



Agenda Action Form Overview

Proposed relocation of abandoned “McGhee Family Cemetery” pursuant to NCGS 65-106. The Durham County Department of Public Health received a request for relocation of 17 known, probable, and possible burial sites located within an abandoned cemetery identified as the “McGhee Family Cemetery.” The gravesites are proposed to be disinterred from the current location at 6622 S Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713 to be reinterred in Lowes Grove Baptist Church Cemetery located at 4358 S Alston Ave, Durham, NC 27713.

Background/Justification

The request for Board approval is being made pursuant to NCGS 65-106 by the current property owners SCANNELL PROPERTIES #539 LLC (Deed Book 9384, Page 942-950) to accommodate the development of the property and to provide better protection for the burials by relocating them to a perpetual care cemetery.

SCANNELL PROPERTIES #539, LLC has submitted a report to the Durham County Department of Public Health detailing historical and archaeological investigations of the cemetery and documenting due-diligence efforts regarding next-of-kin and public notice requirements per NCGS 65-106(b).

Policy Impact

This request is consistent with previous Board approvals for relocation of abandoned cemeteries. The property owner’s submittal meets the requirements of NCGS 65-106.

Procurement Background

Not Applicable

Fiscal Impact

No fiscal impact to DCoDPH. SCANNELL PROPERTIES #539, LLC will be fiscally responsible for the cost of disinterment and subsequent reinternment at Lowes Grove Baptist Church Cemetery, a perpetual-care cemetery. Perpetual care will be provided by the Lowes Grove Baptist Church Trustees.

Recommendation

The County Manager recommends that the Board approve relocation of 17 known, probable, and suspected gravesites located within the abandoned cemetery identified as the “McGhee Family Cemetery” under the supervision of the Health Director or Health Director’s designee pursuant to NCGS 65-106.