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Dear Mr. Griffin:

This is a followup to our Education Chair's request for information (Reference 1) about the standards and criteria relating to any Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) processes to protect the Neely and/or Trimble Historic Cemeteries (Reference 2).

We ask for this information because the Hugo Graves Team is developing a cemetery plan (Reference 3) for the Neely and Trimble Historic Cemeteries per the guidelines in the *Historic Cemetery Long Range Planning Workbook* (Reference 4). Ms. Bryan, is our primary contact with the SHPO and the Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries (Appendix A). Her alternate contact will be identified in the near future.

We view this communication as the beginning dialogue in our request for assistance in understanding applicable laws and regulations to the cemetery planning process. We are starting to get a handle on the laws and bulletins you had previous referenced in your email. However, what we really need is to understand the SHPO's interpretations for how the applicable ORSs, OARs, and bulletins will be implemented (i.e., manuals, handbooks, guidebooks, specific policy processes and/or steps, etc.).

We are very interested in any processes or steps needed to protect historic cemeteries and/or to relocate the historic Neely and Trimble family graves. For example, has a permit been requested to the Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department for the purpose of relocating the Neely graves and/or the Trimble family graves?

Thank you for any consideration in assisting us to understand applicable standards and criteria to protect and preserve the Neely and Trimble Historic Cemeteries.

Sincerely,

Wayne McKy, Chair
Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society

References:

- Reference 1. August 7, 2014 Email/Letter to Dennis Griffin, SHPO, from Mike Walker, Education Chair, HuNAHS
- Reference 2. Neely and/or Trimble Gravesites: Historic Cemeteries Identified in OR SHPO Table (http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/OCHC/docs/Cemetery_List.pdf)
- Reference 3. Neely & Trimble Historic Cemeteries Plan (hugoneighborhood.org/hugohomegraves.htm)
- Reference 4. *Historic Cemetery Long Range Planning Workbook* (<http://www.oregon.gov/oprd/HCD/OCHC/docs/cemeteryplanningworkbooka.pdf>)

Appendices

Appendix A. Hugo Graves Team Contacts with SHPO & OCHC

Email copies:

- . Hugo Graves Team, Hugo Neighborhood Association & Historical Society
- . Kuri Gill, Grants & Outreach Coordinator, Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries
- . Steve Rouse, President, Rogue Advocates
- . Nena Lovinger, President, Goal One Coalition

Appendix A. Hugo Graves Team Contacts with Oregon State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO) & Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries (OCHC)

The Hugo Graves Team (HGT) is developing a cemetery plan for the Neely and Trimble Historic Cemeteries per the guidelines in the *Historic Cemetery Long Range Planning Workbook*. Ms. Bryan, is the HGT's primary contact with the SHPO and OCHC. Her alternate contact will be identified in the near future. Mike Walker is Ms. Bryan's interim alternate contact.

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