

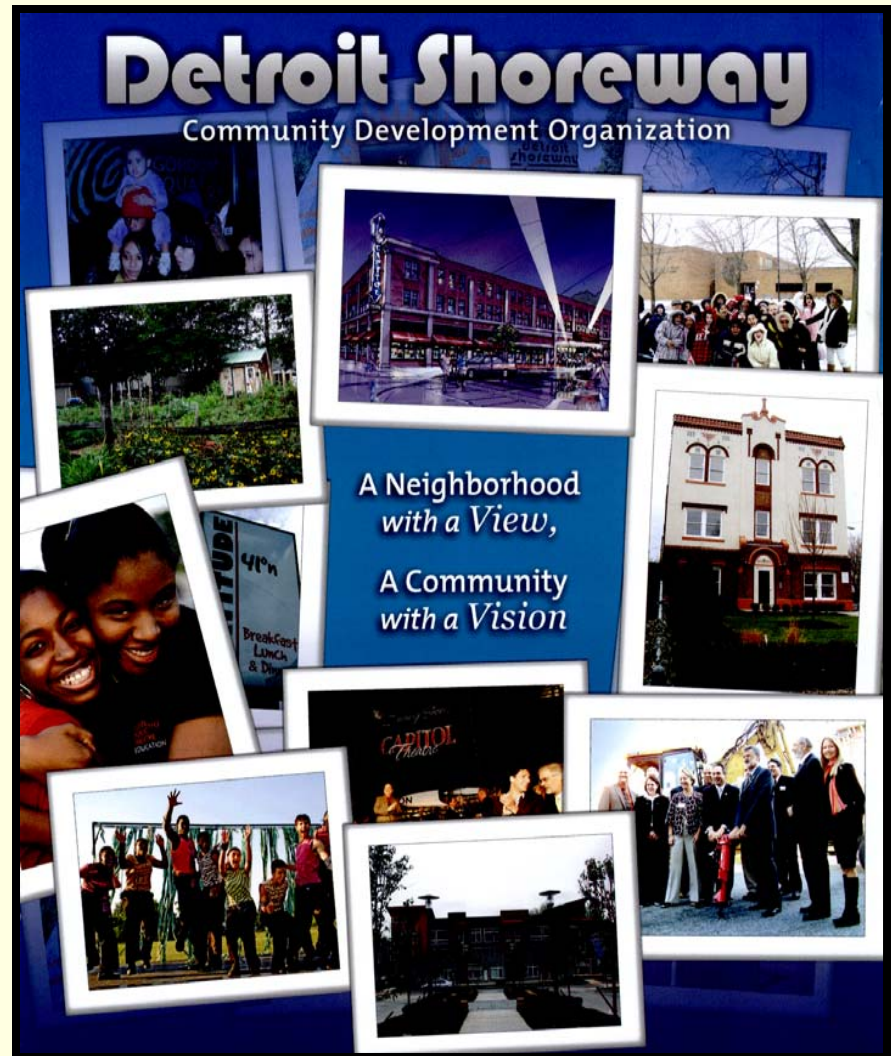
FIR STREET CEMETERY



Leading a Neighborhood Renaissance

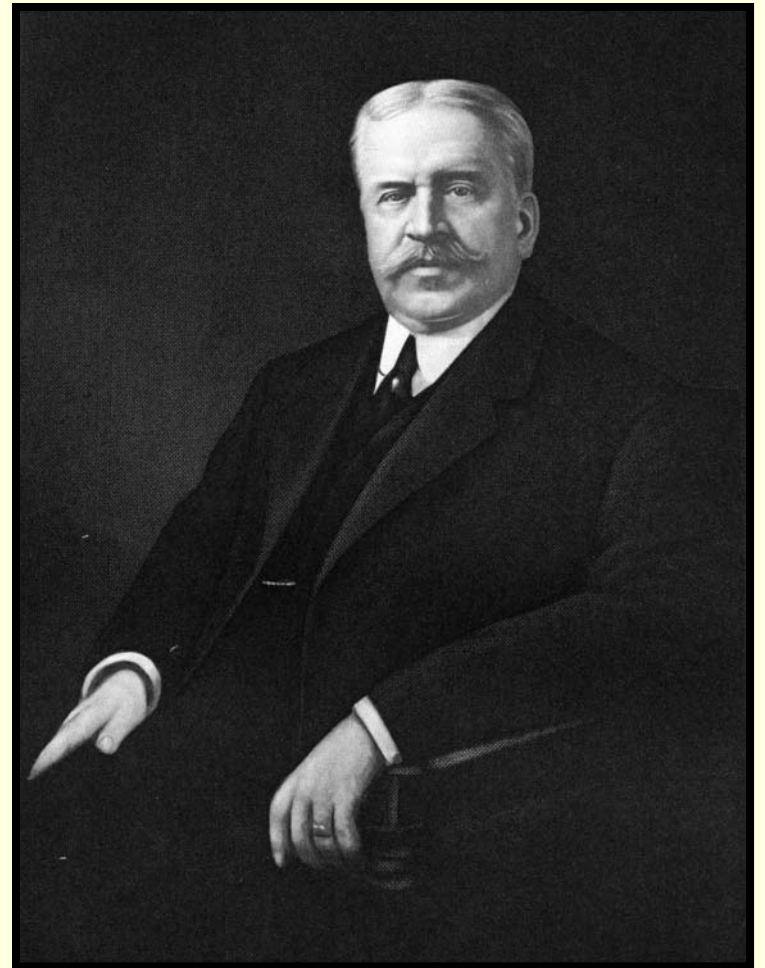


Matt Zone



James Madison Hoyt

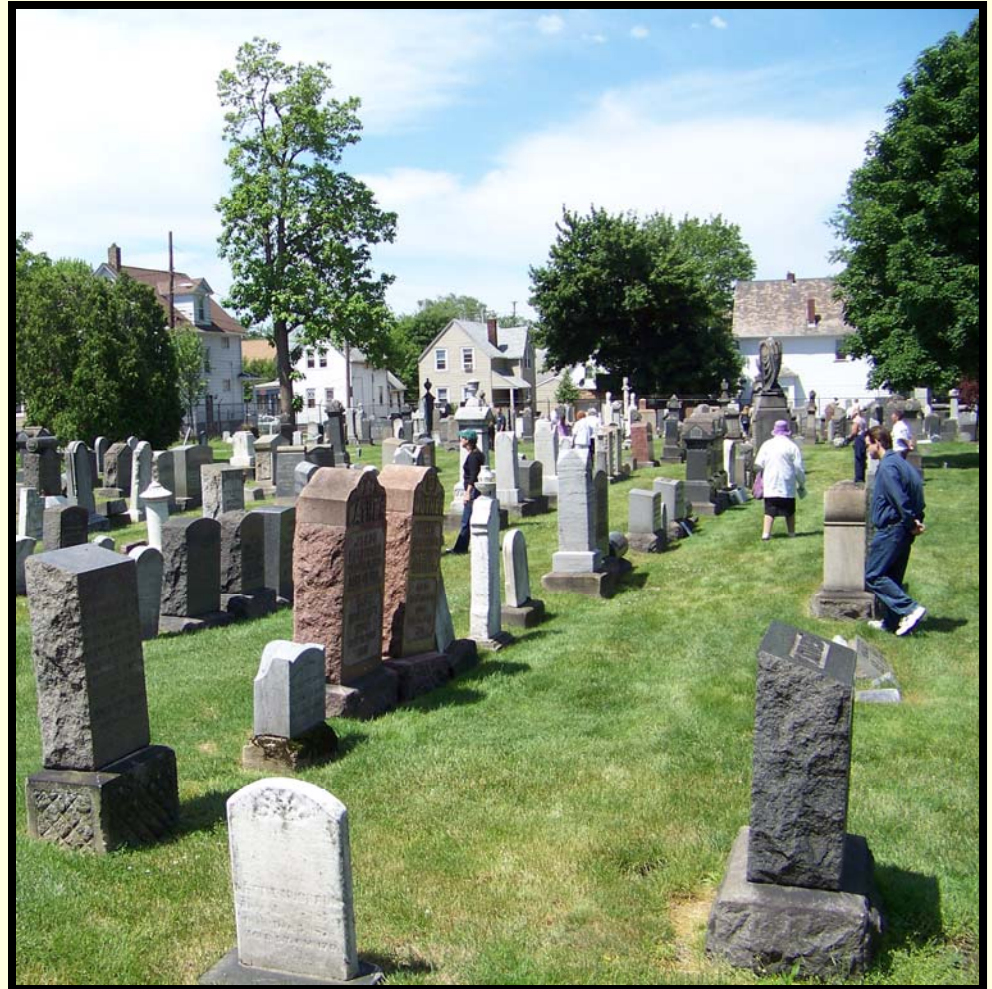
- Allotted title of the land to City of Cleveland on April 4, 1863



1st Burial?

■ Oldest/First Grave:

- Issac Kaplin,
1865—Age 26
- Julius Samuel
Engelman,
1864—Age 62



Unflattering Quotes—Fir Street Cemetery

- **Vicki Blum Vigil, *Cleveland Cemeteries*, 1999**

- “It is located in an urban area, and there is more broken glass on the outside of the cemetery than grass on the inside.”

