

April 29, 2023

Dear Friends of Fair View Cemetery and Cedar Lawn Memorial Park:

On February 2, 2023, FV Cemetery Company, Incorporated offered to transfer its assets (Fair View Cemetery and Cedar Lawn Memorial Park) to the City of Roanoke to continue the operation of these two cemeteries. FV Cemetery requested a public hearing on whether such assets should be accepted.

To date, the City has not formally responded. Informally, the City has stated it will not accept these assets and has suggested an alternative the Board believes is not viable and not in the cemeteries' best interests. The City's response is disappointing.

FV Cemetery's employees are loyal, and the Board believes are capable of running the cemeteries' day-to-day operations. These employees have agreed to stay on if we can find four replacements for the Board seats that will be vacated. Our attorney, Bill Hopkins, has agreed to serve on the Board as a volunteer for a set term to assist in this transition. If you or a family member have an interest in serving on the FV Cemetery Board, please send an email to [fvboard@thefairviewgroup.org](mailto:fvboard@thefairviewgroup.org) as soon as possible. We are seeking community members with:

- A personal connection to either Fair View Cemetery or Cedar Lawn Memorial Park;
- Executive leadership experience in business operations, finance, accounting or human resources; and,
- The ability to commit to participating in board meetings.

Previous board or industry experience is helpful, but not necessary.

In February, we communicated with more than 10,000 property owners and family members requesting their assistance in contacting City Council members about the importance of preserving these two historic cemeteries. Thank you for your overwhelming support and interest in our efforts. We are optimistic about our current plan. We will continue to keep you up to date as new information is available.

The Board of Directors