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[MPC Comment] Cavett Station/Mars Hill Cemetery Development

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Dear Commissioners,

I am writing as a concerned citizen to urge you to protect the unmarked graves in the Mars Hill Cemetery in the Cavett Station area from development. Local historians, such as Cavett Station expert Dr. Charles Faulkner, believe that graves are located outside of the present-day fence of the cemetery. Historic and church records suggest that there may be up to 500 graves in the vicinity.

I appreciate your commitment to encouraging responsible growth and development while preserving neighborhoods and staying attuned to the concerns of residents. Surely the desecration of unmarked graves and the development of one of Knoxville's historic first frontiers, the Cavett Station massacre site, do not meet the criteria of responsible development. Development would be neither appropriate nor reasonable.

Thank you for your service as an MPC Commissioner and for your consideration of this request to honor your sacred trust as a commissioner by preserving an important part of Knoxville history and protecting historic graves.

Sincerely,
Holly Matthews
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