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February 15, 2022

Historic District Commission
City of Folsom
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

RE: Lakeside Memorial Lawn Crematorium Proposal (PN-19-182)
Hearing Date: February 16, 2022

Dear Commissioners:

In my correspondence to you of February 7, 2022, I pointed out that an identical request for a CUP authorizing the construction and operation of a crematory at the Lakeside Cemetery was made back in 2003 and resulted in a Staff Report recommendation of denial. In brief, the Findings for Denial in support of that recommendation were as follows:

1. Lakeside is a historic cemetery and the introduction of a crematory on the site was inconsistent with such historic cemetery use;
2. Lakeside is, in fact, a conglomeration of historic cemeteries dating back to around 1850 which, when considered in conjunction with the adjacent Chung Wah Chinese Cemetery and the adjacent California State Dredger Tailings Preserve, creates a rare combination of unique cultural resources in one small area;
3. The crematory use applied for will be detrimental to the health, safety, or general welfare of the neighborhood and the surrounding City as a whole in that the introduction of such use would impact the historical character of the cemetery as well as the historical use of the area; and
4. The use of the proposed project is inconsistent with Goal 2 of the City's Historic District Design and Development Guidelines in that it did not maintain the historic use of the site and, in addition, did not further Design and Development Guideline policies 2.1, 2.2, and 2.3. Specifically, the County Historic Cemetery Commission has stated that a crematory is not a consistent use with a historic cemetery and has identified the site as locally significant and intends to present the cemetery to the Board of Supervisors for designation as a historic pioneer cemetery. Furthermore, approval of a CUP for such a contemporary use would jeopardize the eligibility status of the site and discourage, rather than encourage, national register nomination for the cemetery.

Based on the foregoing it was the opinion of this writer that the logic and reasoning employed by the City in its 2003 Staff Report would be followed by the City on this current iteration of the crematory proposal. But that trust in logic and reason proved ill-founded when the City recommended approval of a CUP for the crematory in its Staff Report released February 10. However, in doing so, the City set forth only two factors on which it relied in attempting to justify its departure from its 2003 decision on the exact same proposal. Those two factors, expressed on pages 29-30 of the Staff Report, are as follows:

1. That cremation technology "has improved significantly since 2003"; and
2. That the Sacramento County Cemetery Commission did not provide any comment regarding the current iteration of the proposal as it did in reference to the 2003 version.

In the opinion of this writer, this attempt by the City to distinguish its position on the 2003 crematory project from its current contrary position is incredibly weak and almost laughable. As to the first comment by the City (regarding cremation technology), the comment must be dismissed as irrelevant to the discussion at hand. The 2003 recommendation for denial was *not* based on the state of crematory technology (good or bad), at all, but rather on the fact that the presence of a crematory on the property was not compatible with the historical character of the cemetery.

Similarly, the second comment (regarding the lack of any expression of concern from the Sacramento County Cemetery Commission in reference to this renewed crematory effort) must be dismissed, as well. If the cemetery was deemed a historic cemetery of local significance and worthy of County designation as a historic pioneer cemetery with potential national recognition back in 2003, it certainly does so today absent some convincing evidence to the contrary. Furthermore, the conclusion expressed by the Cemetery Commission that the presence of a crematorium is not consistent with a historic cemetery remains valid, as well.

In conclusion, the reasoning behind the City's 2003 recommendation for denial of a CUP for the construction and operation of a crematorium on the grounds of the Lakeside Cemetery remain valid. The Findings expressed by the City in its 2003 Staff Report in support of that denial are compelling, have not been addressed, at all, by the City in its current Staff Report, and therefore remain conclusive on the issue at hand and mandate that this CUP request be denied.

Very truly yours,

/s/

Terry L. Sorensen

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SUBJECT: Lakeside Crematorium - Comments for February 16, 2022, HDC Hearing

Dear HDC Commissioners:

This letter is to express my objection to the proposed Lakeside Crematorium Lakeside Memorial Lawn Crematorium as currently described and evaluated in the January 2022 Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (“IS/MND”); the staff report and attachments made available on February 10, 2022 (dated February 16, 2022) and included in the HDC’s February 16, 2022, meeting packet (“Staff Report”); and February 15, 2022, Topical Responses to Comments memorandum made available sometime after 4 p.m. on February 15, 2022 (“Topical Responses Memo”) for reasons including the following and as discussed in more detail in the remainder of this letter.

