

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD
NOTICE OF VIRTUAL MEETING

NOTICE DATE: January 29, 2021
MEETING DATE/TIME: February 4, 2021 5:00 p.m.
MEETING PLACE: Virtual Meeting

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the regularly scheduled Museum Board meeting for the City of Birmingham will be conducted online using a virtual meeting format. Meetings will be conducted virtually in light of health concerns surrounding the COVID-19 pandemic and in accordance with the Department of Health and Human Services orders and related legislation that emphasize safety and limiting large gatherings.

Museum Board Zoom Meeting Invitation

Topic: Regular Museum Board Meeting

Time: November 6, 2020 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD AGENDA**

VIRTUAL MEETING

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Thursday, February 4, 2021

5:00 PM

***Mission Statement:** The Birmingham Museum will explore meaningful connections with our past, in order to enrich our community and enhance its character and sustainability. Our mission is to promote understanding of Birmingham's historical and cultural legacy through preservation and interpretation of its ongoing story.*

1. Call to Order

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of the Minutes

A. Minutes of January 7, 2021

4. Unfinished Business

A. Long Range Plan Review

B. Greenwood Cemetery GIS Database Project Update

5. New Business

A. 2021-22 Budget Updates

B. Celebrate Birmingham Virtual Parade (May)

5. Communication and Reports

A. Director Report

B. Member comments

C. Public comments

6. Next Meeting: March 4, 2021 (Currently planned as a virtual meeting)

7. Adjournment

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**CITY OF BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM BOARD
VIRTUAL MEETING
January 7, 2021
5:00 PM**

Members Present: Russ Dixon, Pat Hughes, Tina Krizanic, Marty Logue

Members Absent: Judith Keefer, Caitlin Rosso

Administration: Museum Director Leslie Pielack

Guests: None

Ms. Krizanic called the meeting to order at 5:00 PM.

**Approval of the Minutes
Minutes of December 1, 2020**

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Logue:

To approve the minutes of December 1, 2020.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 0

New Business

- A. Members discussed the formation of a Collections Subcommittee in accordance with the newly adopted Collections Policy and procedures for future de-accession of collection items. Both Ms. Rosso and Ms. Keefer have indicated to Director Pielack that they are interested in serving on the subcommittee. Ms. Logue added that she was interested in serving on the subcommittee as well. No other members indicated interest in participating on the subcommittee.

MOTION: by Dixon, seconded by Hughes:

To appoint Judith Keefer, Marty Logue, and Caitlin Rosso to serve on the Museum Board Collections Subcommittee.

VOTE: Yeas, 4
Nays, 0

Communication and Reports

Director Pielack reviewed the Director Report with additional details about the upcoming Long Range Planning meeting presentation and planned painting work at the Hunter House for 2021-2022. RFPs for the Heritage Zone work and the Allen House

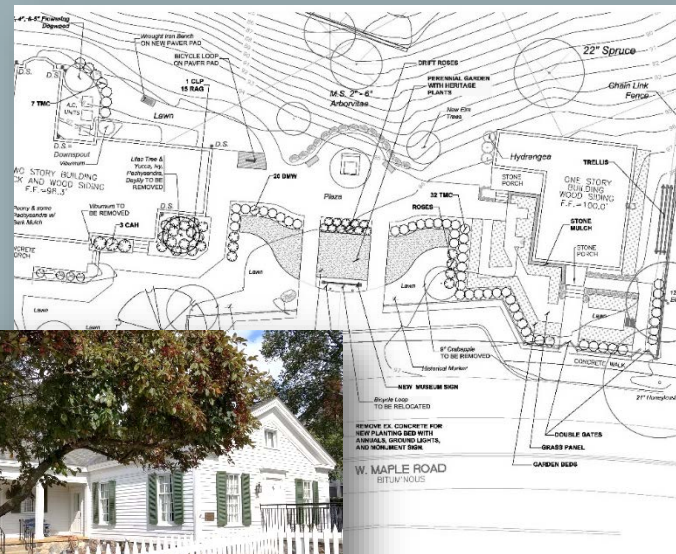
windows will be posted as soon as possible to facilitate the optimum response from contractors. In addition, the donor for the diseased pear tree in front of the Allen House has enthusiastically supported the replacement of his donation tree with the Pioneer elm tree. Director Pielack also clarified that Museum Board membership in the Friends of the Birmingham Museum is required only of a majority of Museum Board members, not 100% of members, as mentioned in the Director Report. Friends membership renewals are in process, and Ms. Logue reported that many are new members, and additional donations have also been received, that the Friends will be placing in a dedicated account for the landscape master plan.

Mr. Dixon commented that the design for the support for the permanent sign as approved with the Heritage Zone may result in a footing that exceeds the necessary (below ground) support for a sign of this nature. He proposed that when the project goes out to bid, an alternate plan for the foundation can be requested from the bidding contractors. This will allow the project to go forward while also potentially offering a cost-saving alternative at the construction phase, with consultation with the landscape architect. The board agreed with this approach by consensus. Ms. Krizanic suggested that the museum's Long Range Plan presentation include an emphasis on continuing the museum's successful virtual content.

