



City of Pensacola

Miraflores Community Advisory Group

Agenda - Final

Monday, February 27, 2023, 3:30 PM

2nd Floor Hagler-Mason
Conference Room

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

OPEN FORUM

1. [23-00183](#) OVERVIEW OF MIRAFLORES BURIAL GROUND STUDY

Attachments: [MirafloresOverview 2-27-23 meeting](#)

2. [23-00179](#) DISCUSSION OF CITIZEN SHARING FORM

Attachments: [Miraflores Citizen Sharing Form Center • Pensacola, FL • CivicEnga](#)

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222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 23-00183

Miraflores Community Advisory Group 2/27/2023

TO: Miraflores Community Advisory Group

FROM: Adrienne Walker, Cultural Resources Coordinator

DATE: February 17, 2023

SUBJECT:

Overview of Miraflores Burial Ground Study



MIRAFLORES
Burial Ground Study
PENSACOLA






Plan of the New City of Pensacola from recent and accurate survey by G.E. Chase, 1835-36

Map of Pensacola, Fla. drawn by W. F. Lee and revised by W. H. Davison, 1887

Maps courtesy of the Library Company of Philadelphia and the UWF Historic Trust



Plan showing location of trespassers
 on Chebeaux Tract, and Block 22.
 Fences -----
 Houses 
 Scale 100 Feet to one inch
 (Signed) W. X. Davison,
 June 1884. City Surveyor

Map courtesy of the UWF Historic Trust



New Colored Churches.
 Editor Daily News.
 We the Elders who have organized the newly built church in Escambia county, 8 miles northwest from Pensacola, Fla., this church is named the Lilly of the Valley, the Primitive Orthodox Baptist church of the Shiloh Association of West Florida.
 The Elders, Ephraim J. Pleasure, James Lee, Joseph Sanders at the old Turpentine Orchard. †
 Feb. 21, 1895.
 We the Elders of the Shiloh Association who held a council at Mr Archia Milton, and organized a newly built church and give her the name of the Morning Star, she belongs to the Shiloh Association Primitive Orthodox Baptist Feet Washers, 3 1/4 miles west from the city of Pensacola.
 Mr. Archia Milton gave Ephraim J. Pleasure the power to manage it and run it.
 Witness, Elder James Lee. †
 June 9, 1895.

Reverend Ephraim J. Pleasure's Free Will Baptist Church

289	301	Pleasure	Ed. Milton	Head	1892	68	94	S. Georgia	to	Coahuila	to	Coahuila	Day	Laboring	Yes	Yes	Yes	R	H
		Broadford	Ed. Milton	Deputy	1892	68	94	Florida		Florida		Florida			Yes	Yes	Yes		

Map and documents courtesy of the UWF Historic Trust

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 graveyard. 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.

Pensacolian newspaper
August 6, 1887
Report of the City Engineer, Wm. Galt Chipley

To the Hon. City Commissioners of
the City of Pensacola:

Gentleman—Your orders to me to stop further interments in Havana Square have been attended to by placing notices around said Square forbidding any further burials within said grounds. I could not find any one who claimed any titles or rights to the grounds.

Respectfully,

J. B. ROBERTS, Marshal.

Pensacola, Sept. 2d, 1887.

Pensacolian newspaper
September 2, 1887
Report of the Marshal, J.B. Roberts

File: 8674-CA-01, 1887
Davison, W.H., et al. vs. Petterson, J.C., et al.

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... of parties who have
 leased from Art Lears may
 run across a portion of
 those lots as he does
 not seem to have paid
 any regard to streets, and
 a portion of block 75
 has been used for a colored
 burying ground, I have
 regard by Lears' authority.
 He is in the highest interest.
 The witness said he owned
 stock in the business before
 he before he was recognized
 in 1876, after the recognition
 I became a director and
 paid the back taxes, which
 accrued during the war
 state, county and city, have
 been connected with the company
 from that time up to the
 present, the taxes were regularly
 paid by the New York Co. never
 heard of Lears, offering to
 pay any taxes of the New
 York Co. property, in 1886 and
 87 the property was valued
 at several hundred thousand