1. The Historic District Commission does not have authority to approve the project.
2. The proposed crematorium exhaust stack is not sufficiently described or illustrated to provide the necessary understanding of its design and appearance.
3. Design Review in compliance with the Folsom Municipal Code is required for the proposed shed modification.
4. The General Plan has no land use designation for either a cemetery or a crematorium, therefore the analysis cannot tier from the General Plan EIR.
5. The project description must identify whether the project would involve public attendance at services at the Lakeside Memorial cemetery and/or other locations within the City and, if so, define the parameters and evaluate impacts associated with such services.
6. The Staff Report and IS/MND fail to recognize the visibility of the existing shed and proposed modifications from public view locations (including Folsom Boulevard) and the impacts of such visibility on visual quality and locally designated historic resources.
7. The IS/MND does not adequately evaluate potential impacts on nesting and foraging bald eagles and other special-status bird and bat species.
8. The Staff Report’s consideration of fire risk is frighteningly dismissive and warrants a full evaluation and definitive determination by the City Fire Department and California State Parks.

1. The Historic District Commission (HCD) does not have authority to approve the project.

The City of Folsom Charter at Section 4.07, “Boards and Commissions,” establishes the City Council’s authority to create Boards and Commissions and to prescribe the powers and duties of such Boards and Commissions. However, Section 4.07 of the City Charter expressly states that “[a]ll boards and commissions only shall be advisory to the Council.” The City Charter

may be amended only by a vote of the citizens of the City of Folsom and the citizens of Folsom have not delegated approval authority to the HDC.

Neither City staff, the HDC, nor the City Council has the authority to amend or disregard this limitation on the HDC's authority. Therefore, to function within the limitations prescribed by the citizens of the City of Folsom in the City Charter, HDC decisions may not constitute final approvals. Instead, HDC decisions must be treated as advisory recommendations to the City Council for the City Council's final consideration and decision of whether to approve or otherwise take final action on a project.

2. The proposed crematorium exhaust stack is not sufficiently described or illustrated to provide the necessary understanding of its design and appearance.

Staff report Attachment 8 (meeting packet pages 62 and 63) illustrate a blurred and disproportionate black square that apparently is intended as the applicant's rendering of the proposed crematorium stack (inserted as Figure 1 below). The so-called rendering looks akin to a plastic garbage bag covering a rooftop air conditioner and is meaningless for demonstrating the actual visual appearance and height of the project exhaust stack. The applicant's rendering fails to demonstrate the actual height (which would extend to over 10 feet above the shed rooftop) and looks nothing like any of the five exhaust stacks illustrated in the representative crematorium photographs included in meeting packet pages 298 through 303. The representative photographs (discussed further below) illustrate at least five different crematorium exhaust stack designs, demonstrating the variation and diversity in design options for an exhaust stack, yet, it appears that no real effort has been made to consider and present an actual design and visual appearance of the exhaust stack that would be installed for the project. The stack's design and visual appearance is critical for the required design review and to the CEQA analysis of impacts associated with visual character, historical resources, and fire risk.

Figure 1. Applicant's Rendering of Exhaust Stack (from meeting packet pg. 62)



3. Design Review in compliance with the Folsom Municipal Code is required for the proposed shed modification.

The proposed shed modification with addition of the exhaust stack requires design review pursuant to Folsom Municipal Code (FMC) section 17.52.300, “Design Review,” which requires design review for, “*B. All exterior renovations, remodeling, modification or addition to existing structures.*” FMC Section 17.52.310 provides design review application submittal (including design review application fee) requirements. The Community Development Department has erred by not identifying *design review* as a necessary entitlement and, therefore, by not requiring the project applicant to submit an application for design review. The Staff Report notes that comments on the IS/MND raised the issue of “whether a design review application is warranted” (meeting packet page 28) but the Staff Report provides no explanation of why a design review application has not yet been required for this project.

An application for design review containing the required submittals must be submitted and design review application fees paid before a decision regarding the CUP can be made. The design modification addition of a 10-foot exhaust stack above the roof of the existing shed is an integral component of the proposed use. Importantly, design review would consider whether the structure modification is consistent with Historic District design standards and guidelines or if the design of that structure requires additional modifications to comply with Historic District design standards and guidelines. The design review would necessarily consider the actual proposed design and visual character of the project exhaust stack which is currently unspecified.