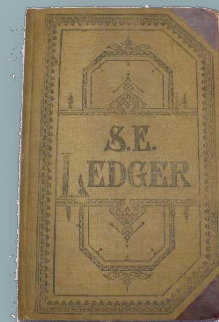
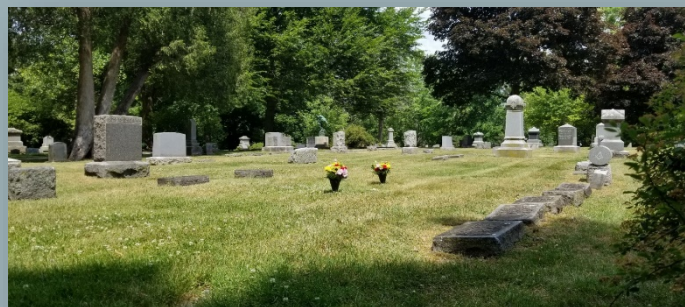
There were no public comments.

The next Regular Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 4 at 5:00 PM, currently planned as a virtual meeting.

Ms. Krizanic adjourned the meeting at 6:00 PM.



LONG RANGE PLAN 2021



PRIORITIES FOR 2021

I. SITE
IMPROVEMENTS

II. EXPANDED
VIRTUAL ACCESS

III. COMMUNITY
ENGAGEMENT AND
OUTREACH

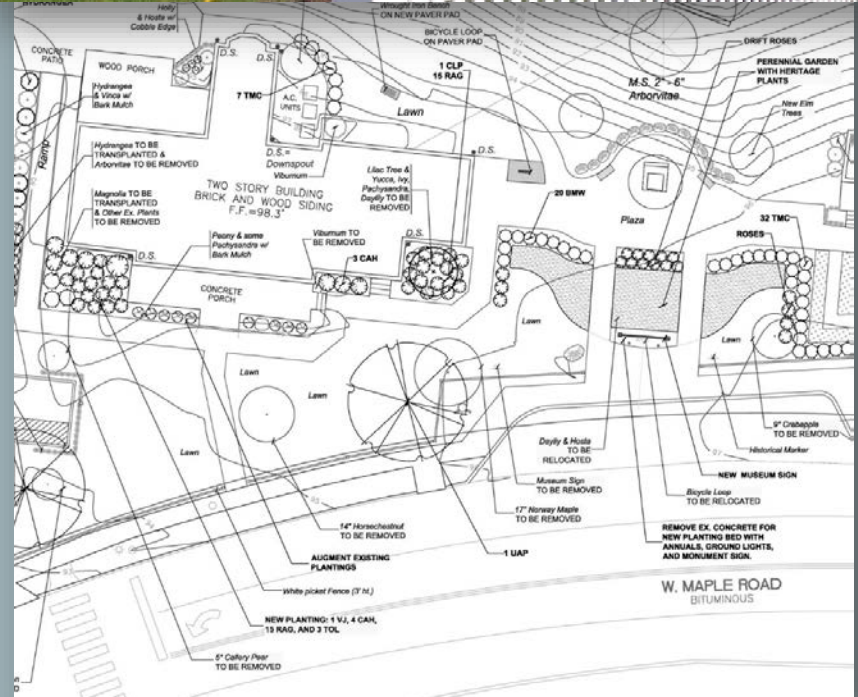


THE
BIRMINGHAM
MUSEUM

PRIORITIES FOR 2021

I. SITE IMPROVEMENTS

Implement first phase
of Heritage Zone
landscape restoration



I. SITE IMPROVEMENTS

FIRST PHASE HERITAGE ZONE LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

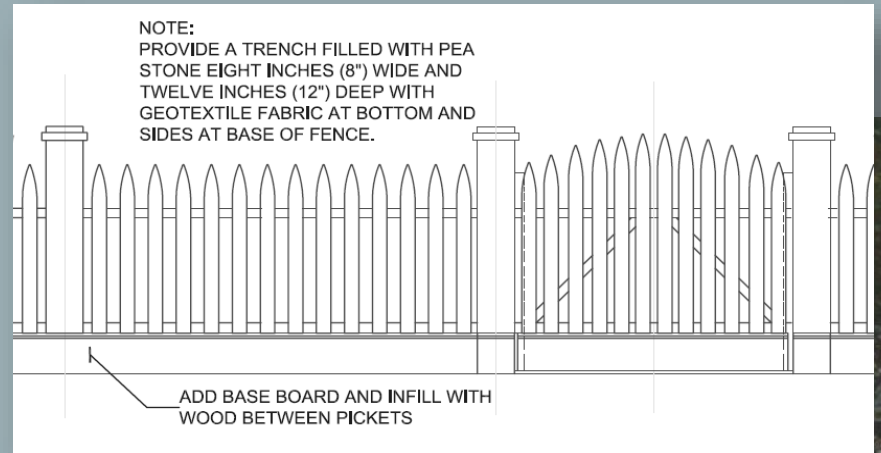
- I) Install historically appropriate disease-resistant elms along Maple Road



