



MEMORANDUM

**TO:** Mayor and Council Members

**FROM:** Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**DATE:** August 30, 1995

**SUBJECT:** Parks Board Recommendation Regarding Cemetery Headstones

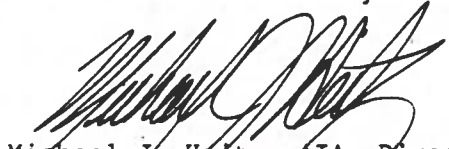
A few weeks ago I advised you that a request had been made for an exemption to our policy regarding headstones, which would allow upright monuments in a section of Austin Memorial Park Cemetery currently restricted to flush monument only. In response, Public Notices were posted July 29th at the Cemetery requesting public input concerning a change of policy, and a Public Hearing was held at the Parks and Recreation Board meeting August 8. As a result of the input received, the Board passed the following motion on a 4-3 vote:

...that the Parks and Recreation Board recommend to Council that the policy be changed for Block 11 only at the Austin Memorial Park Cemetery, allowing either upright or flush stones, but that the property owners of Block 11 be notified by registered mail of this recommendation before the matter is taken up by Council.

Parks and Recreation is working with the Cemetery Contractor to compile a list of persons who purchased property in Block 11 so notification can be made.

At this time, no Council action is requested. After completion of the notification process and review of subsequent input, I will advise you of the findings and staff recommendation.

Please let me know if you need additional information.

  
Michael J. Heitz, AIA, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

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