As noted at item 2, above, the Staff Report (meeting packet pages 298-303) clearly demonstrates that various diverse designs for an exhaust stack are possible; but the design must be vetted through a public review and decision-making process, not ignored or addressed as an afterthought. Two examples from the Staff Report are presented in Figure 2 below and demonstrate the variation and importance of selecting an appropriate design for the exhaust stack. Without design review, the exhaust stack could be constructed with an intrusive oversized vertical pipe appearance (left photo) whereas with design review the HDC could ensure that the exhaust stack is thoughtfully designed in consideration of its context which is the very reason for design review for structure modifications in the Historic District.

Figure 2. Exhaust Stack Design Variability Examples



4. The General Plan has no land use designation for either a cemetery or a crematorium, therefore the analysis cannot tier from the General Plan EIR.

The IS/MND incorrectly states that the project would be consistent with the General Plan land use designation of Open Space. A review of the General Plan intent for the Open Space land use designation reveals that there is no basis for concluding that a crematorium is consistent with the General Plan Open Space land use designation. The General Plan mentions "cemeteries" just one time and crematoriums not at all.¹ Table LU-5 of the General Plan (page 2-7) defines the Open Space designation as, "The Open Space land use designation encompasses the preserved natural open space areas of Folsom." Throughout the General Plan, policies encourage that development incorporate areas of open space. It is unreasonable to suggest that the intent of those policies is that such open space areas could or might be used for siting a cemetery and a crematorium.²

The IS/MND's incorrect interpretation and the subsequent analysis which *tiers* from the General Plan EIR are fundamentally flawed. The IS/MND must be revised to eliminate the erroneous approach to General Plan consistency, and the impact analyses must fully evaluate the project without attempting to tier from the General Plan EIR.

Further, while FMC section 17.52.550 identifies "cemeteries" as a permitted use in the Open Space/Public primary area of the Historic District (subject to a conditional use permit when proposed by a private entity), the FMC does not extend the definition of cemetery to a crematorium. Additionally, the FMC is subordinate to, and may not conflict with, the General Plan. Therefore, attempting to expand the unspecified FMC definition of a cemetery to include a crematorium (and especially as an "accessory use" as asserted in the February 15 Topical Responses Memo; pg. 3 of 4) even further strays from the General Plan's Open Space definition and is impermissible.

5. The project description must identify whether the project would involve public attendance at services at the Lakeside Memorial cemetery and/or other locations within the City and, if so, define the parameters and evaluate impacts associated with such services.

Neither the Staff Report nor the IS/MND provide information on whether cremations (up to 4 per day and 500 per year) would or could be attended by family, friends, or other members of the public. If no such attendance will be permitted, a condition of any use permit for this project must specifically state that such attendance is prohibited and must include a mechanism to ensure the prohibition is enforced. Alternatively, if such attendance will be permitted, the IS/MND must be revised to discuss the maximum anticipated attendance at each cremation and evaluate the impacts associated with vehicle trips, noise, parking capacity, neighborhood vehicle circulation and pedestrian safety, effects on other services and activities at the cemetery, and other factors associated with public attendance.

¹ The single General Plan cemetery reference pertains to Noise Compatibility Standards (Table SN-1) which is unrelated to establishing land use designations and uses

² Example: Policy LU 3.1.1 - "Encourage mixed-use development in nodes located at major intersections that include housing, open space, and offices." The IS/MND's interpretation would suggest that the expectation of that policy is for those open space areas to be eligible for siting a crematorium.

Furthermore, neither the Staff Report nor the IS/MND discuss whether cremations at the proposed Lakeside Crematorium would result in an increase in memorial services either at Lakeside cemetery or elsewhere in Folsom. If cremations at Lakeside cemetery would result in an increase in services at other locations in Folsom (e.g., the funeral home on Scott Street), similar evaluations of potential impacts associated with vehicle trips, noise, parking capacity, neighborhood circulation and pedestrian safety and other factors associated with those services must be addressed.

6. The Staff Report and IS/MND fail to recognize the visibility of the existing shed and proposed modifications from public view locations (Folsom Boulevard) and the impacts of such visibility on visual quality and locally designated historic resources.