I. SITE IMPROVEMENTS

FIRST PHASE HERITAGE ZONE LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

- 2) Modifications and enhancements to fencing
- add base board to Hunter House picket fence
 - add gates to fence at front walk for Hunter House and Allen House



I. SITE IMPROVEMENTS

FIRST PHASE HERITAGE ZONE LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

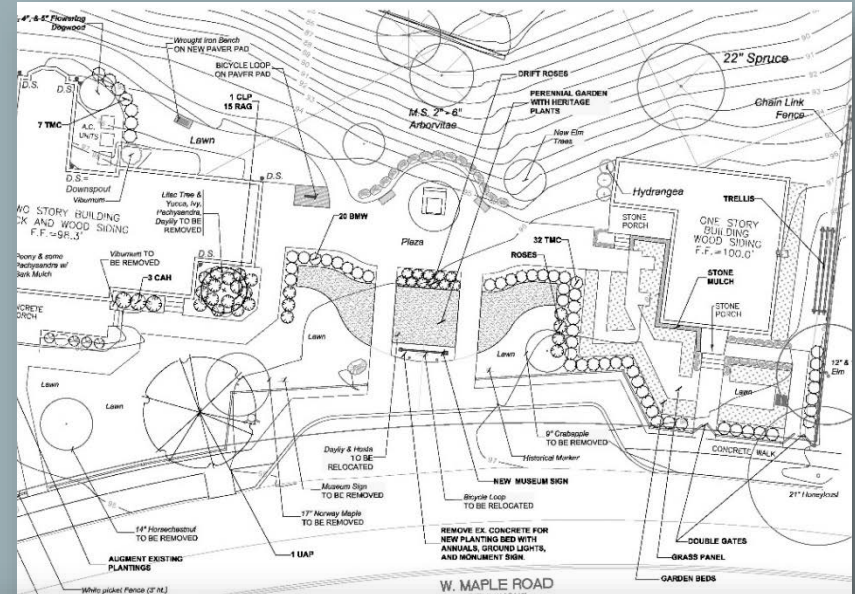
3) Installation of primary signage



I. SITE IMPROVEMENTS

FIRST PHASE HERITAGE ZONE LANDSCAPE RESTORATION

- 4) Community outreach for heritage perennial garden

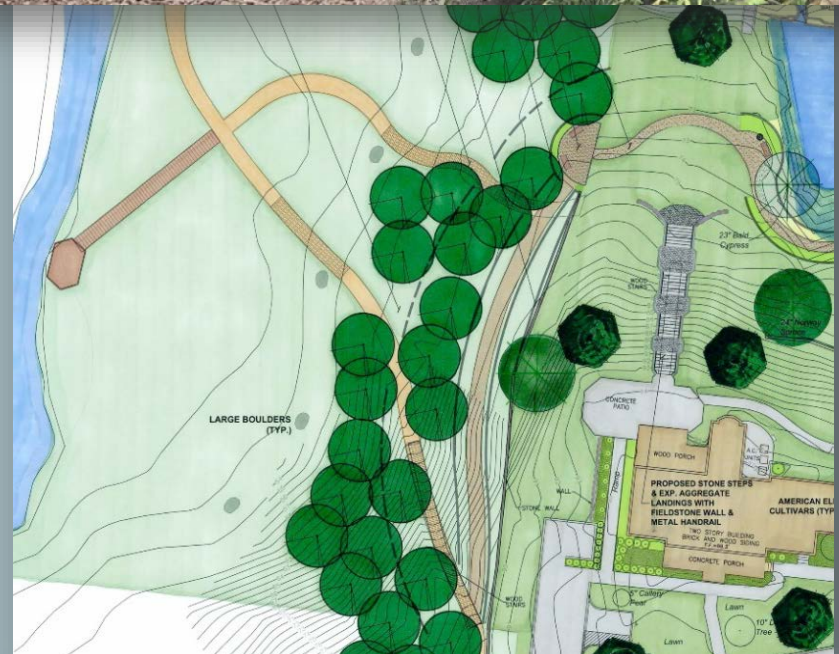


I. SITE IMPROVEMENTS

PLANNING FOR FUTURE ROUGE RIVER ENHANCEMENTS

Coordinate planning
with Parks Dept.

