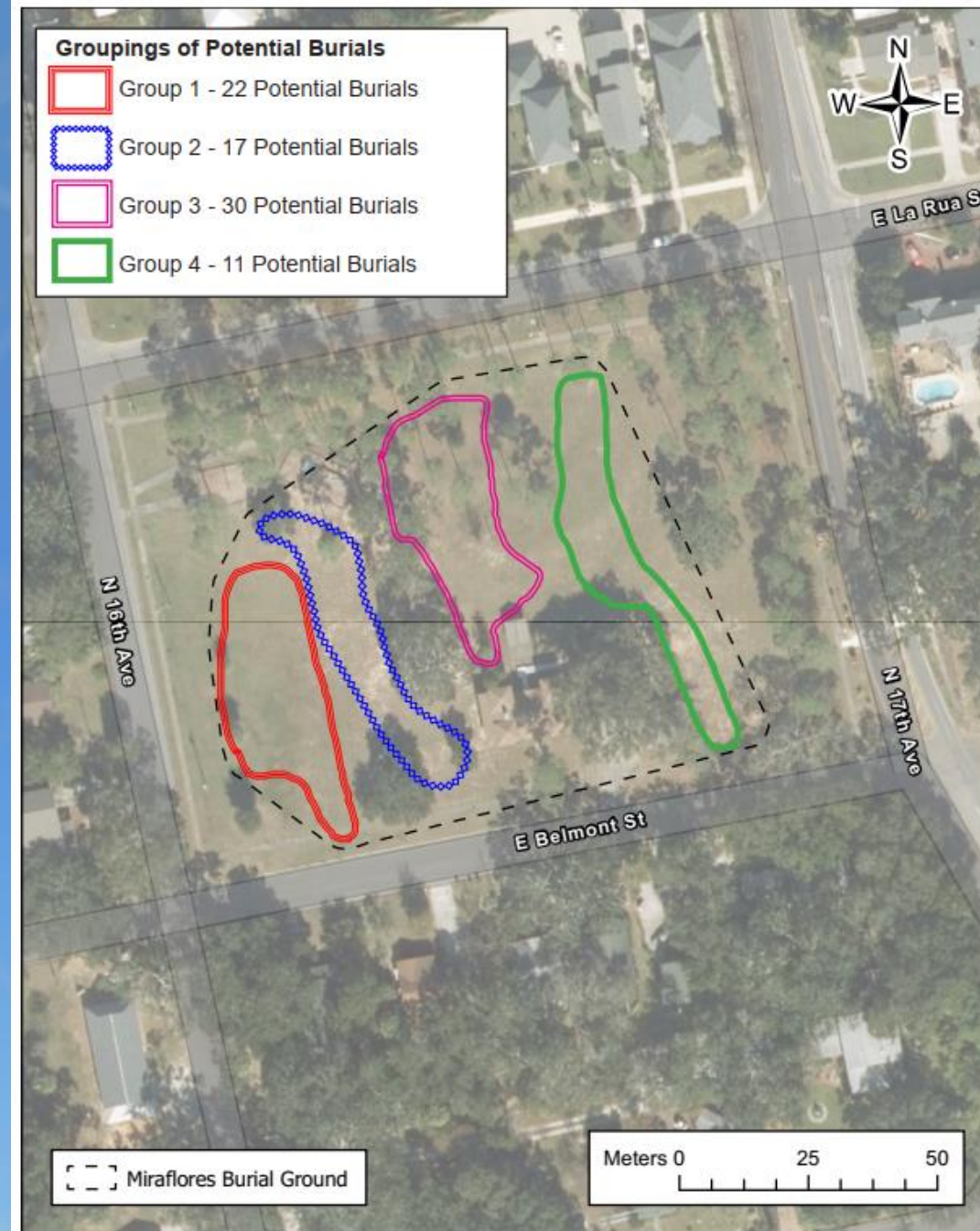


Figure 5.3. Aerial image showing the proposed boundary for the Havana Square Cemetery in Miraflores Park and groupings of potentially unmarked burials.