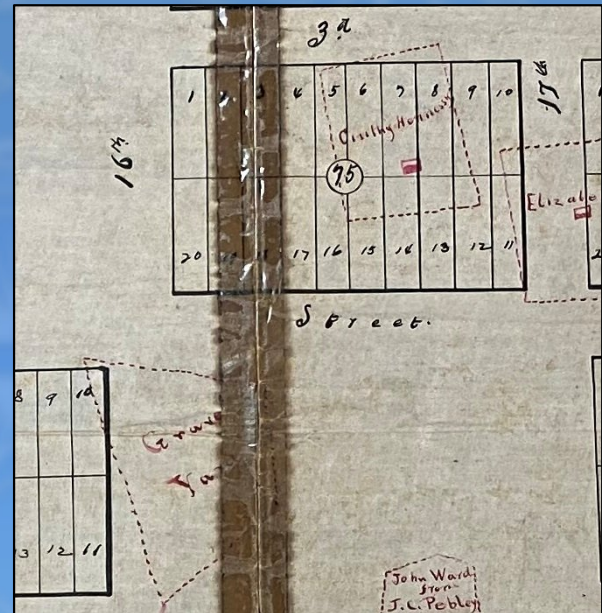
THIS IS TO CERTIFY THAT THE MICROPHOTODUPLICATION APPEARING ON THIS FILE ARE TRUE AND ACCURATE REPRESENTATIONS OF THE ORIGINAL RECORDS IN THE OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CIRCUIT COURT AND COUNTY COURT OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA IN THE DISTRICT OF PANAMA, WHERE MADE IN THE NORMAL COURSE OF BUSINESS IN ACCORDANCE WITH A REGULARLY SCHEDULED MONITORING PROGRAM.

UTTIRES BY HAND AND OFFICIAL SEAL:
 Clerk of Circuit Court
 Clerk of County Court
 Clerk of District Court
 Clerk of Municipal Court
 Clerk of Probate Court
 Clerk of Tax Court
 Clerk of Juvenile Court
 Clerk of Family Court
 Clerk of Domestic Relations Court
 Clerk of Criminal Court
 Clerk of Civil Court
 Clerk of Appellate Court
 Clerk of Supreme Court

Davison W.H., Late Matter,
 Knowles Peter, Yonge C.C., Sr. Book
 W.A., Pensacola City Co

VS.

Petterson J.C., Personally & no Adm.
 of estate vs Thompson O
 Carr E.J. vs Wilkins Jas
 J.P. vs Ruyon W.D. Jr.
 B.B. vs Hayes Geo. P
 Josephine vs Truss R.H.
 Mayh. vs Lasslett M.C.
 William W.
 Dural M.C.



any regard to streets, and
 a portion of block 75
 has been used for a colored
 burying ground, I have

Water Mains Desired.

A petition from citizens residing on East Jackson street was received. Petitioners ask that the water mains be extended east on Jackson street from Fourteenth avenue to Eighteenth avenue. The question was referred to the council, and will be supported with a favorable recommendation from the Board of Works.

On motion of Mr. Daniell, Aubrey Maura, E. S. Cravens and C. R. Burgoyne were elected commissioners of Havana Park.

Wants Bodies Removed.

Mr. Daniel offered a resolution which prevailed instructing the street superintendent to visit Havana

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MEETING OF THE BOARD OF WORKS

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and ascertain the graves and identity of persons buried in the park. Also to submit his report to the mayor, and that the mayor thereupon order the bodies removed.

**Pensacola News Journal
June 7, 1906**

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Pensacola, Fla. June 16th, 1906.

Regular meeting. A regular meeting of the board of public works was held this day at 5-30 o'clock P.M., with mayor Bliss presiding, and chairman Zelius and R.E.L. Daniel present.

Minutes read & approved. The minutes of May 28th, June 2nd, June 6th, and June 12th, 1906, were read and approved.

Pay-Roll & Vouchers approved. The Pay-Roll for the first half of June, 06, was approved by the Board and ordered paid.

The following bills were approved and ordered paid; Escambia Co. Elec. Light & Power Co. - \$315.00, \$9.00, \$7.25, W.R. Taylor & Co. - \$15.75

The bill of the Duhwody-Aiken Towboat Co. for \$37.39, was referred to the Chairman for investigation and ordered paid if found correct.