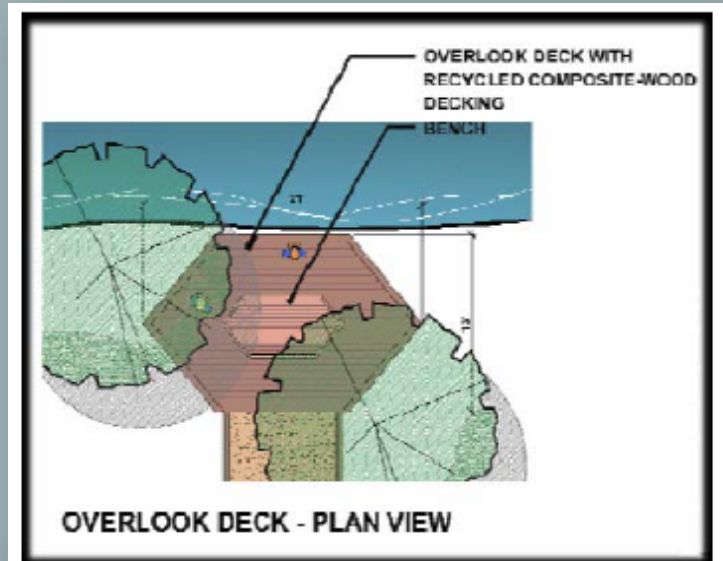
1) Stairway access



I. SITE IMPROVEMENTS

PLANNING FOR FUTURE ROUGE RIVER ENHANCEMENTS

- 2) ADA pathway improvements
- 3) Viewing areas