Havana Square Cemetery at Miraflores Park

In June 2021, the remains of two individuals were found in the crawl space of the Boy Scout Building at Miraflores Park. Authorities confirmed the remains were over 75 years old. A bioarchaeologist from the University of West Florida identified features of African, Creole, and European ancestry, reflecting Pensacola's diverse history. "Creole" refers to individuals of mixed European (Spanish or French) and African descent.

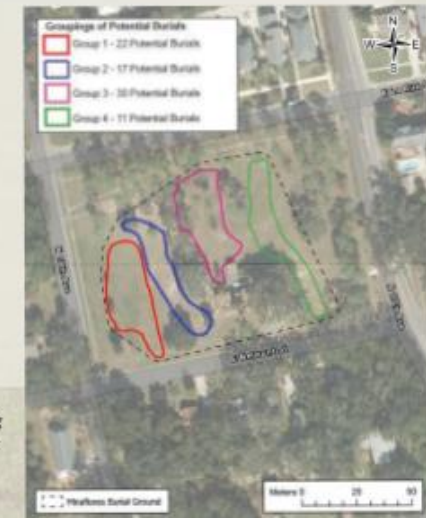
To honor this site, the City of Pensacola initiated the Miraflores Burial Ground Study in January 2023. Mayor D.C. Reeves formed a Community Advisory Group for guidance. A National Park Service grant supported a ground-penetrating radar (GPR) survey, identifying 80 possible unmarked burials. Ongoing research aims to preserve and understand this site's cultural significance.

The City of Pensacola follows the Best Management Practices of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation, ensuring all burial sites and remains are treated with respect.

Legal Protections

- Under Chapter 872 of Florida Statutes, disturbing human remains on any land is illegal.
- Section 6-3-8 of the City of Pensacola Parks and Recreation code prohibits damaging park property.

Please respect and help preserve Miraflores Park's unmarked burial grounds for future generations.



Ground penetrating radar survey results showing groupings of possible burials.

Background image: TerraXplorations, Inc. conducting ground-penetrating radar survey (Image courtesy Mike Thomlin/Florida Public Archaeology Network).

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PENSACOLA'S HISTORIC CEMETERIES

More Than Just a Park

Miraflores Park dates back to the late 19th century and lies within the Rivas land grant, later known as "New City" and "New Town." Developed by the Pensacola Land Company, many lots were occupied by tenants. Early residents were often considered trespassers during later development phases. An 1884 City Surveyor's map showed trespassers and a "grave yard" in what became Havana Square.

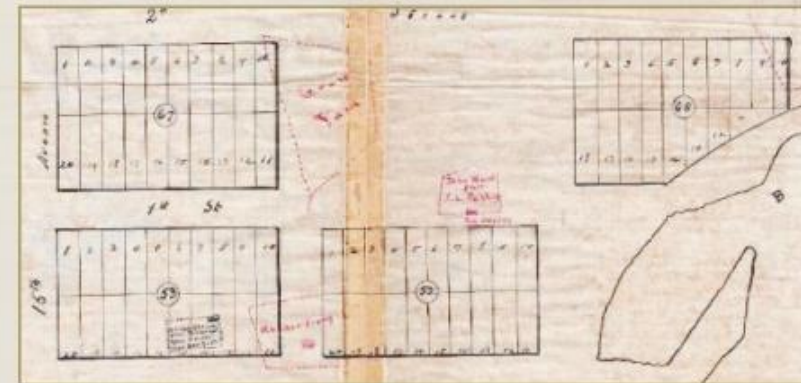
Residents included people of color like Reverend Ephraim J. Pleasure, who owned a large plot around Block 72 with a nearby Free Will Baptist Church. The burial ground may be linked to this church and community. A local private infirmary might also be connected.

In 1887, the City Engineer reported Havana Square was being used as a "negro grave yard." Efforts to stop burials included legally dedicating Havana Square to the City. In 1906, the Board of Public Works ordered the Street Superintendent to clean up Havana Park, likely erasing evidence of the graves.