The Clerk was instructed to return the bill of W.R. Taylor & Co. for 25 barrels of cement, for correction, and to pay same when corrected to read at the rate of \$2.00 per barrel, as called for by the orders.

Communication was read from W.K. Robinson, requesting permission to build a shed on the rear end of the lot on which his stable is located at 31 East Garden Street.

Permission was granted under the condition that same is constructed in accordance with the Fire Ordinance, and to be removed if so ordered by the Board.

The following bids for furnishing feed for the month of July, 1906, were read:

Bid of Marion Curry & Co. Choice Timothy Hay - \$20.00 per ton, 40 pound test White Clipped oats - 50 cts. per bushel.

Bid of J.E. Dubuisson & Bro. Strictly No. 1 Timothy Hay - \$19.75 per ton, White Clipped Oats - 50 cts. per bushel. The bid of Marion Curry & Co. was accepted.

Permission was granted M.A. Dubuisson to remove a tree located in the sidewalk at 408 S. Alcaniz Street.

W.K. Robinson granted permission to erect shed.

Bids for feed for month of July.

Bid of Curry & Co. accepted.

Permission granted M.A.

<p>City Engineer ins. to survey & place corner stones in Havana Pk. & Ala. Square</p>	<p>It was moved and seconded that the City engineer be instructed to survey Havana Park, and Alabama Square, and to place corner stones at each corner of same, and that the street Superintendent be instructed to furnish posts for same.</p> <p>The street supt. was instructed to clean up Havana Park.</p>
<p>stones in Havana Pk. & Ala. Square</p>	<p>The street supt. was instructed to clean up Havana Park.</p>

**City of Pensacola Board of Public Works minutes
June 16, 1906**

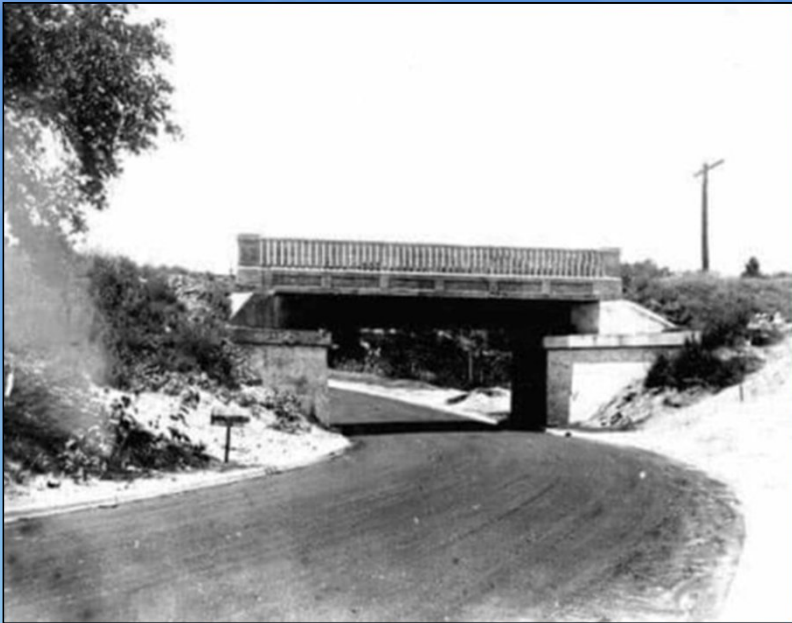


Boy Scout Building dedicated in April 1934

17th Avenue railroad trestle, depicting surroundings of the neighborhood ca. 1930s

Image courtesy of Florida Memory ca. 1930s

The Pensacola Journal
June 12, 1965
Havana Square renamed Miraflores Park



**City Park
 To Acquire
 New Name**

A city-owned park at 17th Avenue and LaRua Street will be dedicated "Miraflores Park" Saturday in honor of Pensacola's sister city in Peru.

The ceremony will start at 11 a.m.

Havana Park is being renamed as part of Pensacola's international good will effort to foster the People-to-People Council.

