

Summary of Committee, Board & Commission Actions on the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan

Land, Facilities and Program Committee of the Parks and Recreation Board, May 11, 2015

Recommended the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan to the Parks and Recreation Board for approval.

Historic Landmark Commission, May 18, 2015

Recommended the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan to the Austin City Council for approval with the following supplemental recommendations:

- Endorse the proposed Master Plan in accordance with the staff recommendation, which is to request that consideration be given towards the designation of Evergreen Cemetery, Plummers Cemetery, and Austin Memorial Park Cemetery as potential historic landmarks
- Consider including map of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery referenced in Citizen Communications.

PARD accepts the HLC recommendation relating to historic designation and will document the recommendation and the map requested by a citizen in Appendix S: Board, Commission and City Council Actions.

Urban Forestry Board, May 20, 2015

Recommended the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan to the Austin City Council for approval with the following supplemental recommendations:

- Place the irrigation proposal for all cemeteries in Priority 1.
- Include in the General Maintenance Guidelines & each individual cemetery plan: Application of compost, mulch & supplemental watering of trees during periods of insufficient rainfall.
- No tree planting should be lower than Priority 2 in the plan.
- Change Page 402 of the Cemetery Master Plan, which speaks to care of “private trees” to care of “commemorative trees.”

PARD accepts the UFB recommendations and will incorporate the recommendations into the final revision of the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan.

Parks and Recreation Board, May 26, 2015

Recommended the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan to the Austin City Council for approval.

Environmental Board, June 17, 2015

Whereas, the Historic Cemetery Master Plan is a comprehensive and thoughtful document that will focus on development, maintenance, and stewardship of these significant historic assets going forward, and

Whereas, the attention paid to trees in both surveying and maintenance recommendations in this document is substantial and in accordance with the importance of these trees within the overall urban forest.

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Therefore the environmental board recommends adoption of the proposed Historic Cemetery Master Plan with the following conditions:

Board Conditions:

- Include a recommendation for a detailed study to determine feasibility and implementation strategies to improve irrigation practices and resources in cemeteries with a primary emphasis on tree irrigation during drought.
- Reduce the parking lot size of the new visitor's parking lot in AMP to approximately 10 additional spaces.
- Prioritize the impacts to existing trees in constructing the new parking lot.

PARD accepts the EB recommendations and will incorporate the recommendations into the final revision of the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan.

Planning Commission, June 23, 2015

**Please note that this summary was prepared by PARD staff and will be revised after approval of Planning Commission meeting minutes*

Recommended the master plan to City Council for Adoption with the following conditions:

- Support all of the recommendations from boards and commissions
- Consider removal of the north access gate [at Austin Memorial Park Cemetery] or list the very specific uses that would be allowed
- Include a 1941 historical map provided by a constituent in the revised plan and not just the appendix
- Reduce the size of the proposed visitor parking from 30 to 10 or fewer (also recommended by Environmental Board)
- Minimize the impact to all trees, specifically heritage trees
- Ensure that any events held in cemeteries are reverent and appropriate
- Consider hiring an outside multi-disciplinary consulting team to advise on cemetery irrigation with expertise in the following areas:
 - irrigation
 - tree care and maintenance
 - monuments, gravestones and conservation
 - archaeology

PARD accepts the Planning Commission recommendations and will incorporate the recommendations into the final revision of the Historic Cemeteries Master Plan.

Open Space, Environment and Sustainability Committee of Austin City Council, June 24, 2015

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