In 1934, the Boy Scout Building was constructed in Havana Square, disturbing the burials found in 2021. Renamed Miraflores Park in 1965, during Pensacola's participation in the People-to-People program, the park received a bronze bust of Peruvian author Ricardo Palma from its sister city, Miraflores, Peru, which still stands today.



Boy Scout Building c. mid-1930s.
(Image courtesy Florida Memory)



Above: This highlighted portion of 1884 trespasser report shows an area outlined in red that reads "Grave Yard" in the area of Havana Square. (Image courtesy UWF Historic Trust)

Right: City Engineer William Galt Chipley wrote this trespasser report for The Pensacolian newspaper in 1887.

"I find all the city squares and Bayview Park free of trespass, except Malaga square, occupied by school house, and Havana square, which is being used as a negro grave yard. If Pensacola grows as we expect, this square will be the most beautiful in the city. It is situated on rising ground, and at such an elevation, that a fine view of both bayou and bay can be had. I would suggest that further interments should be stopped, and those already buried should be removed."

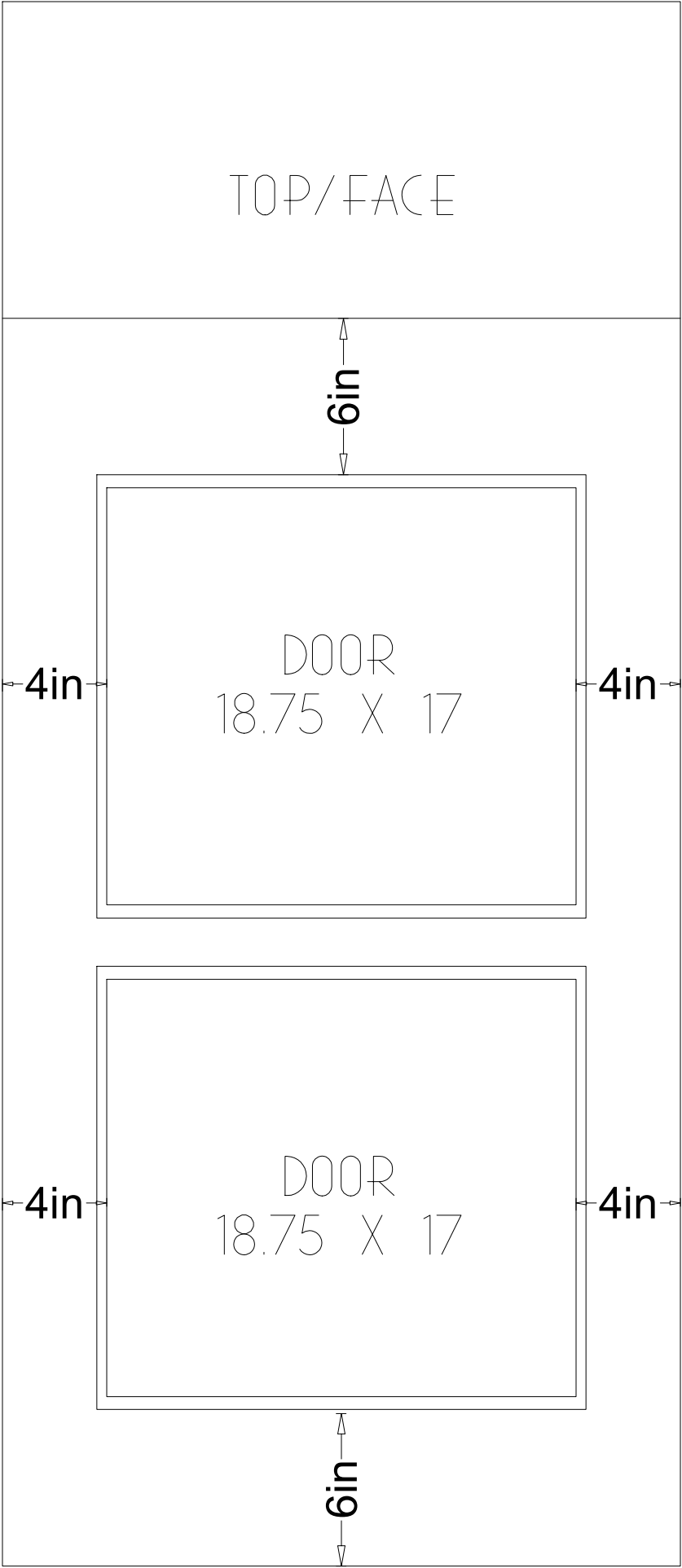
ABANDONED AFRICAN-AMERICAN CEMETERIES GRANTS FY2025 Recommended Funding List List of Abandoned African-American Applications submitted to the Secretary of State for review and approval.						
Rank	Applicant	Project Title	Project County	Grant Amount	Cumulative Recommended Amount	Average Score
1	City of Pensacola	Miraflores Burial Ground Preservation Project	Escambia	\$35,000	\$35,000	96.80
2	Archbold Expeditions, Inc.	Protection Project to Establish the Boundaries at the Hicoria Sawmill Community Cemetery in Highlands County, Florida	Highlands	\$40,360	\$75,360	93.40
3	Town of Grand Ridge	Jolie Cemetery Restoration	Jackson	\$50,000	\$125,360	91.80
4	West Augustine Improvement Association	San Sebastian & Pinehurst Cemeteries Restoration Phase 1A	St. Johns	\$39,160	\$164,520	91.20
5	DSR Public Health Foundation, Inc.	Greenville Pallbearer Cemetery Restoration Project	Madison	\$50,000	\$214,520	89.20
6	City of Newberry	Restoration of Avalon Wood Property Cemetery	Alachua	\$50,000	\$264,520	83.60
7	Columbia County Board of County Commissioners	Union Burial Grounds Restoration	Columbia	\$50,000	\$314,520	83.40
8	Cemetery Restoration and Preservation Society of North Florida, Inc.	Protecting the Past: Mitigation and Conservation of Five African-American Cemeteries in Jefferson County Florida	Jefferson		Not Recommended (below 80)	78.80
9	Black Cultural Heritage and Research Institute, Inc.	Wilson Street Cemetery	Columbia		Not Recommended (below 80)	77.40
10	Blueprint Intergovernmental Agency	Bannerman Road: Carr Cemetery GPR	Leon		Not Recommended (below 80)	76.00
11	Florence Villa Community Association Inc.	Lake Maude Cemetery	Polk		Not Recommended (below 80)	61.60
Total					\$314,520	