The IS/MND aesthetics and cultural resources analyses are fundamentally flawed by failing to recognize that the existing structure is visible from public viewpoints including Folsom Boulevard and the bluffs on the north side of Lake Natoma. Page 2 of the IS/MND incorrectly states that “[t]ailing piles between the site and Folsom Boulevard prevent the site from being visible from that street.” This is incorrect. The roof and upper portion of the structure in which the crematorium is proposed to be located and on which an exhaust stack would be installed is clearly visible from Folsom Boulevard near the intersection of Natoma Street. The February 15 Topical Responses Memo discusses that the “site of proposed modifications is already largely shielded by tailings piles and concludes that the site of proposed modifications is already largely shielded from public view due to the presence of dredge tailing piles and would remain so” and then asserts with regard to the exhaust stack that “[t]his physical improvement to an already existing metal structure would not significantly impact the visual character of the project setting” but without discussing locations from where the shed *is* visible, providing no discussion of the visual appearance of the exhaust stack or analysis of how the stack’s would visually intrude on the quality of existing views, and no basis for a concludes that the impact would not be significant.

Figure 3 on the following page is a photograph of the viewshed toward the site taken Sunday, February 6, 2022, from the south side of Folsom Boulevard just east of the Natoma Street intersection and facing northwest toward the project site. The project shed as well as a recently constructed larger shed are both clearly visible from this segment of Folsom Boulevard. Folsom Boulevard is a heavily traveled public road with and adjacent public light-rail line and bicycle path, all from which the existing structures are clearly visible and from which the crematorium exhaust stack would be visible extending 10 feet or more above the heights of the existing structures.

Between Folsom Boulevard and the structure are cobble mine tailings that are identified in the City of Folsom Cultural Resources Inventory as import local historic resources. This section of tailings is one of the most prominent locations of representative historic mine tailings visible to the largest number of viewers anywhere in the City. The impact of the project’s structural modification with the addition of the exhaust stack would be visible in public views from and near segments of Folsom Boulevard, light-rail passengers, and bicycle path users (cyclists and pedestrians) and must be identified and evaluated in terms of impacts to the quality of views of the tailings and impacts to the historic quality of the tailings viewshed. The visual intrusiveness and inconsistent character of an exhaust stack of any design would be visible to a large number of viewers and would substantially and adversely affect the quality of the viewshed, and would result in a significant projects specific impact and cumulative impact in consideration of the substantial view modification caused by the

recently constructed shed. Mitigation, including alternatives to the proposed project, must be considered for this significant impact.

Figure 3. Viewshed from Folsom Boulevard



7. The IS/MND does not adequately evaluate potential impacts on nesting and foraging bald eagles and other special-status bird and bat species.

The Staff Report, IS/MND, and Topical Responses Memo fail to provide any discussion or analysis of impacts to the annually active bald eagle nest located just 0.5 mile north of the project site and the potential effects of the project and exhaust stack on foraging behavior of the eagles or other protected bird and bat species. While the IS/MND discusses that effects of vehicles and workers at the site would not adversely affect migratory birds, the analysis does not address the potential effects on foraging activity of the furnace exhaust heat blast with an assumed exhaust gas temperature of over 1,000 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) and a gas exit velocity of 14.7 feet per second that would occur for up to 90 minutes up to four times a day. The furnace exhaust blast would have the potential to adversely affect foraging behavior and could also result in direct injury or death of individual birds, including bald eagles and other protected species.

8. The Staff Report and IS/MND’s consideration of fire risk is frighteningly dismissive and warrants a full evaluation and definitive determination by the City Fire Department and California State Parks.

The Staff Report and IS/MND consideration of potential fire risk associated with the project is insufficient. The discussion of potential exposure to wildland fire risks downplays and fails to provide a meaningful analysis of the project’s potential fire risk. The IS/MND discusses

that the “project site is located in an urbanized area in the City of Folsom.” In fact, the project site contains and is located immediately adjacent to substantial oak woodland areas and oak canopy adjacent to the building proposed to house an exhaust flume with an assumed exhaust gas temperature of 1,080 degrees Fahrenheit (°F) and a gas exit velocity of 14.7 feet per second.

