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CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday, June 23, 2026

Call to Order:
The meeting was called to order by Chair Mary Fee at 4:20 p.m.

Roll Call:

Mary Fee, Chair	P
Ron Stoughton, Vice Chair	P
Thomas Shockey, Secretary	P
Diana Jacobs	A
Elizabeth Murch	P
Jeffrey Gastineau	A
Nichole Foreman	A

Staff present: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason and Public Services Manager Angie Hobart.
Guests: Keri O'Donnell, Marcy Steckman

Approval of Meeting Minutes:
Chair Fee moved to approve the May 26, 2026, minutes as submitted. Vice Chair Stoughton seconded. All board members voted to approve the May 26, 2026, minutes as submitted.

Approval of the Agenda:
Secretary Shockey moved to approve the agenda. Chair Fee seconded. All board members voted to approve the June 23, 2026, agenda.

Hearing of Visitors:
Keri O'Donnell reported that she was researching the military service of patriots buried at Wagnor Cemetery. She had a Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR) official record for one and was trying for 100% proof. There would likely be another patriot documented by the end of her research. The military service was in the War of 1812 and she had found three Civil War veterans – two were from the Evans family.

The board welcomed guest Marcy Steckman who was also member of the New Albany - Plain Township Historical Society.

Other Business:
Clerk Mason reported that Wagnor Cemetery improvements were scheduled for completion in the fall and the board would be visiting to see them. A board member stated they hadn't seen active work when passing the cemetery. Manager Hobart confirmed underlying work was in progress.

The board briefly reviewed the attached Rose Run 2 slides presented by Deputy City Manager Joly at the May 26 CRAB meeting. They recalled the board's May 26 discussion and questions, and further discussed the landscaping presented. Board members still preferred not to mow a path from the creek into the cemetery as they believed it would increase cut-through foot traffic through the headstones. They also still preferred no concrete or stone insets on the historical border. They still wanted stone inlay delineating the vault foundation.

Vice Chair Stoughton moved to recommend to city council and city staff to accept the architect's plans as presented with the following features: one arch-overhead portal sign with the name "New Albany Cemetery." The soft-mown border – pending identification of the grass – without the "optional mown path" on the northeast border from the creek. No flush band of concrete or stone along the historic cemetery border. The CRAB preferred the "more brown" corner markers. Chair Fee seconded. All board members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Board members re-reviewed the materials about headstone recreation which were also part of the May 26 CRAB meeting. The board noted William H. Yantis who had a documented headstone at the former Africa Road cemetery. The board further considered headstones for Mary Ann "Molly" Olinger Kohn and Sarah Sager Kohn. They agreed that, although their graves were not identified until after the Ohio Valley Archaeology Report and CRAB Report and Recommendation were written, since their husband, Jesse Kohn was one of the original contributors to the land and his headstone was in the cemetery, it was likely both of his wives were buried there also.

Chair Fee moved to recommend that city council and city staff recreate headstones for James Conkle, William Yantis – died 1872, William H. Yantis – died 1854, Amanda Yantis – died 1854, Lorenzo Ulry – died 1859, Reverend Joshua Montgomery – died 1870, Suzanna Tanner Montgomery – died 1881, Mary Ann "Molly" Olinger Kohn – died 1853, and Sarah Sager Kohn – date of death unknown. Member Murch seconded. All members voted in favor of the motion. Motion passed.

Schedule next meeting:
The board agreed to not hold their next meeting until the response came back on the New Albany Cemetery Historical Marker application or they had business to consider.

