

## **State funeral hearing's focus shifts to graves at Texas Ranger Museum expansion**

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**City Attorney Leah Hayes** objected that the intent of Thursday's meeting was not to be a debate about Waco's handling of the museum expansion.

"Waco was not informed of the nature of the meeting," Hayes said. "We have not received any complaints from persons who said they have been denied access to visit gravesites."

**She went on to argue that the expansion area at the Ranger complex was a public park, not a dedicated cemetery, and was not subject to the access laws.**

Griggs ridiculed that statement.

"I guarantee it's a cemetery," he said. "You can call it a park, you can call it a restaurant, but there are thousands of people buried out there. You can play games with words, but it's a cemetery."