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MEMORIAL PARK ASSOCIATION
Prairie View, Texas

November 10, 1961

To the Person Addressed:

By way of review and for the benefit of non-members to whom this memorandum is also being sent we wish to report the following progress in the development of a Community Cemetary project since our first meeting October 20, 1960. We have:

- 1) Conducted investigations in the following areas from October 20, 1960 - July 18, 1961.
 - (A) Legal aspects.
 - (B) Types of organizations possible.
 - (C) Potential memberships in the community.
 - (D) Possible sites (including state owned land not in college projected program plans)
 - (E) Facilities to be provided.
 - (F) Constitution and By-laws.

July 18, 1961: 2) Organized Memorial Park Association and elected PRO TEM officers.

- October 3, 1961: 3) Elected permanent officers and voted final adoption of constitution.
- 4) Accumulated and deposited over \$1500 in assets.
 - 5) Purchased one acre (sufficient for 512 grave sites) for a cemetary from Anderson estate.
 - 6) Authorized clearing of site for landscape appointments, easements, and permanent fencing.
 - 7) Now considering bids for fencing and regulations for plot plan and grave sites.

The above steps have been possible through the efforts of many community citizens who accepted the community wide invitation to work in this project. We have been proud of the many obstacles that have been overcome and the apparent harmony with which solutions have been found for what we thought were problems. We have used the counsel of Judge Winfree, Attorney Karisch and President Evans in our planning.

This memorandum is to alert you to another "problem" that we must resolve at our next meeting: Mr. C. L. Wilson and Mr. A. W. Randall seriously object to the present location of the cemetary. As long standing respected members of the community the association, even at this late date, decided at its November 8 meeting to consider their request and to look into the possibilities of re-locating. In this interest the following consignments have been made by President ~~Cleaver~~:

Check possibility of re-locating
(preferably on other Anderson land to protect present investment and prevent tying up of funds used in purchasing present site from Mr. Anderson):

Mr. J. C. Williams

Mr. E. J. Johnson

Check legal aspects of present position of Association:

Dr. E. M. Norris, Mr. L. C. Mosley and Mr. H. E. Fuller

Inform members and non-members in community of the above situation in order that each may exercise his option to endorse or object to any decision that must be made at the next meeting Wednesday, November 15, 1961 7:00 P. M. in the Memorial Center:

Mr. L. C. McMillan, Secretary

We now have 37 members qualifying as charter members by paying the \$50 fee. The deadline for accepting members is January 5, 1962. After that date fees for grave sites will be set by charter members.

The meeting November 15 is an open meeting, as have been all other MPA meetings. We invite members and non-members to come out and express their desires relative to the decisions the Association must make.

For the Memorial Park Association

L. C. McMillan, Secretary

May 17, 1962

Dr Evans = Professor

The Fuller + Mr McMillen
author - & to go forward
but it has slowed down -

Class - Did not understand
that the organization already
in operation - not a new group.

Dr Evans. From this morning
on the institution is free of
responsibility - except opinion
on procedure -

nothing do with officers
who can be buried etc.