Scope of Work:

1) Fabricate and install one marker that will serve as the structure to reinter human remains recovered in 2021

EVANS MONUMENT
COMPANY

2) Create a long-term preservation plan



TOP/FACE

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 18.75×17

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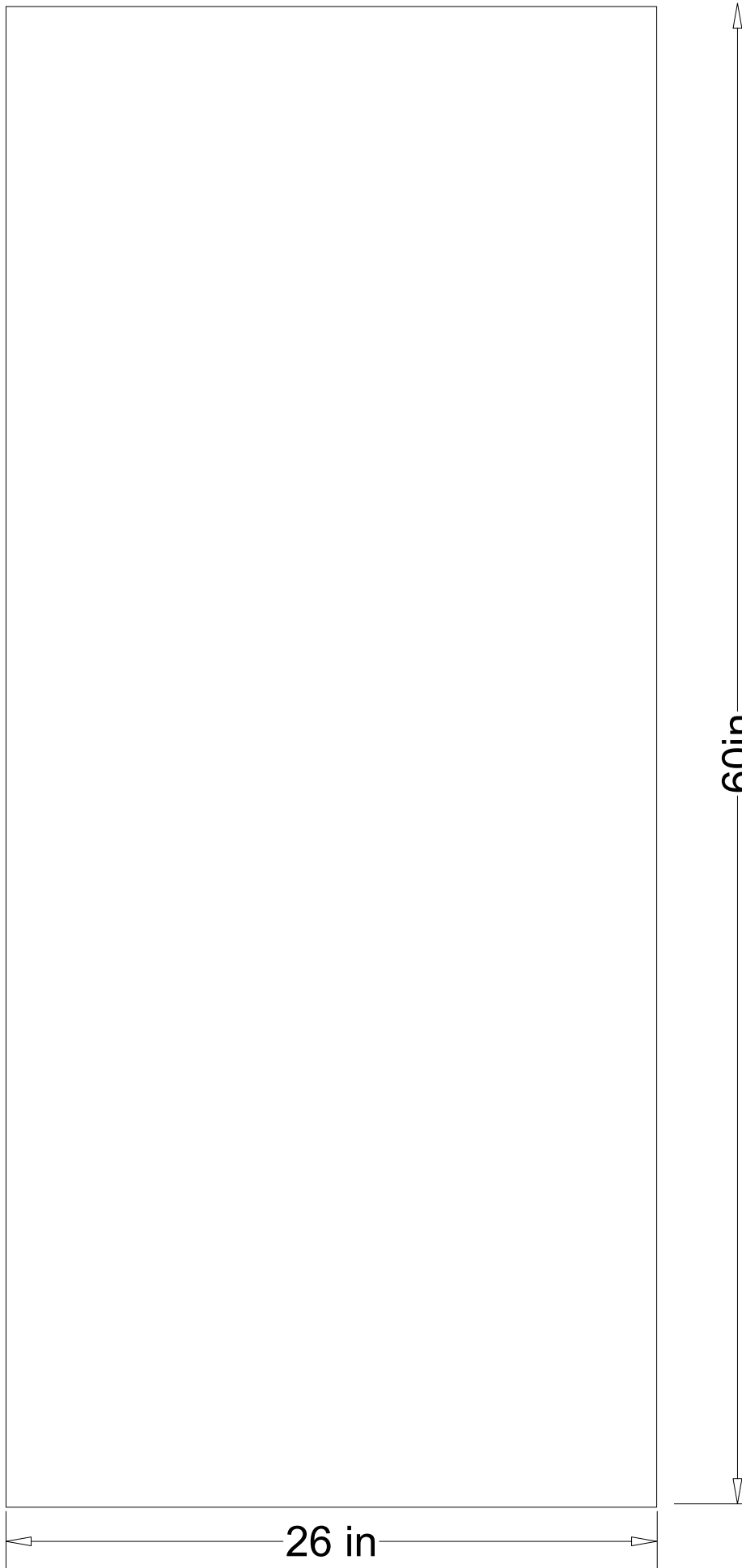
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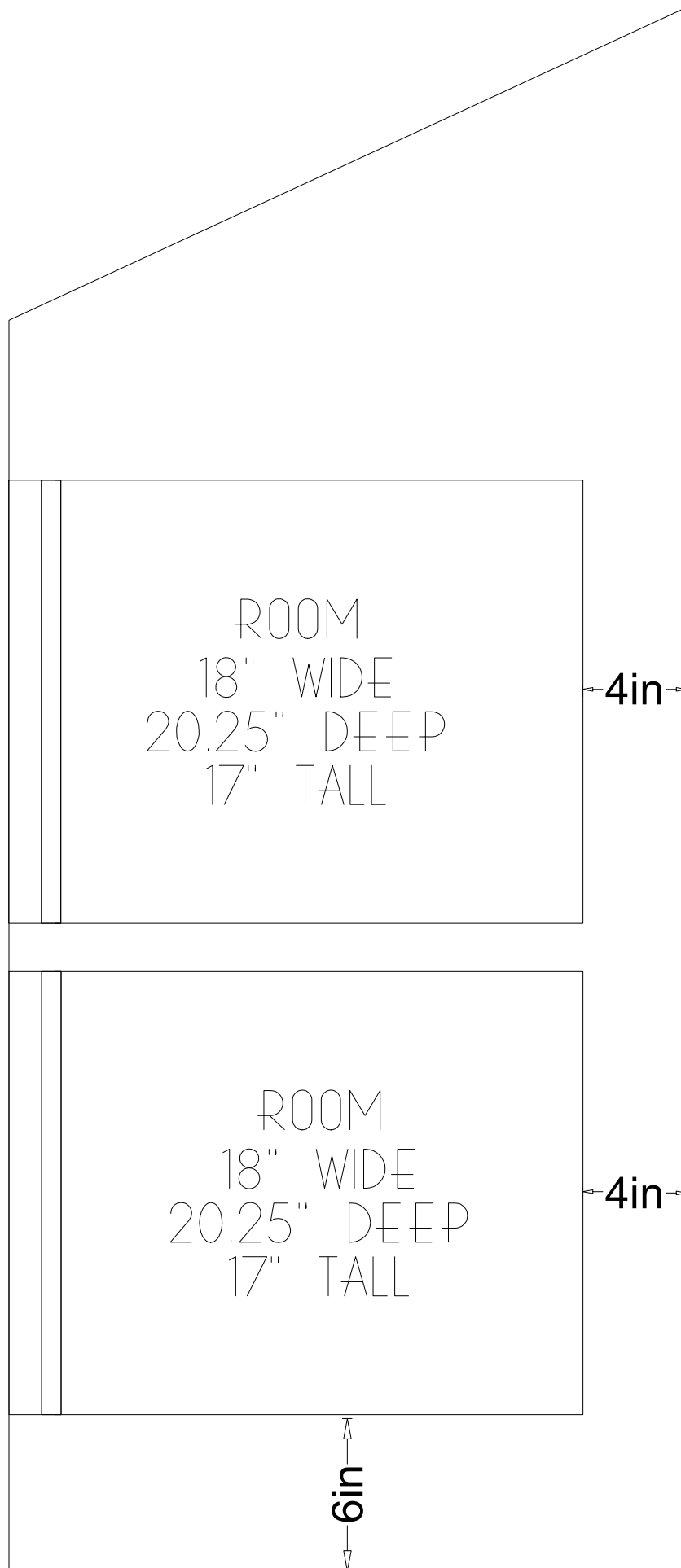