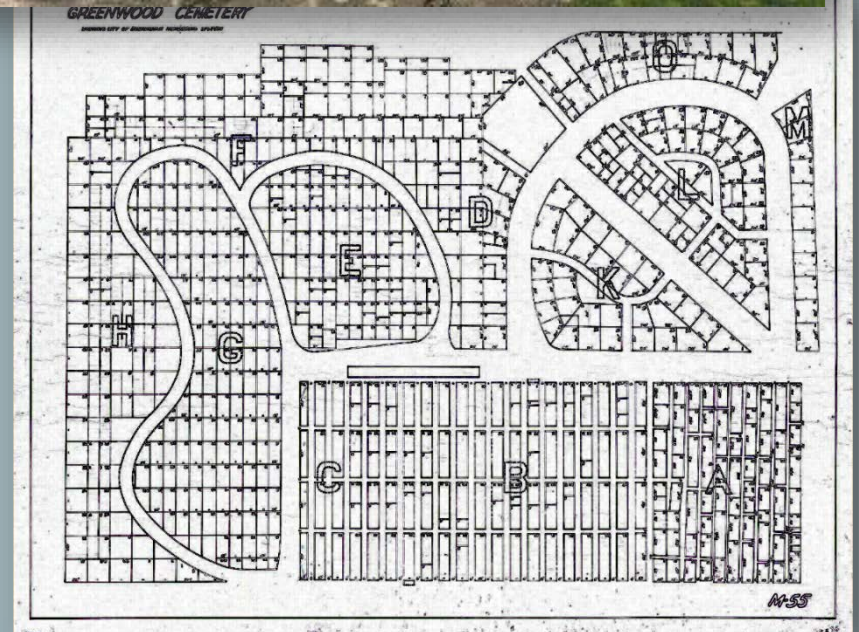


II. EXPANDED VIRTUAL ACCESS

GREENWOOD CEMETERY



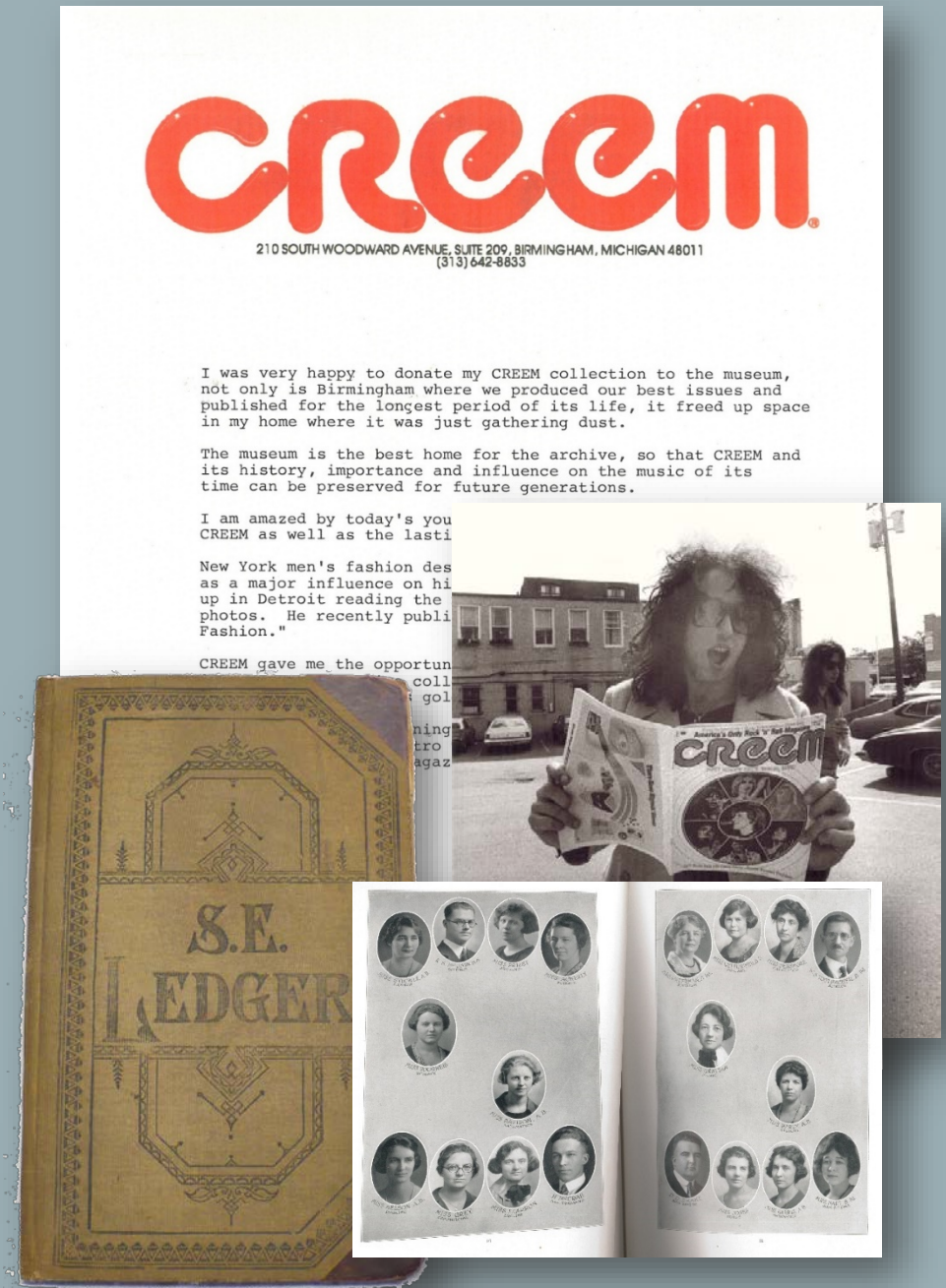
- 1) GIS database project
- 2) Survey and documentation of historic areas