On hand Saturday will be a Peruvian delegation, headed by Carlos Perez as a representative of the Miraflores mayor. The delegation arrived here earlier this week to participate in the Fiesta of Five Flags celebration.

Capt. H. B. Grow, director of People-to-People, will introduce guests and the Rev. Henry Bell Hodgkins will give the benediction.

The welcoming committee for the Peruvian group will include Fiesta president Don Mair, Mayor Reinhardt Holm and James H. Baroco, this year's Don Tristan de Luna and his court.

A bust of the late Spanish author Ricardo Palma will be unveiled.

Perez, speaking in behalf of Miraflores Mayor Mario Cabrejos, will give an acceptance speech.

The NAS Band will provide musical background for the dedication.



Images courtesy of Kaycee Lagarde, City of Pensacola Public Information Officer

NEWS

Boy Scouts discover human remains underneath Pensacola building



Colin Warren-Hicks
Pensacola News Journal

Published 10:09 a.m. CT June 21, 2021 | Updated 10:09 a.m. CT June 21, 2021



Pensacola police have launched an investigation after local Boy Scouts discovered human remains underneath a building over the weekend.

The human remains were found Saturday afternoon underneath a building at 1601 E. La Rua St. by Boy Scouts who were conducting a cleanup as part of an Eagle Scout project, according to a news release issued Monday by the Pensacola Police Department.

Staff from the Medical Examiner's office concluded the bones were human, according to the release.

Anthropologists from the University of West Florida Department of Anthropology are assisting in the investigation.

Colin Warren-Hicks
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NEWS

Human remains found under Pensacola building are 75 years old, no foul play suspected



Colin Warren-Hicks
Pensacola News Journal

Published 10:26 a.m. CT July 15, 2021



The [human remains discovered last month](#) underneath a Pensacola building belong to an individual who died more than 75 years ago, anthropologists from the University of West Florida have determined.

The human remains were found June 19 underneath a building at 1601 E. La Rua St. by Boy Scouts who were conducting a cleanup as part of an Eagle Scout project.

Last week, police closed their investigation into whether foul play was involved in the person's death after concluding there was no evidence of a crime, according to Pensacola Police Department spokesman Officer Mike Wood.

Human remains found: [Boy Scouts discover human remains underneath Pensacola building](#)



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HUMAN REMAINS REPORT FOR HISTORICAL REMAINS RECOVERED FROM MIRAFLORES PARK, PENSACOLA FL (UWF CASE 6A21)

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BACKGROUND: To begin this report, the timeline of recovery and analysis of the remains is outlined.