Poll members for comment:
NONE

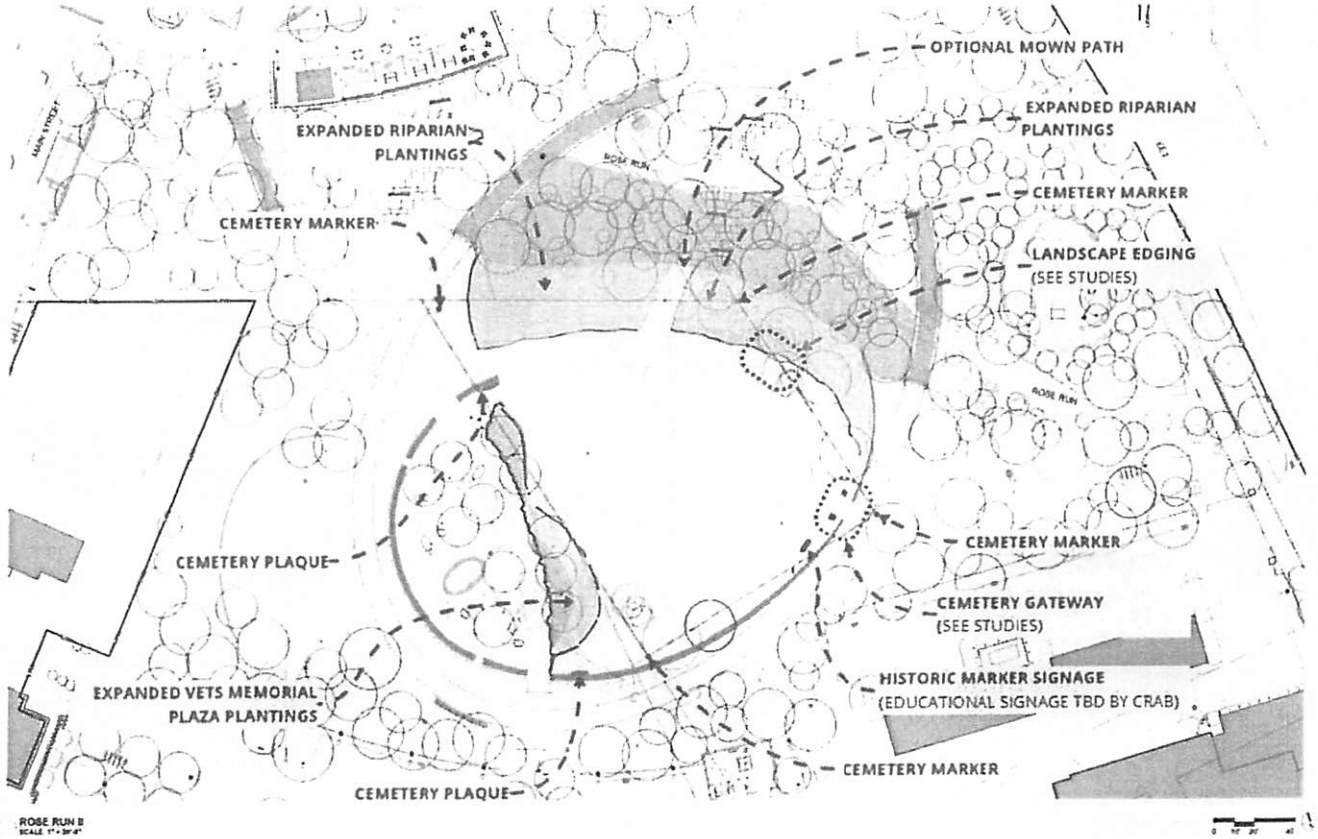
Adjournment:
Chair Fee moved to adjourn the meeting. Member Murch seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:05 pm.

Signed:

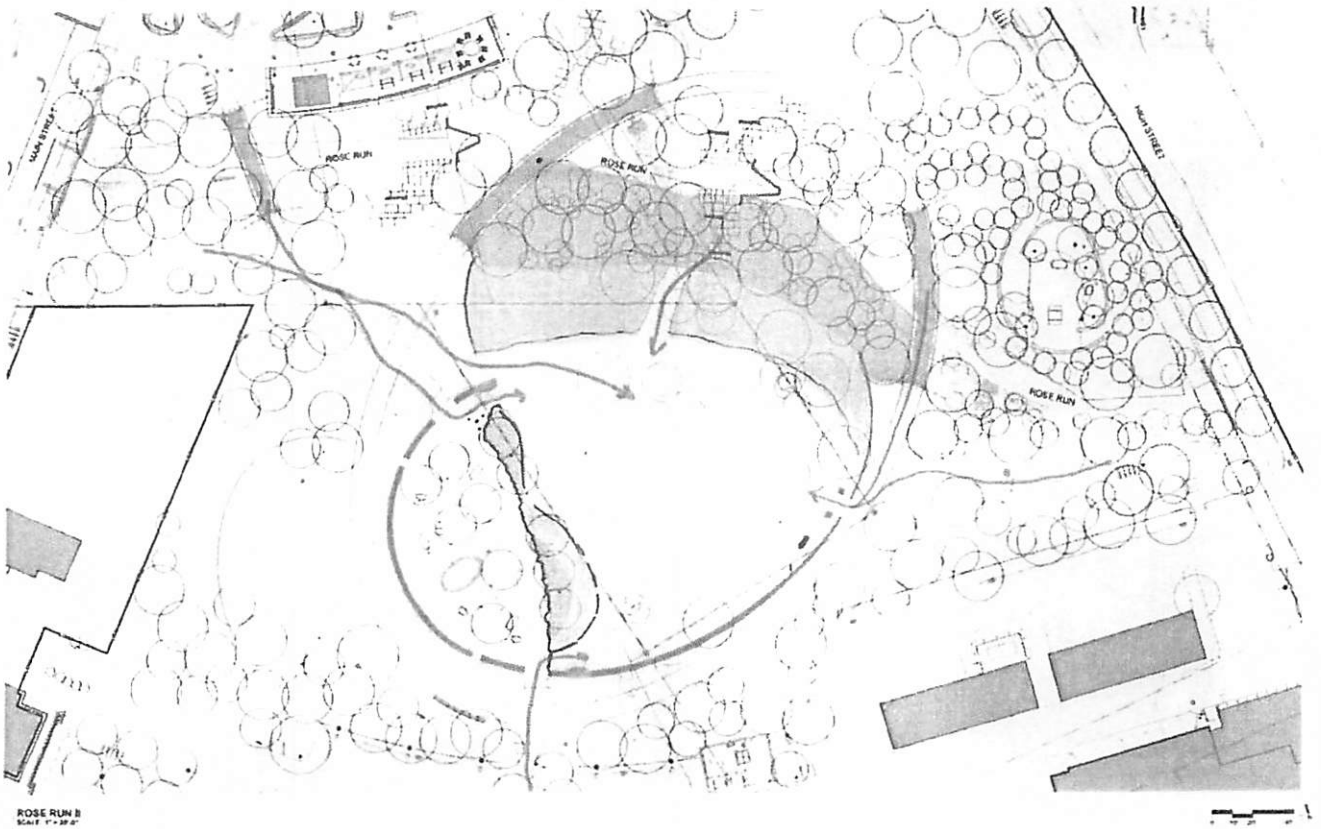
Chair Mary Fee _____ Secretary Tom Shockey _____ Date _____