II. EXPANDED VIRTUAL ACCESS

ONLINE COLLECTION

Online access to
selected
collection items

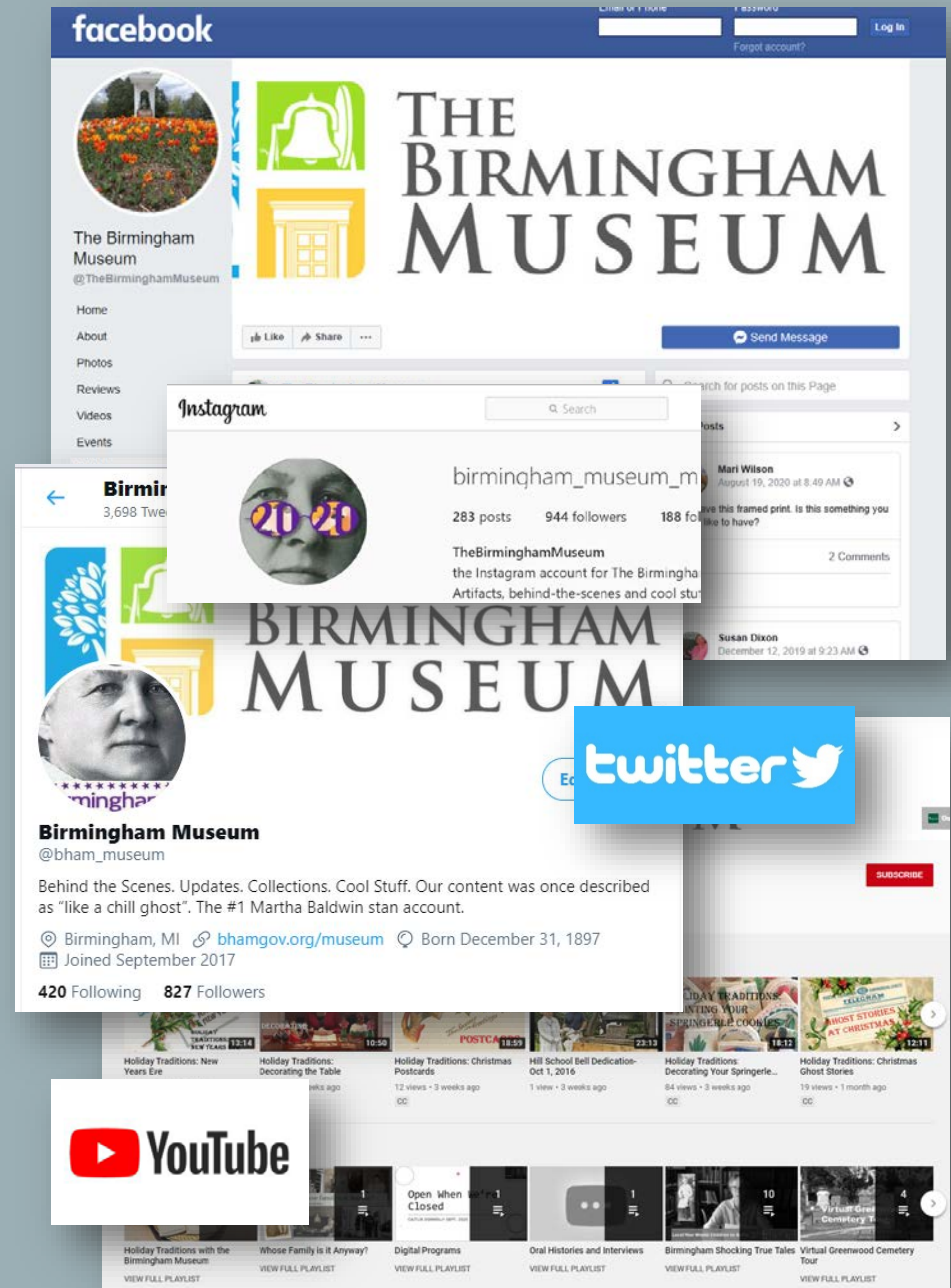


III. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

VIRTUAL MUSEUM

Expansion of virtual
content and audience
engagement

- 1) Facebook
- 2) Twitter
- 3) YouTube
- 4) Instagram



III. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

TAYLOR MONUMENT PROJECT

Grave marker
installation and public
celebration for graves
of formerly enslaved
early Birmingham
residents

Death of George B. Taylor.

In spite of our hopes to the contrary, we are obliged this week to chronicle the death of our venerable colored friend, George B. Taylor, of whose illness with blood poisoning mention has been made in our last two issues.

"Uncle George," as he was familiarly called, had an interesting and eventful life story, which began with his birth in

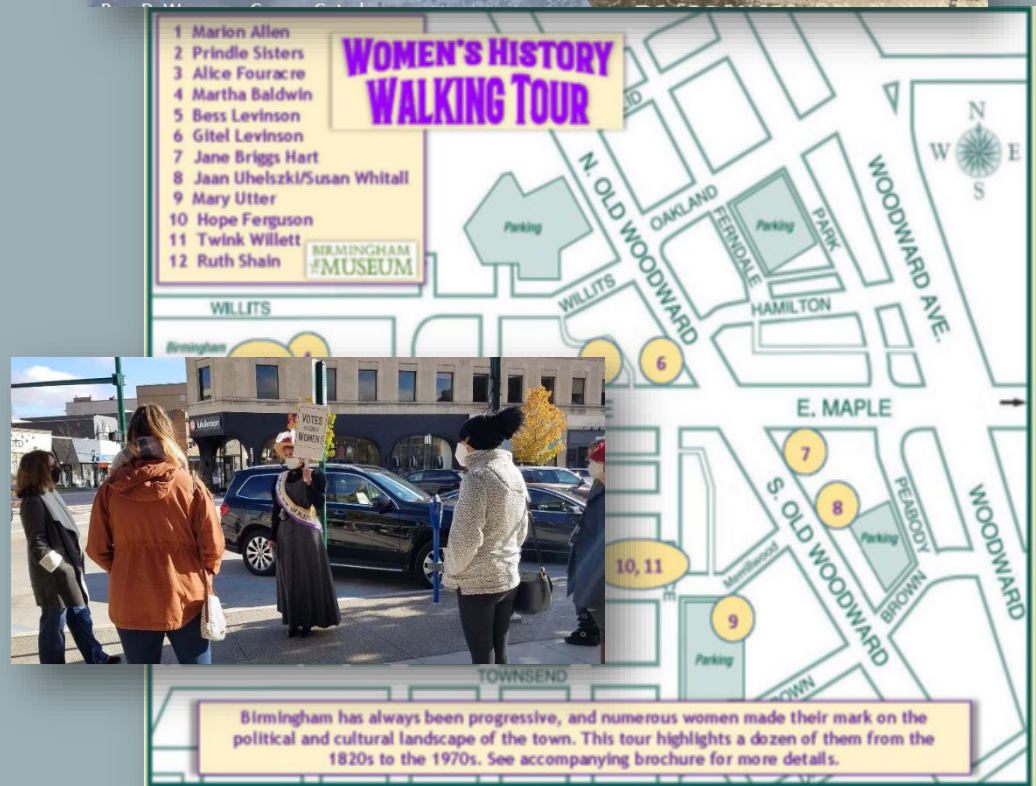


during those dark days preceding their emancipation. The first two or three years of his freedom was spent in C'm