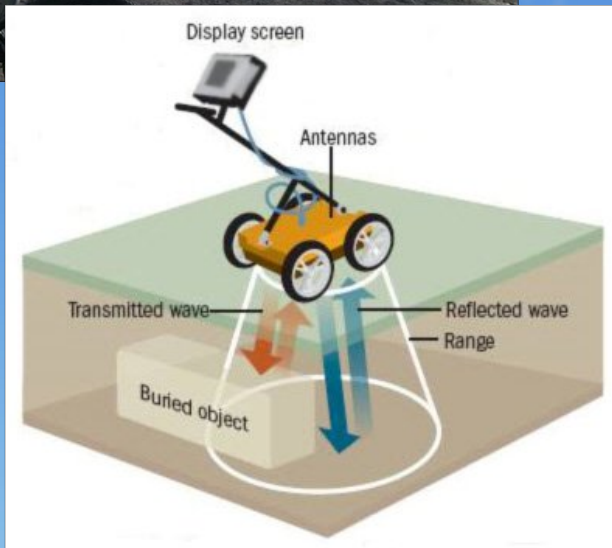
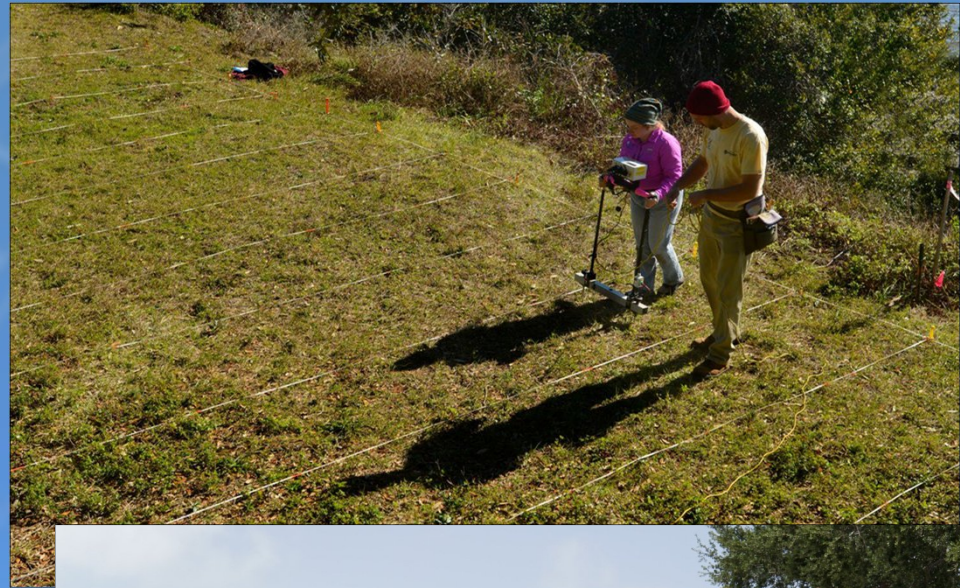
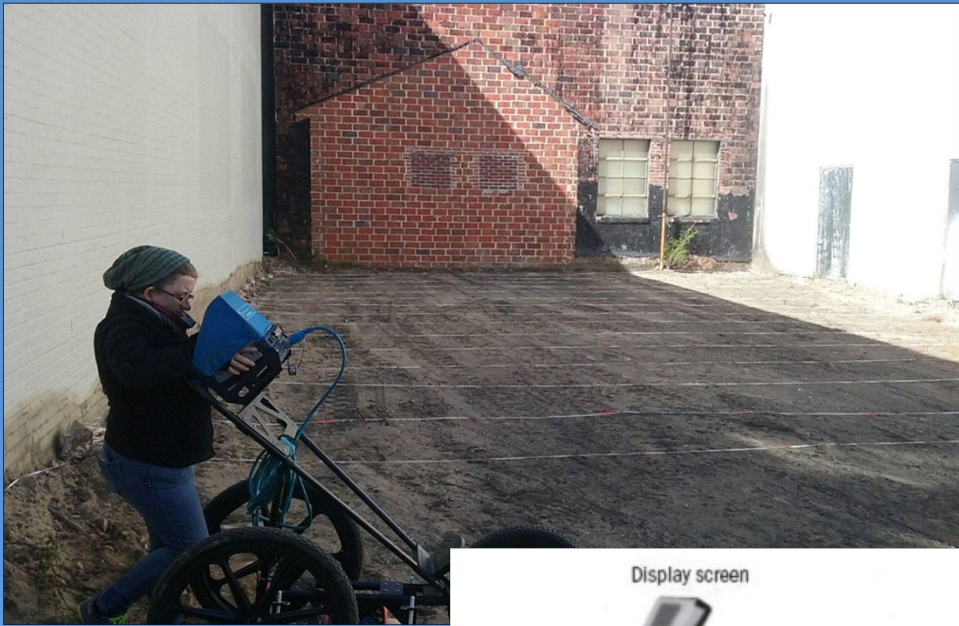
Summary of Forensic Recovery: The details of the site recovery are drawn from the report (Winburn 2021a,b) submitted to the District 1 Medical Examiner's Office (D1 MEO). On June 19, 2021, a Pensacola Boy Scout troop was clearing the crawl space of a building located in Miraflores Park located at 1601 E. La Rua St. in Pensacola, FL where skeletal remains - that they believed to be human - were discovered. The representatives of that group contacted the Pensacola Police Department (PPD) and the Florida District 1 Medical Examiner's Office (MEO). These offices contacted the University of West Florida (UWF) Department of Anthropology to engage with forensic anthropologist Dr. A.P. Winburn from the Biological Anthropology Laboratory. At the time of recovery, potential historical significance of the location was not known to PPD, MEO, or the UWF forensic anthropologists.