Within and adjacent to the site are oak canopy linkages to the large oak woodland open spaces to the north, west, and south of the project. The applicant’s rendering shown above, clearly shows tree canopy near the proposed exhaust stack location. The IS/MND states that, “the project is not likely to cause any ignition, given that the crematory will not emit sparks.” This conclusion is frighteningly dismissive. Evidence providing a definitive conclusion that the crematory – a facility designed for burning and with an exhaust stack emitting temperatures of over 1,000 °F – will not create an eminent fire risk

Furthermore, the IS/MND discusses that the City Fire Department reviewed the project and did not raise any concerns regarding *water supply or site access*. This fails to address whether the Fire Department raised other concerns and even suggests some uncertainty of whether the Fire Department reviewed and considered the project at all. The Folsom Fire Department’s specific consideration of the potential fire risk associated with the project must be provided and with assurances that the Fire Department has considered *actual existing site conditions* including the large new structure blocking emergency vehicle maneuverability near the project shed that was not identified in project drawings until just a few days ago.

The proposal to install and operate a large furnace in an open space area adjacent to oak woodlands with residences beyond warrants specific review and documented feedback from the Folsom Fire Department specifically confirming that the Fire Department has carefully reviewed the project and all potential fire risk issues. Also, because the project site is immediately adjacent to lands managed by State Parks, similar definitive review and input from State Parks wildland fire experts should be documented and included in the analysis.

Thank you for considering my comments.

Sincerely,



Bob Delp
Historic District Resident
Folsom, CA 95630



Josh Kinkade

From: LJ Laurent [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 3:35 PM
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Subject: Crematory PUBLIC COMMENT: pics PROVE deceit furnace issue

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To: Folsom: whoever is in charge, if anyone
From: LJ Laurent, LNS Resident abutting furnace/LPG site
February 15, 2022

Re: HDC Staff APPROVAL recommendation to APPROVE this falsehood-laden application

Context: Neighbor took photos revealing fully the fraudulent documents filed by owners and filed by city with higher officials.
Clearly Health, Safety, and Fire Regulations mean Nothing to this city of "approve everything whether illegal & fraudulent in process."

COMMENTS in re pre-approved LPG tanks and furnace or multiple furnaces with Zero Access and Zero Water for explosions/fires.

Does our silent/ inactive City Engineer S. Krahn know the background and expertise of this Commenter?

Does S. Krahn anticipate Complaints against his License which requires him to Certify/Seal/Sign all approvals for New Projects?

Does it bother our silent engineer that there IS NOT ROAD ACCESS sufficient to handle Explosions of LPG which has huge blast range?

What does our City Engineer say about this Parcel having only a tiny 3" water supply line, with a 2" meter restriction?

As Sac Bee said on its first new style Front Page:
"Folsom what are you thinking?"

Folsom has NO Liability Insurance, and no Oversight agency since Northern CA self-insured cities bumped city out.

What did this Igor applicant offer to the city for this PRE-Approval?

How can the private citizens on the "judgment panel" think they have no personal exposure to potential Liability issues?

City has no Liability Insurance to cover them. Why we wish to know, did the Staff in Development Pre-Approve this project?

Add to this another neighbor who is PhD in environmental issues, and clearly opposed. Add to this the city actual/current members of this alleged 2nd Plan Commission or false Zoning Appeals Board are NOT posted at city website as this is written.

We know nothing about who is doing What [in Truth/reality] and what actual Imminent Physical Dangers they pose for entire city, Federal American River and federal Forests and Natl Historic Site.

How many humans can this city's pre-approved applicants kill with impunity? How much of Federal Assets can they destroy, pollute, and harm with impunity?

I thank our neighbors for standing up against Secrecy, "scoff law" Folsom Officials, employees, and "consultants". FYI, city had a consultant file at CEQA SCH, an NOC Notice of Completion. Folsom CA never filed and Circulated properly a Notice of Intention to file Negative environmental impact Declaration.

We know what the world thinks about these behaviors, but why are those who profit so arrogant and insisting they are Above the Law.

Concerned abutting neighbor.

Our neighbor who supplied these Comments and Photos Knows the Issues & dangers. I thank him and his extended family.

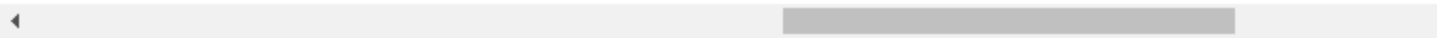
Our Firefighters should be thankful and proud of this wonderful new neighbor, Dave.

He's right: these pictures tell the entire filthy, dangerous, story.