- **<http://deadohio.com>, June 2007**

- “...Nearby, an inebriated man can be heard shouting profanities from his porch at a young child. Along the alley next to the cemetery, a large, barking dog and the neighborhood wino were having a showdown. A young man was showing his gun to a friend just a few feet from where we stood...”

Urban Issues



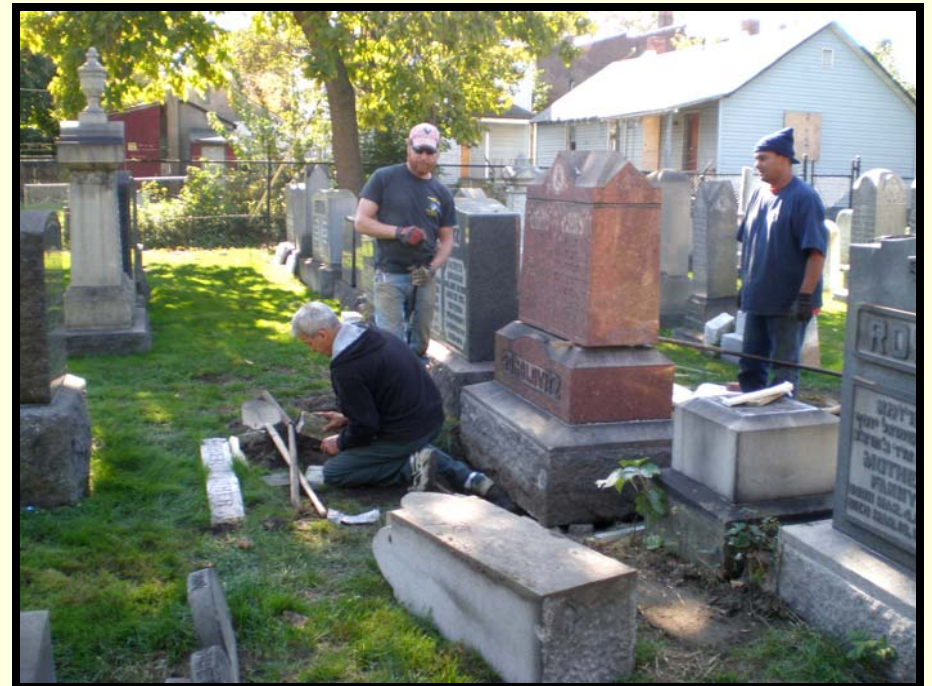
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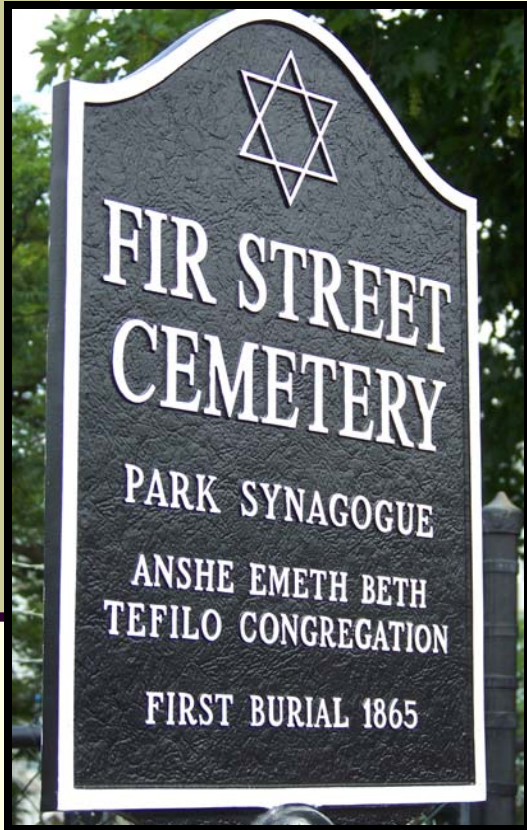
Action Plan