Although the Boy Scout troop had removed some remains prior to the notification of the PPD/MEO, many skeletal fragments remained in the crawl space. From June 20-21, 2021 a team of PPD, D1 MEO, and forensic anthropologists worked to recover fragments from the crawl space following standard forensic anthropological methods. Field protocols included documentation, photography, mapping, excavation, and collection of remains according to a provenience system that included AP1 (A to I) and AP2 (A to E) to distinguish location of skeletal fragments (Winburn 2021b).

Remains were identified on the ground surface of the crawl space, within a layer of historic and modern debris, and several centimeters into the sandy sedimentary layer of probable historic fill. No intact burials were noted during recovery of remains. The skeletal fragments had taphonomic signatures that did not suggest forensic significance - no retained lipids, no decomposition odors, no evidence of carnivore or rodent scavenging that would be expected for remains in this context with medicolegal significance. Additionally, the context was disturbed with evidence of shovel damage on some remains, suggesting these were historic remains that had at some point been disturbed and disinterred to become intermixed with the historic fill in the crawl space - perhaps during the construction of the building in the early 20th century (Winburn 2021b). Documentation of the space, remains in situ, plan excavation maps, and associated historic newspaper clippings are available in Winburn 2021a,b.

Procedure and Statutes: Once the preliminary *6A21 Brief Report of Historical Significance* (Winburn 2021a) was submitted to the MEO and PPD on July 8, 2021 and the MEO confirmed that the remains were not of medicolegal significance, remains were released to UWF for further investigation. Their release then necessitated contact with the State Archaeologist at the Division of Historical Resources (DHS), Florida Department of State and the Historic Preservation Planner (HPP) for the city of Pensacola. This meeting occurred on July 12, 2021. The State Archaeologist reviewed the remains on July 23, 2021. Jurisdiction of the remains, was evaluated by the State as to follow Florida Statute Title XLVI, Chapter 872. On August 26, 2021 the *6A21 Field Search and Recovery Report* (Winburn 2021b) was issued to the State Archaeologist, who then confirmed on August 27, 2021, that these remains fall under the Chapter 872.02 rather than Chapter 872.05, allowing for the initiation of the bioarchaeological analysis. The *Field Search and Recovery Report* was received by Miller Wolf on September 8, 2021 to support the analysis of the fragmentary commingled remains. The detailed report of the remains follows.

office 850.474.2797
uwf.edu/anthropology
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Images courtesy of the UWF Archaeology Institute and the Florida Public Archaeology Network

Thank you to the following agencies, departments, and Community Advisory Group Members:

- Pensacola Police Department
- District 1 Medical Examiner's Office
- University of West Florida Anthropology Dept.
- Florida Division of Historical Resources
- State Archaeologist
- University of West Florida Archaeology Institute
- University of West Florida Historic Trust
- Florida Public Archaeology Network

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Memorandum

File #: 23-00179

Miraflores Community Advisory Group 2/27/2023

TO: Miraflores Community Advisory Group

FROM: Adrienne Walker, Cultural Resources Coordinator

DATE: February 17, 2023

SUBJECT:

Discussion of Citizen Sharing Form



Form Center

By signing in or creating an account, some fields will auto-populate with your information and your submitted forms will be saved and accessible to you.

Miraflores Burial Ground Study Citizen Input Form

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Miraflores Burial Ground Study Citizen Input Form

We want to hear from the community!

The City of Pensacola is gathering community input about Miraflores Park as we move forward with the Miraflores Burial Ground Study. Please share any input or information you have about the park, whether it's personal memories, family stories, documents, photographs, or anything related to Miraflores Park (formerly known as Havana Square).

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

Mayor D.C. Reeves appointed a Community Advisory Group to assist the city in conducting this study. The group is tasked with gathering feedback from the community and to help generate ideas for eventual reinternment of the two individuals. This group will hold public meetings, with opportunities for public input and engagement throughout the process.

Visit cityofpensacola.com/miraflores to learn

Name*

Email *

Phone Number (optional)

What information would you like to share about Miraflores Park? Please include any memories, family stories, historic information, or anything you think may be helpful as we are studying the park.

If you have any photos or other documents related to Miraflores Park/Havana Square, please upload those below (optional).

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Document 2

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Document 3

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