This picture was taken January 13th, 2022. This is what the maintenance grounds currently. The new storage shed is in the background and the existing shed metal security fencing surrounds the grounds and has a locked security gate. Tailing Pile condition. It has been disturbed over the years.



This picture was taken January 13th, 2022. This picture illustrates the current maintenance grounds, sheds and security fencing. The metal shed on the right proposed crematory is to be installed.



This picture shows the propane tank pad right of the building under the large photograph was taken January 13th, 2022. The application site plan confirm propane pad. In addition, the site plan calls for 2 x 500 gallon tanks, not the tanks in the Negative Declaration text.



This photograph taken January 13th 2021 displays another angle of the local tanks pad. Blocked by a wooden fence, metal security fencing, a large red metal shed.



This picture was taken on August 4th, 2021. This is Lakeside Memorial Lawn Cemetery, where Valdimir Semenyuk, driving out of the cemetery with a 250 gallon propane tank, was disturbing on many levels. It is my opinion that the Caring Service is very concerned about the outcome of the Conditional Use Permit. If indeed this tank is for the Crematorium, it is arrogant for the Caring Service Group to show no discretion in their activities.



February 4, 2022

Historic District Commissioners
City Council Members
City Manager
Kelly Mullett

My name is Dave Higgins, I live across the street from Lakeside Memorial L proposed crematorium is to be built. Over the course of summer to the pres taken pictures of activity at the cemetery. I wish to share.

This picture was submitted by the Caring Service Group and Miller Funeral I application for the Conditional Use Permit to install a crematory. Two years the metal storage shed and surrounding grounds looked like in 2-27-2020.



Josh Kinkade

From: Kelly Mullett
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:35 AM
To: Josh Kinkade
Subject: FW: CREMATORIUM

From: Richard Perez [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, February 15, 2022 9:29 AM
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Subject: CREMATORIUM

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Dear Commissioner,

Please **Vote NO** on a Crematorium in the Historic Folsom neighborhood. This is a historic area, around residents, beautiful trails, and a great touristic attraction due to Folsom's rich Nature. A crematorium should not be part of such beautiful scenery.

Sincerely,

Richard and Sandra Perez
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Folsom, CA 95630

Josh Kinkade

From: Bob LaPerriere <[REDACTED]>
Sent: Monday, February 14, 2022 3:23 PM
To: Josh Kinkade
Subject: LAKESIDE
Attachments: CREMATORIUM PN 02-258 Staff Reports-Minutes.pdf; FOLSOM LAKESIDE.docx; Historic Cemetery Designation.docx; CREMATORIUM Excerpts.pdf

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Here is what I can submit at this time...if more current info is needed would need to schedule a Commission meeting which could take about a week.

Excerpts are from the Staff Report, page one attached below, about 2003

Bob LaPerriere

Bob LaPerriere
Chair, Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission

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URL: <http://www.coroner.saccounty.net/sccac/Pages/default.aspx>



To: Folsom Historic District Commissioners
City of Folsom Planning Dept

Date: February 15, 2022

Re: Lakeside Cemetery

From: Dr. Bob LaPerriere
Chair, Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission

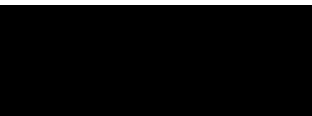
“Lakeside Memorial Lawn” has not existed since 1850, but the multiple historic cemeteries that became merged as Lakeside did. Unfortunately, much of the history related to those cemeteries and burials has been lost over the past 1 ½ centuries.

I am writing regarding the plans to build a crematorium at Lakeside Cemetery. Due to COVID our Commission has not been meeting regularly, but I am attaching comments from 2003 that have represented the feeling of the Commission that such construction would be inappropriate so closely related to multiple cemeteries of historic importance, including one of our rare remaining Chinese Cemeteries. Also attached is documentation of our designation for Lakeside as a Historic Cemetery. I am not aware of the signage with that designation, which we provided, ever being erected on the site.

Please consider our concerns about the inappropriate location for a crematory.

Thank you

Bob LaPerriere
Chair, Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission



URL: <http://www.coroner.saccounty.net/sccac/Pages/default.aspx>

Historical Designation On the recommendation of the Commission, the Board of Supervisors has designated 21 cemeteries as “historic”. This is phase I of the project, as there are many other historic cemeteries in Sacramento County.