Attachment to 6-23-26 CRAB minutes
New Albany Cemetery Design options Slides

CEMETERY PLAN



CEMETERY CIRCULATION & IDENTIFYING MOMENTS



CEMETERY GATEWAY STUDIES

MATERIALS

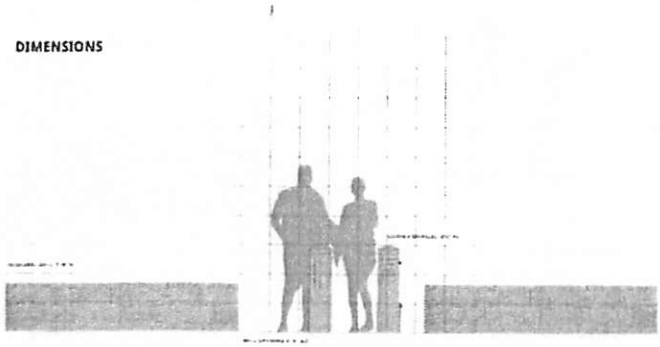
CEMETERY GATEWAY

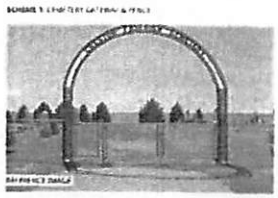
WALL

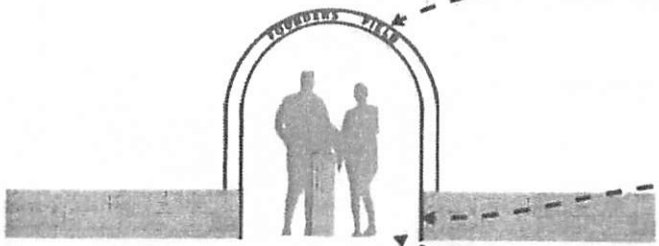
CORNER MARKERS



DIMENSIONS





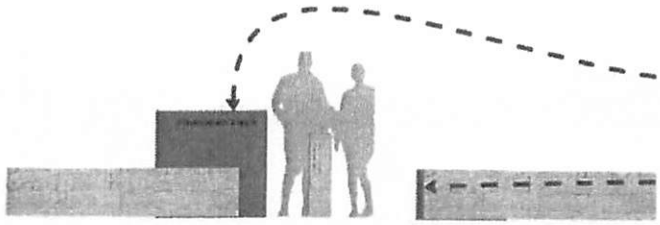


OVERHEAD PORTAL SIGNAGE
(ALIGNED WITH WALL)

BRONZE CAP ON WALL

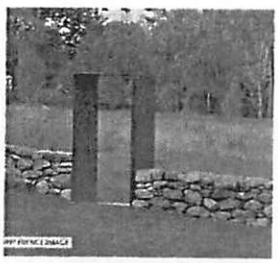
FLUSH SANDSTONE BAND

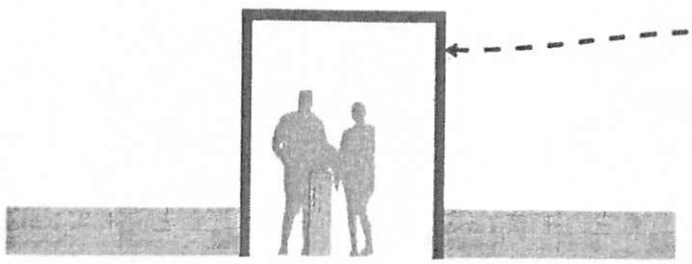




BRONZE MONUMENTAL SIGN
(OFFSET BEHIND MEMORIAL WALL)

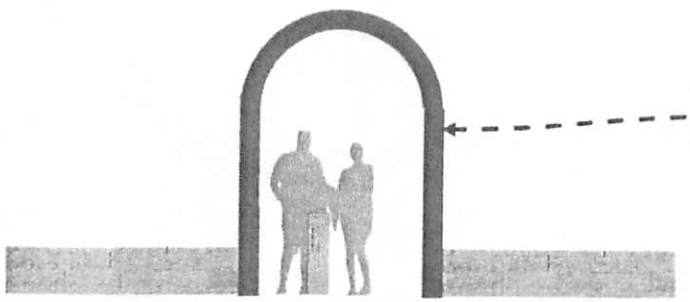
BRONZE CAP ON WALL





BRONZE GATEWAY
(INSET INTO MEMORIAL WALL)

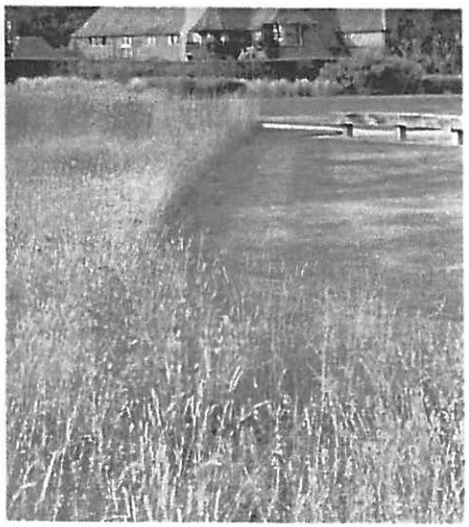




ARCHED GATEWAY
(INSET INTO MEMORIAL WALL)

CEMETERY EDGE STUDIES

OPTION 1: SOFT MOWN EDGE



OPTION 2: FLUSH BAND - CONCRETE OR STONE



COULD STAGGER

12" WIDTH