- Repair Stones
- Clean Alley
- Repair Fence
- Trim Trees



Improvements





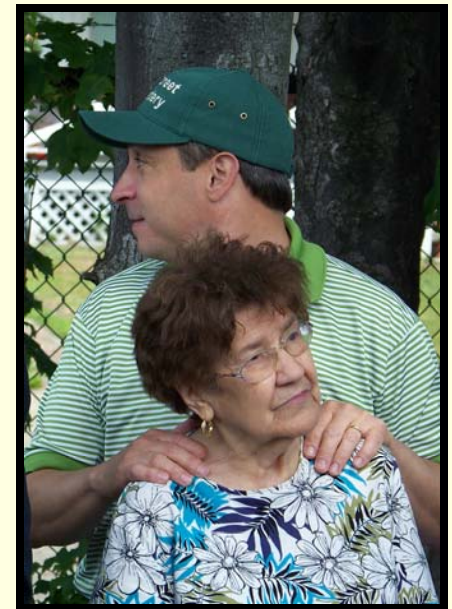


Court Community Service





Jonathan Holody



Juanita Ortiz



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Open House



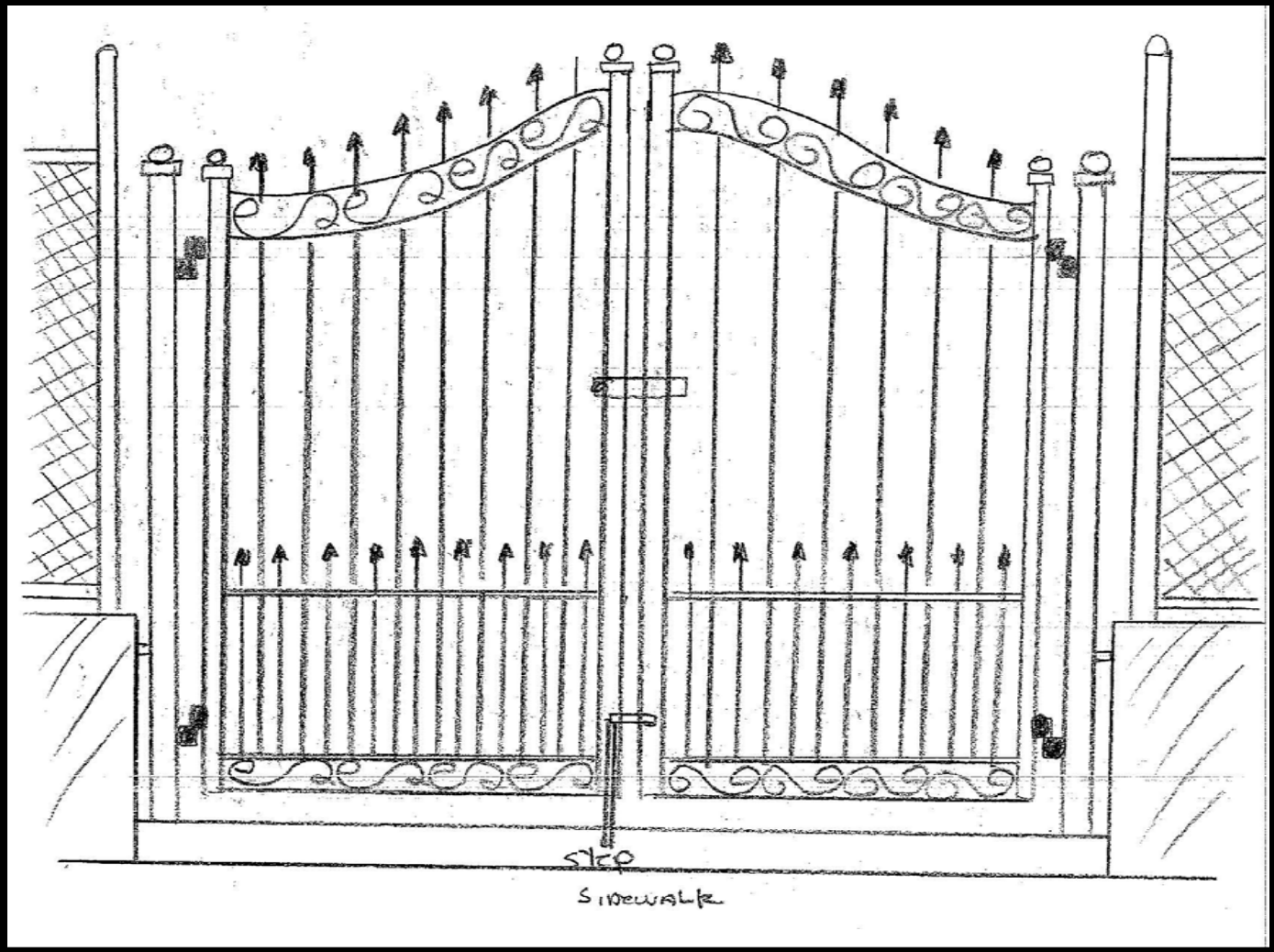
Open House



Sogolovitz Family



New Gate



David Black—1819-1880

A heart rests here that throbbed
for truth and right loved freedom
hated cant, and longed for light
that bled when base oppressions
triumph shone felt others woe
and bravely bore its own

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