Cemeteries designated were:

1. Bellview Cemetery	Sacramento County
2. Union Cemetery	Sacramento County
3. Lakeside Cemetery	Folsom
4. Matthew Kilgore Cemetery	Rancho Cordova
5. 24th & Meadowview Cemetery	Sacramento City
6. Chung Wah Cemetery	Folsom
7. Elder Creek Cemetery	Sacramento
8. Rancho Murieta Cemetery (North & South) (2)	Rancho Murieta
9. Sacramento Historic City Cemetery	Sacramento City
10. Michigan-Bar Cemetery (Ione Road)	Sacramento County
11. Sloughhouse Cemetery	Sloughhouse
1. Sylvan District Cemetery	Citrus Heights
12. Galt /Arno District Cemeteries (2)	Galt
13. Elk Grove Consumnes District Cemeteries (5)	Elk Grove
14. Fair Oaks District Cemetery	Fair Oaks

Plaques were provided for each cemetery, and we still have several to distribute. The text of the plaque is as below:

***THIS SITE HAS BEEN DESIGNATED BY
SACRAMENTO COUNTY AS A
HISTORIC CEMETERY.***

HERE REST MANY OF THE MEN, WOMEN AND CHILDREN WHO SAW THE BEAUTY
AND VALUE OF THIS LAND, CHOOSING TO SETTLE HERE
AND BUILD THE COUNTY WE CHERISH TODAY.

PLEASE HELP US PRESERVE THESE GRAVES, MARKERS,
AND LANDSCAPING FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS.

SACRAMENTO COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
AND CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION

Withdrawn

HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

PROJECT TITLE: Lakeside Cemetery Crematorium

PROPOSAL: Request for approval of a Conditional Use Permit to allow for the operation of crematorium

RECOMMENDATION: Denial

APPLICANT AND OWNER: Lorin Claney

LOCATION: 1201 Forrest Street

ASSESSOR'S PARCEL NO.: 070-0082-014, 070-0130-002, 070-0130-004

ATTACHED REFERENCE MATERIAL:

1. Vicinity Map
2. Site Plan, dated 12/19/97
3. Project Description and Crematorium Illustrations
4. Documentation from the Sacramento County Historic Cemetery Commission
5. Lakeside Cemetery Research Paper written by Sue Silver
6. Letters from the Public
7. Site Photographs

PROJECT PLANNER: Jane Talbot, Assistant Planner

BACKGROUND

The Planning Commission approved a Use Permit and Variance for Mausoleums at Lakeside Memorial Lawn in 1991 (PC91-042). An amendment to the approval was granted in 1995 (PC95-033). That approval allowed for the construction of twelve mausoleums. To date, one mausoleum has been built and one additional mausoleum is under construction. An existing maintenance building, approximately 975 square feet in area, is located along the south border of the cemetery. The front of the project site is mostly level with a slight to moderate downward slope towards the rear of the site. Lakeside Cemetery has a variety of mature deciduous and evergreen trees. The front of the cemetery, along Forrest Street, is bounded by a brick wall capped with wrought iron fencing.

Attachment 4

Documentation from the
Sacramento County Historic Cemetery Commission

Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission
4800 Broadway, Suite 100
Sacramento CA 95820

City of Folsom Historic District Commission
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

Attn: Jane Talbot

Dear Ms Talbot::

The Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission is in receipt of your Notice of Public Hearing regarding PN 02-258 Conditional Use Permit and Mitigated Negative Declaration 1201 Forrest Street.

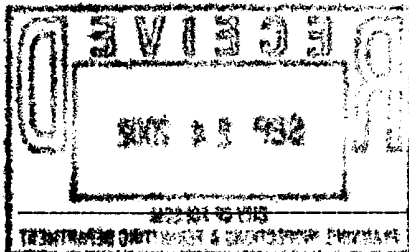
The commission is charged with the duty to encourage the preservation and designation of historical cemeteries. We are currently preparing a list of those cemeteries in Sacramento County, which should be considered historic. It is my opinion that Lakeview Cemetery will be one of the cemeteries in Sacramento County that will be on the list that is to be presented to the Board of Supervisors for designation as an historic cemetery.

While no official action has yet been taken by either The Cemetery Advisory Commission or The Board of Supervisors regarding Lakeview Cemetery we ask that you consider the above mentioned conditional use permit in the context of Lakeview's historic significance and endeavor to preserve its historic elements.

