

**Proposed Plan of Action
For the
Preservation of the Grave of Delaware Chief NeConHeCon
Site 14WY401, UBS Case no. 1991-1**

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Meeting date: April 21, 2004

Attending:

Mr. Tim Zarda, 134th and State Avenue Partners
Mr. Gus Fasone, 134th and State Avenue Partners
Mr. Loren Taylor, President, Wyandotte County Historical Society, Inc.
Ms. Trish Schurkamp, Director, Wyandotte County Museum
Ms. Bonnie Thaxton, Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville
Dr. Brice Obermeyer, NAGPRA Coordinator, Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville
Mr. John Feedback, Historian, Wyandotte County historical Society, Inc.
Dr. Robert J. Hoard, Chair, Unmarked Burial sites Preservation Board, Kansas State Historical Society

A meeting was held at 10:30 AM Wednesday, April 21, 2004 at the Wyandotte County Museum on the subject of the preservation of the grave of Delaware Chief NeConHeCon. On October 4, 2002, the Kansas Unmarked Burial Sites Preservation Board (UBS board) requested that the 134th and State Avenue Partners (Developers) investigate options such as formally dedicating the lot containing the grave as a cemetery, donating the property to the city or county government or another entity capable of maintaining long-term care of the grave-site, or establishing a protective easement granted to the public or the city/county government. The April 21, 2004 meeting convened with the purpose of satisfying the UBS board request.

Comments: The Developers have been working in good faith with the UBS board, the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville (hereafter Delaware tribe), the Wyandotte County Museum and the Wyandotte County Historical Society, Inc., to come to a satisfactory resolution of this issue. Also, in an April 5, 2004 letter to Loren Taylor, Michael Morrison of the Cultural Preservation committee of the Delaware tribe made the following requests: That the Wyandotte County Historical Society Inc. take title to and oversee the maintenance of the gravesite, that the developer pay for a duplicate gravestone and erect it on the gravesite, the Wyandotte County Museum store the original gravestone on behalf of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville, and that any display or disposition of the gravestone first be approved by the Delaware tribe.

Those attending the April 21, 2004 meeting agreed to pursue the following course of action:

1. That the developer would deed the gravesite lot to the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville and that the developer would pay the costs of land transfer, filing expenses, legal expenses, site preparation including fencing and the setting of an appropriate monument;

2. That the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville would accept title to the gravesite lot;
3. That the developer would maintain the site until the development's homeowner association was established, at which time the homeowner association would be responsible for maintenance;
4. That an agreement for long term preservation of the gravesite would be made between the Wyandotte County Historical Society, Inc., and the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville, and that the developer would establish a trust for this purpose; and
5. That the original gravestone would be curated at the Wyandotte County Museum but remains the property of the Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville

This is a work plan and does not constitute an agreement. Its purpose is to give direction to the parties involved toward the goal of the permanent preservation of the gravesite. This document is not in any way binding, but means only that the involved parties (Delaware Tribe of Indians of Bartlesville, UBS board, the Developer, the Wyandotte County Museum, and the Wyandotte County Historical Society, Inc.) agree to work toward the preservation of the gravesite, and that they agree that the action plan outlined above is a general course of action to pursue but that is subject to further negotiation and modification.

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