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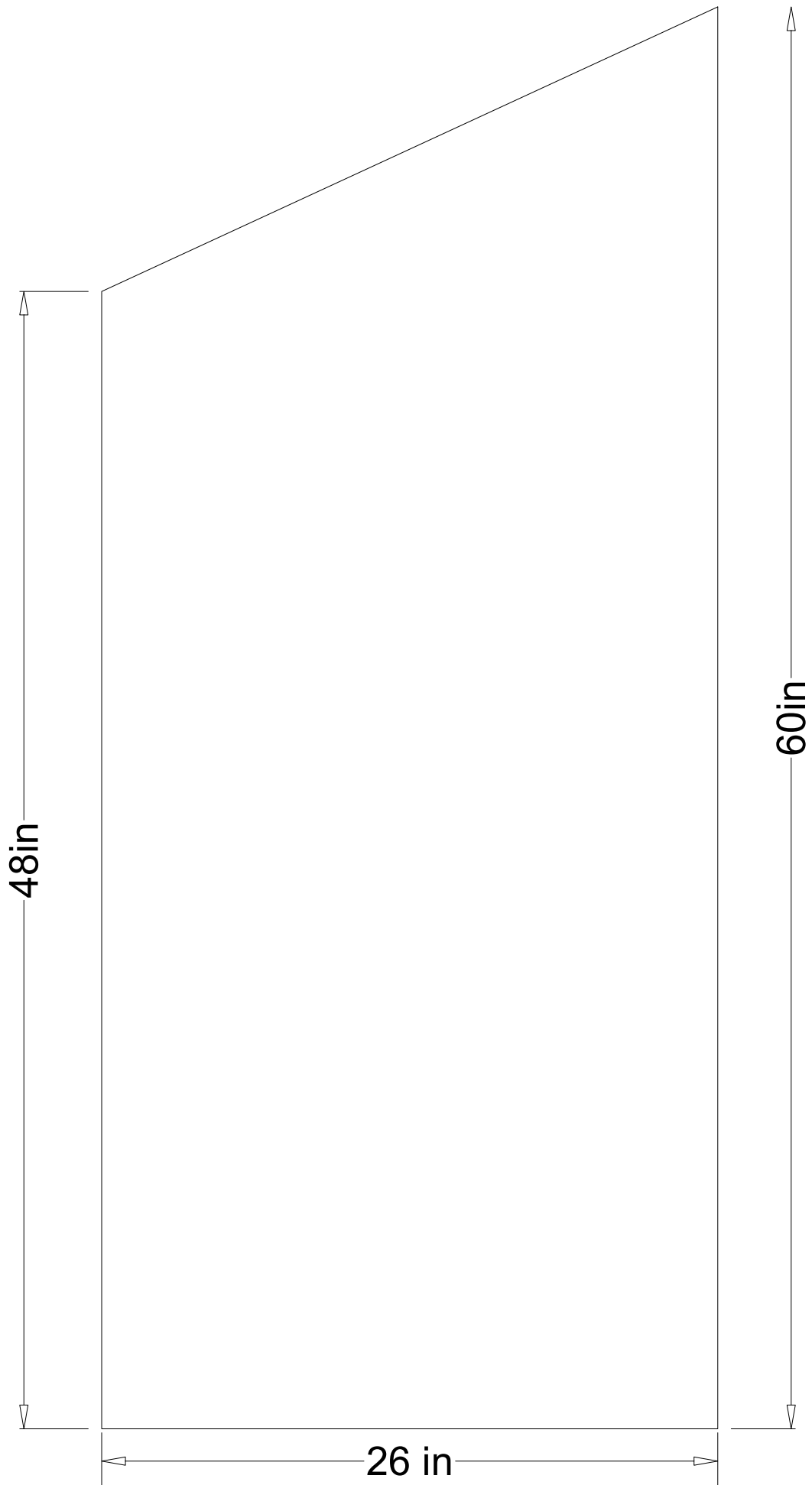
EXAMPLE OF SPACE USED FOR 130 WORDS USING COMMERCIAL CONDENCED GOTHIC FONT