Sincerely,



James A. Purcell, Chairman
Cemetery Advisory Commission



Chair, James A. Purcell

Vice Chair, Dr. Robert La Perriere

Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission
4800 Broadway, Suite 100
Sacramento CA 95820

January 2, 2003

Ms. Jane Talbot
City of Folsom Planning, Inspections and Permitting Department
50 Natoma Street
Folsom, CA 95630

Dear Ms Talbot:

The Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on June 12, 2001 approved Ordinance No. SCC-1193, which established The Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission (The Commission).

The purpose of the advisory commission is:

1. To advise the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors on citizen's concerns and issues related to cemeteries;
2. To provide recommendations to preserve, protect, and maintain cemeteries;
3. To make recommendations to the Board of Supervisors regarding mechanisms for funding the preservation, protection and maintenance of cemeteries and the appropriation of funds so raised; and
4. To encourage the preservation and designation of historical cemeteries.

With regard to number 4, above, and in reference to your request for comments on the proposal for a crematorium at Lakeside Cemetery, The Commission would like to submit the following:

The area incorporating Lakeside Cemetery, the Chung Wah Historic Cemetery, and the California State Dredging Tailings Park is possibly the only site in the State of California that combines these important aspects of our heritage in one small area. Lakeside Cemetery, in fact, may be a grouping of 19th century cemeteries, which would most likely fit the criteria currently being developed to define a historic cemetery. It is the opinion of The Commission that the addition of a crematorium on that site would have a negative impact on the historical significance of the area. It is believed that a crematorium could be placed in an industrial area within Folsom to avoid the impact on the history of our countywide community.

Chair, James A. Purcell

Vice Chair, Dr. Robert La Perriere

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Area residents have notified our Commission that they oppose the placement of the crematorium on the site.

Research that has been provided to our Commission indicates that there have been instances in which monuments, and copings have been moved or destroyed, plot maps of burial locations are misplaced and that legal questions exist regarding the ownership of portions of Lakeside Cemetery. Further degradation of the historic value of the cemetery by the addition of a crematorium would only serve to lessen its cultural importance to the City of Folsom and Sacramento County.

Please contact us if we can provide any other information or support.

Sincerely,



James A. Purcell, Chairman
Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission

cc Historic District Commission
50 Natoma Street
Folsom CA 95630

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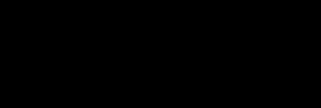
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Here is an additional (individual) letter from one of our Commissioners. Thanks.

Bob LaPerriere

Bob LaPerriere
Chair, Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Commission



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February 15, 2002

Folsom Historical Commission

To Whom it May Concern:

Back in 2003 there was a plan to originally build a Crematorium at Lakeside Cemetery. Lakeside Cemetery is not 100 years old but was formed from smaller cemeteries dating back to the Gold Rush. As such, the current cemetery borders another cemetery occupied by the Chinese and is currently administered by the Bureau of Land Management and the Chan Trust on a previously arranged agreement. The Chinese cemetery is a registered National Landmark and another close by has potential for a National Landmark nomination. The proposal could push nomination into oblivion.

With this going on, there has been no consultation with the Bureau of Land Management and the Chan Trust on how it will affect the National Landmark nomination. Lakeside Cemetery is an amalgamation of several cemeteries, their records are rather vague, and there are issues of this proposal being built on other existing burial sites that are difficult to pinpoint. There could be a destruction of different cultural groups that are historic in nature without the Chinese community or others being able to give their input. This proposal would adversely affect the historic features and burials of the Chinese, Euro American and other interested parties that may be buried there. This could potentially be a violation of the National Historic Preservation Act, as well as the California Graves Protection Act, in which six or more burial sites is considered an official cemetery.

This late notification of this meeting has not allowed the Sacramento County Cemetery Advisory Board due diligence to respond in a timely manner to the meeting taking place on February 16, 2022. In the past we were against this same proposal taking place at this cemetery. I consider this is a historic cemetery and the records for this location are poor in nature and the possibility of disturbing the graves of the dead is highly irregular. In the past graves have been destroyed during construction phases.

Yours,

StephAnie Kadle
District 2
Sacramento County Cemetery
Advisory Commission