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**SUBJECT:**
The Comal Cemetery as a Texas Historical Commission Subject Marker.

**DEPARTMENT:** Parks and Recreation

**COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED:** City Council District 5

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**
The Comal Cemetery has been awarded an Official Texas Historical Marker designating it to be an Historic Texas Cemetery, and the site to be a significant part of Texas History.

When the New Braunfels cemetery, established in 1845, soon neared capacity, a new burial ground was needed and in March 1868, John F. Torrey had a promissory note drawn up for 8 acres and $500 for the establishment of a cemetery on the bluff of the Guadalupe River. The first known burial was for Frederick (Fritz) Hartwig on August 12, 1873; however earlier burials were documented as being on the “bluff overlooking the river” in the 1850s. Later acquisitions enlarged the cemetery to about 25 acres, and it contains more than 12,550 burials, reflecting the community heritage of New Braunfels. The cemetery contains a variety of mature trees, Victorian era iron plot fences, concrete curbing, a wide variety of cemetery markers including early hand carved marble and limestone tablet markers, obelisks, statuary, metal crosses and handmade markers.

A marker dedication will be held Thursday, May 16 at 5:30pm, at the cemetery located on Peace Ave

**ISSUE:**
N/A

## FISCAL IMPACT:
N/A

## RECOMMENDATION:
N/a