LETTERS ARE 0.75IN TALL WITH 0.5IN SPACING
SPACE AVAILABLE FOR SANDBLASTED LETTERS
IS APPROXIMATELY 24IN X 26.5IN

A SUBDIVISION OF A WRITTEN COMPOSITION THAT CONSISTS OF ONE OR MORE SENTENCES, DEALS WITH ONE POINT OR GIVES THE WORDS OF ONE SPEAKER, AND BEGINS ON A NEW USUALLY INDENTED LINE. IN ANTIQUITY, A PARAGRAPH OFTEN WAS A SINGLE THOUGHT-AND OFTEN A SINGLE SENTENCE, USUALLY A VERY LONG ONE. WRITERS TODAY, HOWEVER, TEND NOT TO GO ON THE WAY CLASSICAL AUTHORS DID. IN ACADEMIC WRITING, MOST PARAGRAPHS INCLUDE AT LEAST THREE SENTENCES, THOUGH RARELY MORE THAN TEN. HOW MANY SENTENCES ARE IN A PARAGRAPH? IT IS IMPORTANT TO NOTE THAT THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF VARIETY IN HOW LONG A PARAGRAPH IS AND THERE IS NOT A MINIMUM OR MAXIMUM NUMBER OF SENTENCES THAT IT MUST HAVE TO FIT ITS DEFINITION. SOME WRITERS WILL OPT TO USE



ROOM VIEW



SIDE VIEW

Miraflores Marker Inscription - DRAFT **(145 words, 703 characters)**

Here rest the souls of unnamed citizens whose lives shaped this land but whose names were lost to time. Likely to be people of color, they toiled, endured, and built the foundation of our shared history. Though unmarked in life, they are not forgotten. We honor their memory, their resilience, and their contributions. May this place serve as a testament to their lives and a call to remember.

This marker honors the lives of those interred at Miraflores Park and serves as the final resting place for the two individuals recovered from under the Boy Scout Building in 2021.

“When you die, your body is in the cemetery. Your soul and spirit are not. They are in the wind, everywhere.”

- Tom Moreno, 1937 (Federal Writers’ Project interview between Modeste Hargis and Tom Moreno, a Creole Pensacolian, born 1841; courtesy of the UWF Historic Trust)