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MEMORANDUM

To: Chair Spivey and Members of the Planning Commission
From:  Scott Brylinsky, Interim Director, Planning and Community Development Department
Subject: ZA 18-06 Creating a Cemetery Zoning District
Date: March 14, 2019

Project description: The request is to amend the zoning code to create in the zoning code a cemetery district.

Background:

The city zoning code currently lacks a designation for cemeteries. Historically, cemeteries have resided in varied zoning districts, including the residential zoning districts R-1 and R-2, and the public zoning district P. The intent of the cemetery district is to contain land used for cemeteries and limited accessory uses. All uses in the cemetery district are intended to be cemetery-related and conducted with reverence and respect for those interred. It is a highly restrictive district.

The proposed amendments to the use tables in the zoning code would provide that only cemeteries and mausoleums are allowed uses. Museums, churches, and parks would be conditional uses. No other uses would be allowed.

After creation of the cemetery district, cemetery owners and land owners would be invited to submit applications for zoning map amendments to include their cemeteries and associated lands in the cemetery district.

This item was put before the Historic Preservation Commission at its March 13, 2019 meeting. The Commission voted 6-0 to approve creation of a cemetery zoning district as proposed.