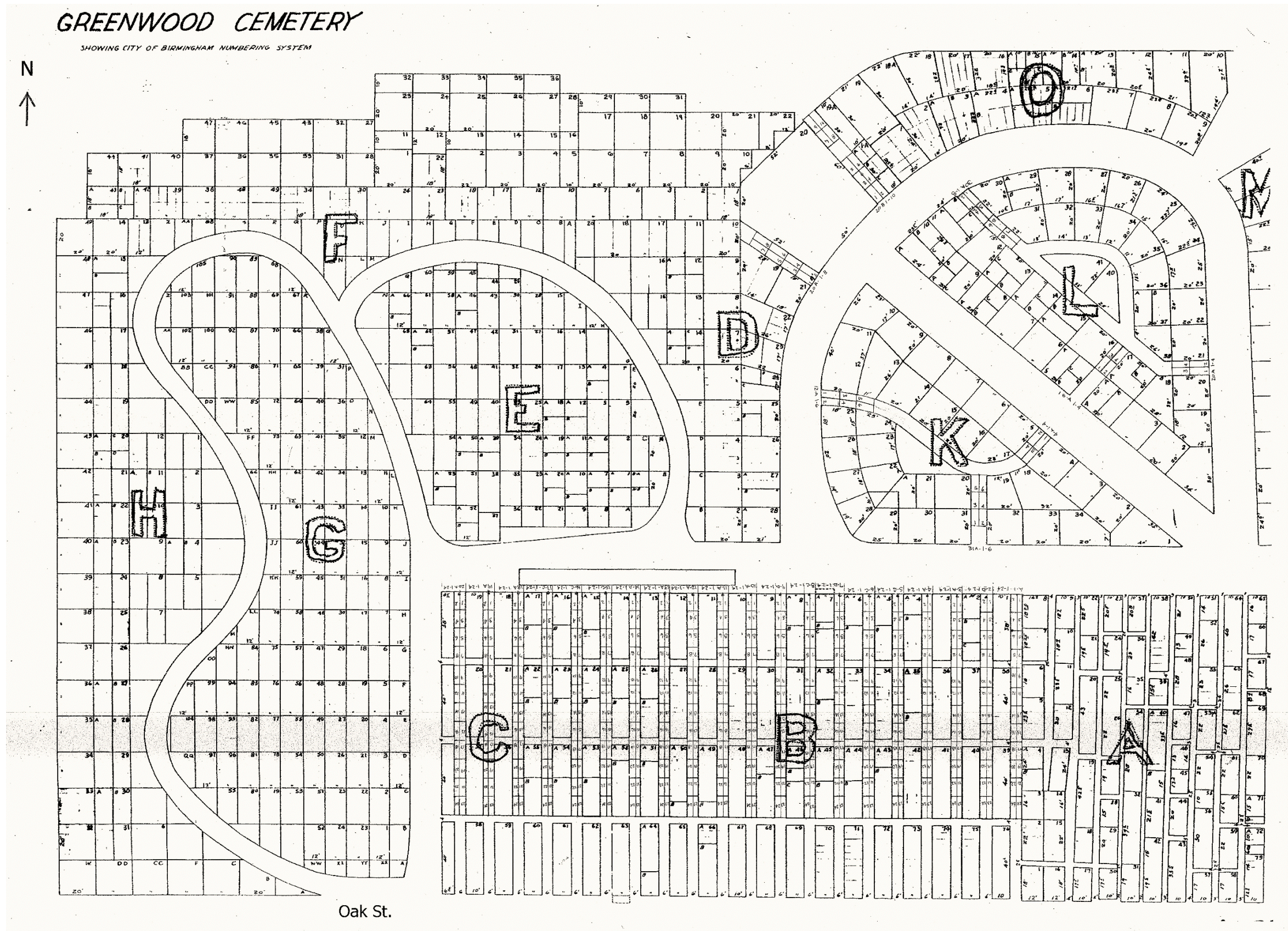
III. COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT AND OUTREACH

