

BEFORE THE METRO COUNCIL

FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING THE	)	RESOLUTION NO. 13-4482
HISTORIC CEMETERIES ADVISORY	)	Introduced by Chief Operating Officer Martha
COMMITTEE	)	Bennett in concurrence with Council
	)	President Tom Hughes
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WHEREAS, Metro operates 14 historic cemeteries in the Portland metropolitan region, established from as early as 1837 through the early homesteading period (circa 1850-1870) (the “Historic Cemeteries”); and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Multnomah County transferred responsibility to operate the Historic Cemeteries to Metro, and later, in 1996, conveyed ownership of the Historic Cemeteries to Metro, together with a covenant to care for them in perpetuity; and

WHEREAS, Metro, under the governance of the Metro Council, manages the Historic Cemeteries to provide burial and remembrance options to the citizens of the region; and

WHEREAS, the Historic Cemeteries are strongly supported by the community through various community groups, the Lone Fir Cemetery Foundation, and historic societies; and

WHEREAS, Metro retained a contractor for the Historic Cemeteries who advised Metro to create a cemetery advisory committee; and

WHEREAS, Metro Code Section 2.19.060 provides for the creation of limited duration advisory committees lasting no more than one (1) year after creation, unless renewed annually for no more than three (3) years by subsequent Council resolution or permanently codified by an ordinance of the Metro Council; and

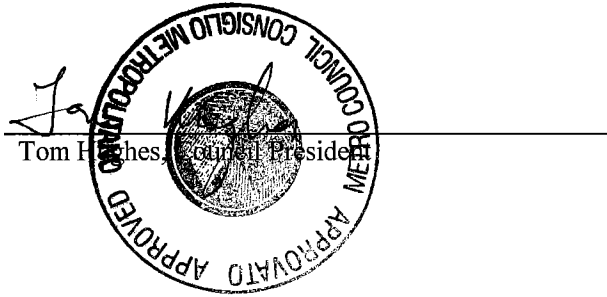
WHEREAS, on August 9, 2012, the Metro Council adopted Resolution No. 12-4354, For the Purpose of Establishing the Historic Cemeteries Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, the Metro Council acknowledges the important work completed by the Advisory Committee and supports the staff recommendation to extend the term of the committee for one year; now therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE METRO COUNCIL THAT:

1. The Metro Council hereby renews the Historic Cemeteries Advisory Committee for one year;
2. The Metro Council hereby confirms Council President’s appointment of the committee Chair and committee members, as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein. The Chair shall appoint a member of the Committee to serve as Vice-Chair; members shall be appointed to serve a one-year term; and
3. The Cemetery Advisory Committee shall comply with the requirements established in Resolution No. 12-4354.

ADOPTED by the Metro Council this 7 day of November, 2013



Approved as to Form:

Alison R. Kean, Metro Attorney

EXHIBIT A  
RESOLUTION 13-4482

The Cemetery Advisory Committee was asked to serve beginning September 2012, meeting quarterly to advise Metro on strategies to protect, preserve, and promote Metro's Historic Cemeteries Program. Verne Duncan, Former State of Oregon Superintendent Public Instruction shall continue to serve as Chair and appoint a member of the committee as Vice Chair.

Cemetery Advisory Committee Members:

Hannah Allan, Oregon Historical Society

Michelle Gregory, Director, Community Development & Board Relations, Mt. Hood Community College

Marie Henry, General Manager, Lincoln Memorial Park and Funeral Home

Terry McCall, former Chief Financial Officer, City of Gresham

Meg McCauley, Resource Development Director, Oregon Hospice Association

Bo Nevue, Principal of Nevue-Ngan Landscape Architects

David Noble, Executive Director, River View Cemetery

Larry Potter, Manager, City of Oregon City Parks

Laurel Smith, President, Genealogical Forum of Oregon

## STAFF REPORT

### IN CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. 13-4482, FOR THE PURPOSE OF RENEWING THE HISTORIC CEMETERIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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#### BACKGROUND

In 2012, Metro Council established the Cemetery Advisory Committee under resolution 12-4354 for the purpose of promoting the Program's future, as well as addressing outreach, planning, programming, and operational challenges. The committee's formation was a direct outcome of recommendations from a cemetery business consultant plan presented to Metro Council on September 13, 2011.

Metro's Historic Cemetery Program has benefitted directly over the past year in having an Advisory Committee that has offered direct suggestions for continued improvements. By meeting periodically with committee members, each of whom holds a unique perspective, the program has been able to improve operations and engage in conversations about innovative and unique improvements to better serve our community.

#### ANALYSIS/INFORMATION

1. **Known Opposition**

There is no known opposition.

2. **Legal Antecedents**

Metro Code Chapter 2.19.060, governing advisory committees, limits the duration of advisory committees created by resolution to one year, subject to extension for a maximum three year term. Metro Code Chapter 2.19.030(b) requires that, except for MPAC and JPACT, members of advisory committees created by the Council must be appointed by the Council President subject to confirmation by the Council.

3. **Anticipated Effects**

It is anticipated the Committee will continue their role in providing outside perspective, industry knowledge, and governance oversight to the program. This expertise will guide the program on key issues as well as increase services to the public and adherence to excellence in industry standards. They will make recommendations for best options to enhance the properties for modern burials as well as a community gathering place for appreciation of art, culture, history, and wildlife.

4. **Budget Impacts**

Budget impact will continue to include the time for staff on research, technical support, and meeting time spent with the advisory committee.

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends approval of Resolution No 13-4482.