

# Historic Cemeteries Master Plan



# COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST



**Submitted November 1, 2023 by Council District 2**

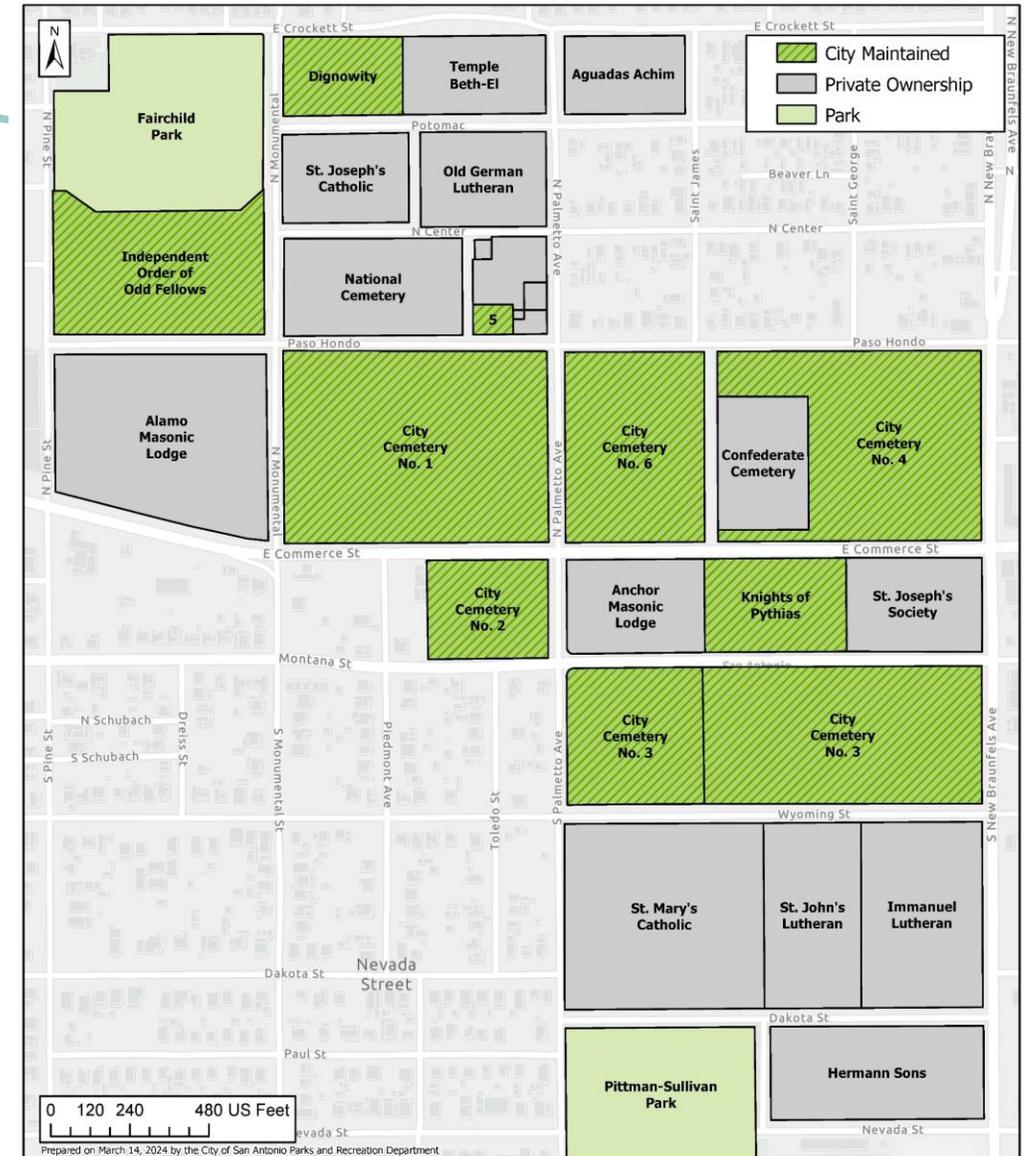
- Requested City staff engage in a master planning effort for the City's Historic Cemeteries to include eligible funding sources to support execution.
  - Item went to Governance on March 20, 2024 and was referred to the Community Health Committee

# FAST FACTS

Founded in 1853, the historic eastside cemeteries include:

- 103-acre complex
- 31 cemeteries total
- 16 private ownership cemeteries
- **9 City maintained cemeteries**

Since 1901, the City has served as stewards to nine historic eastside cemeteries.