FUND-RAISING EVENTS

- 1) Themed walking/strolling tours
- 2) Special outdoor history-themed events



GREENWOOD CEMETERY OVERVIEW



GREENWOOD CEMETERY

SHOWING CITY OF BIRMINGHAM NUMBERING SYSTEM

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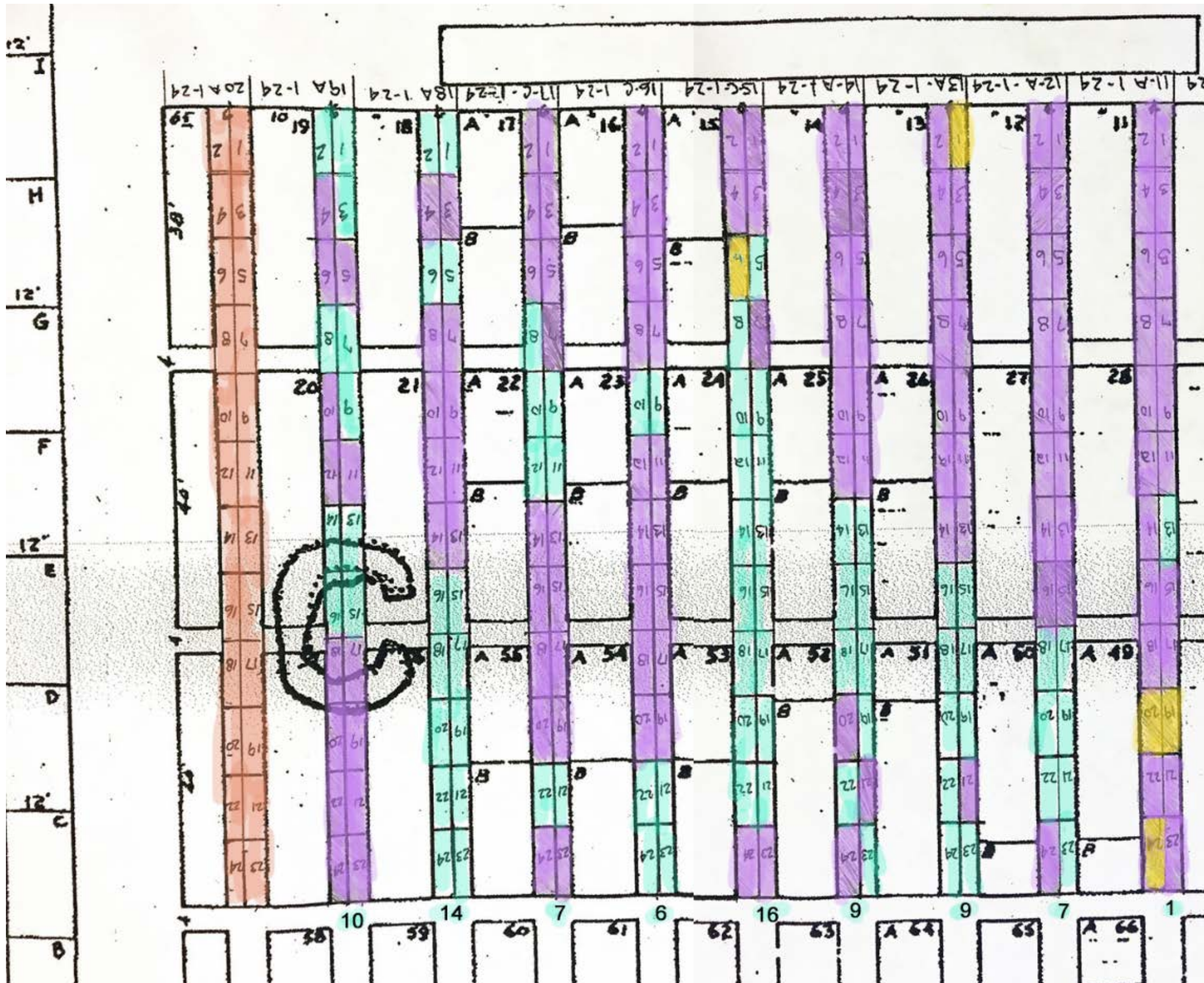
Oak St.

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GREENWOOD CEMETERY GRAVES STATUS – Lots B and C

As of **December 15, 2020**, 187 grave plots are available in both B and C. No grave plots are available for sale to the public in any other section of the cemetery.





Detail, Section C and Section B-West

Number of available graves shown at bottom of rows

Detail, Section
B - Central and
B - East



Number of available
graves shown at
bottom of rows



Director Report

DATE: February 4, 2021
TO: Museum Board
FROM: Leslie Pielack, Museum Director
SUBJECT: Director Report

Museum Board Openings—A reminder to all that we have a regular opening and an alternate on the Museum Board and to consider your friends/neighbors who might be a great addition to the board!

Allen House Windows—The RFP has been posted and specialty firms have been contacted to make them aware of the project. The bid deadline is Feb. 26; the Museum Board will be able to review the details at their March 4 Museum Board meeting. Assuming there is a qualified bidder for the project, the project would go before the HDC for courtesy review and the final contract would go before the City Commission on March 22, enabling an April starting date for the project.

Preservation and Repair Projects-Heritage Zone First Phase Implementation—The RFP for this project is being finalized and will be posted soon.

Local Black History/Black History Month—The Museum is excited to have identified two people of African American descent also buried at Greenwood who are related to the Taylors: Elizabeth Abigail Farmer Harris and her husband Abraham Harris (Jr). Elizabeth was from the Farmer family and sister-in-law to the Taylors' foster daughter, Clara, who married Joseph Farmer, Elizabeth's sister. Abraham Harris was the grandson of African American pioneer settler in the Royal Oak area, Hamlet Harris. The Friends and museum staff are collaborating to create silk flower arrangements representing Black History that can be placed on all four graves during February. Additional web articles and a press release is part of this effort for acknowledging our local black history.

Resource Materials for our Web Site—Birmingham planner Bob Gibbs donated materials to the museum and provided a detailed history of Birmingham planning. He granted permission to post; <https://www.bhamgov.org/Birmingham%20Plan%20History%20for%20Museum%20Jan%202015%202021%20b.pdf>. We will be adding web articles from student contributions and other materials in the coming months as part of our expanded online presence. The city is in the process of changing its website provider, which will give our web site a new look, but until then, these materials can be found under 'Historical Resources' tab on the left side of the web page.

The Virtual Birmingham Museum—in addition to its artifact shorts, the museum will be specifically creating in depth looks at artifacts mentioned in its virtual school tour series from 2020. As we anticipate the pandemic to preclude on site tours, we will launch these companion videos with the school tour season this May. We are also planning a series later this spring called, "The Evolving Museum" that will touch on conundrums, changing values, and gray areas in museum practice.

Virtual Internships—Justin Koch of U-D Mercy's Museum Studies program will be working with us on a virtual basis during this term. Among other projects, he will be researching the history of the Community House, focusing on its origin in the progressive movement and Depression and World War II activities.

Presentations—The Piety Hill Chapter of the DAR is celebrating its anniversary and the Museum will be providing them with a historical presentation for their celebration on February 6, 2021.