

Amy Harvey

From: Jeanette Coffin
Sent: Monday, February 28, 2022 10:47 AM
To: the oldhceme
Cc: Phillip Fleischmann; Lance Norris; Adam Searing; Amy Ryan; Camille Berry; Jeanne Brown; Jess Anderson; Karen Stegman; Michael Parker; Pam Hemminger; Paris Miller-Foushee; Tai Huynh; Amy Harvey; Ann Anderson; Carolyn Worsley; Laura Selmer; Loryn Clark; Mary Jane Nirdlinger; Maurice Jones; Ran Northam; Ross Tompkins; Sabrina Oliver
Subject: RE: Petition for Protection of Old Chapel Hill Cemetery

Thank you for your correspondence with the Town of Chapel Hill. The Mayor and Town Council are interested in what you have to say. By way of this email, I am forwarding your message to the Mayor and each of the Council Members, as well as to the appropriate staff person who may be able to assist in providing additional information or otherwise addressing your concerns.

Again, thank you for your message.

Sincerely,

Jeanette Coffin



Jeanette Coffin
Office Assistant
[Town of Chapel Hill Manager's Office](#)
[405 Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.](#)
[Chapel Hill, NC 27514](#)
(o) 919-968-2743 | (f) 919-969-2063

From: the oldhceme <oldhceme@gmail.com>
Sent: Sunday, February 27, 2022 3:39 PM
To: Town Council <mayorandcouncil@townofchapelhill.org>
Subject: Petition for Protection of Old Chapel Hill Cemetery

External email: Don't click links or attachments from unknown senders. To check or report forward to reportspam@townofchapelhill.org

Background: The Old Chapel Hill Cemetery is a unique historical component of Chapel Hill. It's status is recognized by its inclusion on the National List of Historic Places, an honor afforded to very few cemeteries. The final resting place of many individuals who shaped the town and University, it also is under threat without sufficient protection for forces who may seek to harm it. The town maintains 4 cemeteries and this is accomplished through a variety of town ordinances and regulations. These mechanisms of management and control differentiate the Old Cemetery from the other town cemeteries, providing both less control and oversight. Additionally, due to its unique status and its unique "ownership" practices, the Old Cemetery remains threatened. A recent plan to develop part of the still 20% of the

cemetery that is unoccupied into a for-profit enterprise was stopped only when the owner of the plots sought pre-approval, and the town denied this.

Petition: In order to provide protection and oversight to the Old Cemetery, I request that oversight of the historic character of the Old Cemetery be directed to the oversight of the Historic District Commission, either as an enlarged status as a historic district or as a special status. This oversight would involve approval prior to any use that exceeds normal and reasonable use as a cemetery for traditional interments, that could be enunciated by the Commission. Proper signage should also be installed to assure this public use knowledge. I request that this action be enacted with full public input, disclosure and promotion.

Steve Moore, Chair
Friends of Old Chapel Hill Cemetery

--

Steve Moore, Chair
Friends of Old Chapel Hill Cemetery