

North Carolina Cemetery Commission Special Meeting Minutes December 6, 2023

The North Carolina Cemetery Commission held a special meeting on Wednesday, December 6, 2023, at the call of the President, via phone conference.

President William “Bill” Gaffney and the following Commissioners were in attendance: David Simmons, Ebbie Whitley Hendren, Bonita Caldwell, Linda Cotten, and Sharon Weaver. Gantt Stephens, Director of Operations, was also in attendance.

The meeting was called to order at 10 am. President Gaffney explained the only item on the meeting agenda was the change of control for 28 cemeteries from Park Lawn Corp to EverStory Acquisition Portfolio, LLC. All voted in favor of accepting the agenda as written.

I. Conflict of Interest:

President Gaffney declared that, in accordance with the State Government Ethics Act 138A 15E, it is the duty of every Commission member to avoid both conflicts of interest and appearances of conflicts regarding the matters being brought before them and to refrain from any undue participation in the matters involved.

No Commissioners declared conflicts of interest.

II. Old Business:

a. Change of Control – Continued from October 18, 2023, Quarterly Meeting:

President Gaffney explained that the Commissioners have each received a copy of all Change of Control applications from Park Lawn Corporation to EverStory Acquisition Portfolio, LCC. Lilly Donohue was in attendance representing the buyer. Kelly Hanna was in attendance representing the seller. These packets included all the information required to finalize transfer of ownership of the properties. The list of impacted properties is detailed below:

i. 27 properties change of ownership from Park Lawn Corp to EverStory Acquisition Portfolio, LLC

1. Blue Ridge Garden of Memory 994 Hendersonville Hwy. Pisgah Forest
2. Brookhill Memorial Gardens 8625 US Highway 52 Rockwell
3. Charlotte Memorial Gardens 7632 Hood Road Charlotte
4. Cleveland Memorial Park 1225 College Ave Shelby
5. Devotional Gardens 1260 NC 24 and 50 Highway Warsaw
6. Eastlawn Gardens of Memory 530 Dobson St Kernersville
7. Eternal Hills Memorial Park 1565 Oakland Road Forest City
8. Evergreen Memorial Estates 5971 Dudley Rd Grifton

9. Fairview Memorial Park 1425 E Main St Albemarle
10. Forest Hill Memorial Park 1307 W Old US Highway 64 Lexington
11. Gardens of Memory 5676 Old Walkertown Rd Walkertown
12. Gethsemane Memorial Park 809 W Gannon Ave Zebulon
13. Grandview Memorial Park 2809 N US 421 Hwy Clinton
14. Highland Memorial Gardens 109 Ward Rd Ahoskie
15. Hillcrest Memorial Park 3620 Roseboro Hwy Clinton
16. Iredell Memorial Park 2304 Shelton Ave Statesville
17. Lewis Memorial Park 415 Beaverdam Rd Asheville
18. McDowell Memorial Park 327 Memorial Park Rd Marion
19. Onslow Memorial Park 3280 Richlands Hwy Jacksonville
20. Piedmont Memorial Gardens 3663 Piedmont Dr Winston-Salem
21. Pine Forest Memorial Gardens 770 Stadium Dr Wake Forest
22. Reidlawn Cemetery 1530 Barnes St Reidsville
23. Roselawn Memorial Gardens 1821 Ashley Loop Reidsville
24. Seaside Memorial Park 1161 Hammock Beach Rd Swansboro NC
25. Stanly Gardens of Memory 2001 E Main St Albemarle NC
26. West Lawn Cemetery 1909 W Main St Elizabeth City NC
27. Westlawn Gardens of Memory 6135 Ridgecrest Point Clemmons NC

ii. Forest Lawn Memorial Park, License # 049, of Candler, NC ownership change from Citadel Management, LLC to PLC Citadel Ltd.

Mrs. Whitley Hendren moved to approve the Change of Control applications conditional upon receipt of the completed bond forms and outstanding inspection items as sufficient for the NC Cemetery Commission. Mrs. Cotten seconded the motion. Following discussion, all voted in favor.

III. REMINDER OF NEXT MEETING DATE:

The next quarterly meeting will take place on January 24, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at the Hilton in North Hills, Raleigh. President Gaffney reminded attendees that, while meetings usually occur on the third Wednesday of the month, the next meeting will be on the fourth Wednesday of the month.

IV. Adjournment:

Ms. Cotten moved to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Caldwell seconded the motion. All in favor. Meeting adjourned.