



Legislation Text

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TO: Mayor and Members of City Council

THRU: Telly Whitfield, Ph.D., Assistant City Manager

**FROM: Michael Gibson, Parks, Recreation and Maintenance Director
Tracey Broyles, Budget and Evaluation Director**

DATE: January 13, 2020

**RE:
Adoption of Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2020-9 to Appropriate a Grant Award for Phase 1 of the Conservation Restoration Plan for Cross Creek Cemetery #1**

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):
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Relationship To Strategic Plan:

Goal 4 - The City of Fayetteville will be a highly desirable place to live, work and recreate with thriving neighborhoods and a high quality of life for its citizens.

Executive Summary:

The City has received notification of a \$65,000 grant award from the Cumberland Community Foundation. Funding from this grant will be used for site assessment, surveying, and design; initial monument restoration; and partial planting of indigenous flora for Cross Creek Cemetery #1. Staff is seeking authorization to accept the grant award and Council adoption of Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2020-9 to appropriate the funding.

Background:

The Cumberland Community Foundation awards grant funds annually through a competitive application process. These endowments provide support for the most promising opportunities and greatest needs in the community at the discretion of the Foundation.

Cross Creek Cemetery #1, bounded by N. Cool Spring & Grove Street, is one the crown jewels of the community. Over time its appearance and position in the community has greatly diminished. Dating back to 1785, the lives of those interred span three periods of history - Colonial, Revolutionary, and Civil War - and this location is the final resting place of many notable patriotic citizens that were instrumental in shaping our community, state and, in some cases, our nation.

This three phase project is designed to:

- Conserve the significant history of the site incorporating interpretive signage, historic tours, educational outreach materials and community events;
- Restore the natural beauty of the cemetery using indigenous flora of the period as well as restore its monuments, 100 of which are nationally recognized as “works of art” by the US National Register of Historic Places, and
- Preserve the hallowed ground where so many are honored and respected.

Issues/Analysis:

The grant performance period is January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2020.

Budget Impact:

There is no impact to the General Fund as there is no local match required for the grant.

Options:

- 1) Adopt Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2020-9.
- 2) Do not adopt Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2020-9 and provide additional direction to staff.

Recommended Action:

Staff recommends that Council move to adopt Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2020-9 as presented.

Attachments:

CCF Grant Agreement Cross Creek 1
Special Revenue Fund Project Ordinance 2020-9