# 1990 MASTER PLAN TIMELINE



**1987** – Eastside San Antonio Economic Development Council sponsored a Feasibility Study



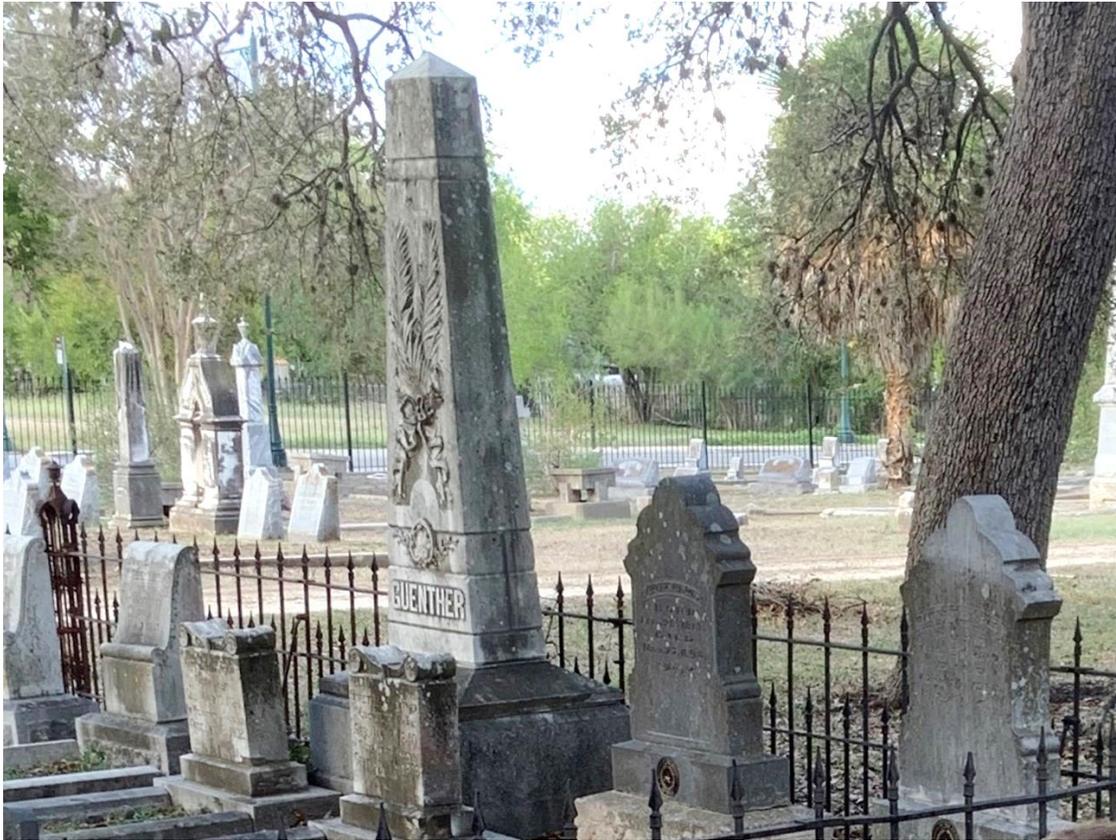
**1990** – Existing Master Plan was adopted



**2000** – Old San Antonio City Cemeteries Historic District entered in the National Register of Historic Places

# CURRENT MAINTENANCE

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Our Park Stewardship Division oversees the maintenance of cemeteries such as:

- mowing
- tree care
- litter pickup
- monitoring for vandalism

# STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

## Cemetery Stewardship Program

- In partnership with the Office of Historic Preservation
- Volunteers are educated and trained on best practices in cemetery conservation including
  - research
  - cataloging
  - headstone cleaning
- Volunteers meet second Saturdays of the month
- FY 23, volunteers contributed 260 service hours

## Volunteer Clean-up Events

- Scheduled as needed for trash collection and invasive species removal

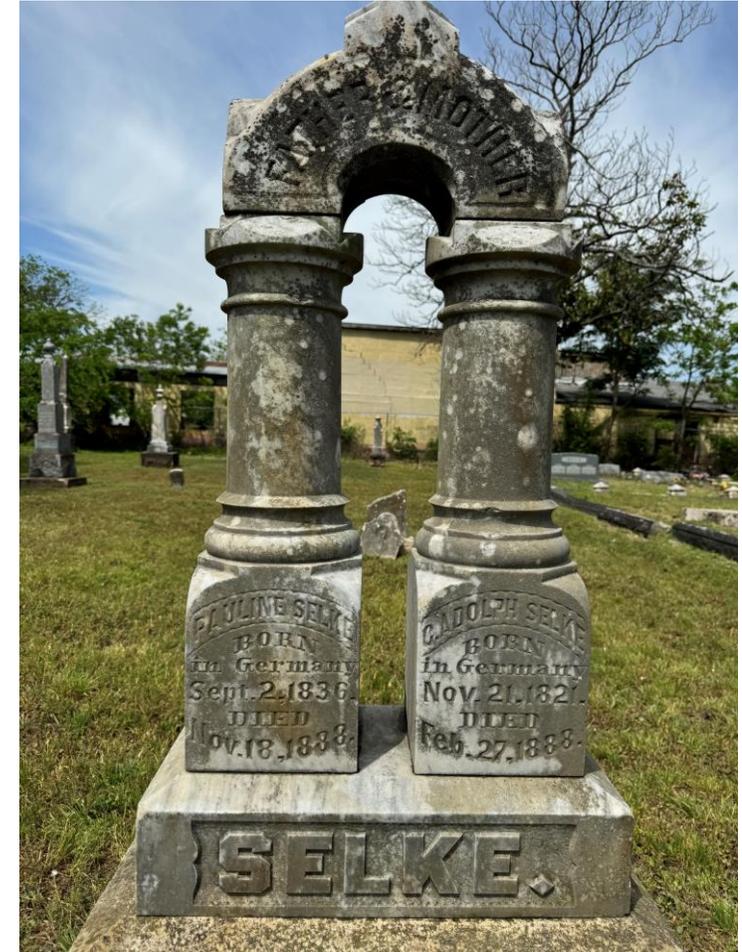


# STEWARDSHIP ACTIVITIES

Before



After



Cemetery #2

April 2024

# RECOMMENDATION



The Parks and Recreation Department recommends utilizing a consultant to review the current Master Plan, study current maintenance practices and programs, engage stakeholders, and update appropriate recommendations, pending the identification of funds.

**THANK YOU!**

