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STAFF RECOMMENDATION
Buchanan Station Cemetery, 749 Massman Drive
June 17, 2015

Application: Historic Landmark Overlay for Buchanan Station Cemetery

Map and Parcel Numbers: 10604002000

Council Districts: 15

Applicant: Mayor Karl Dean

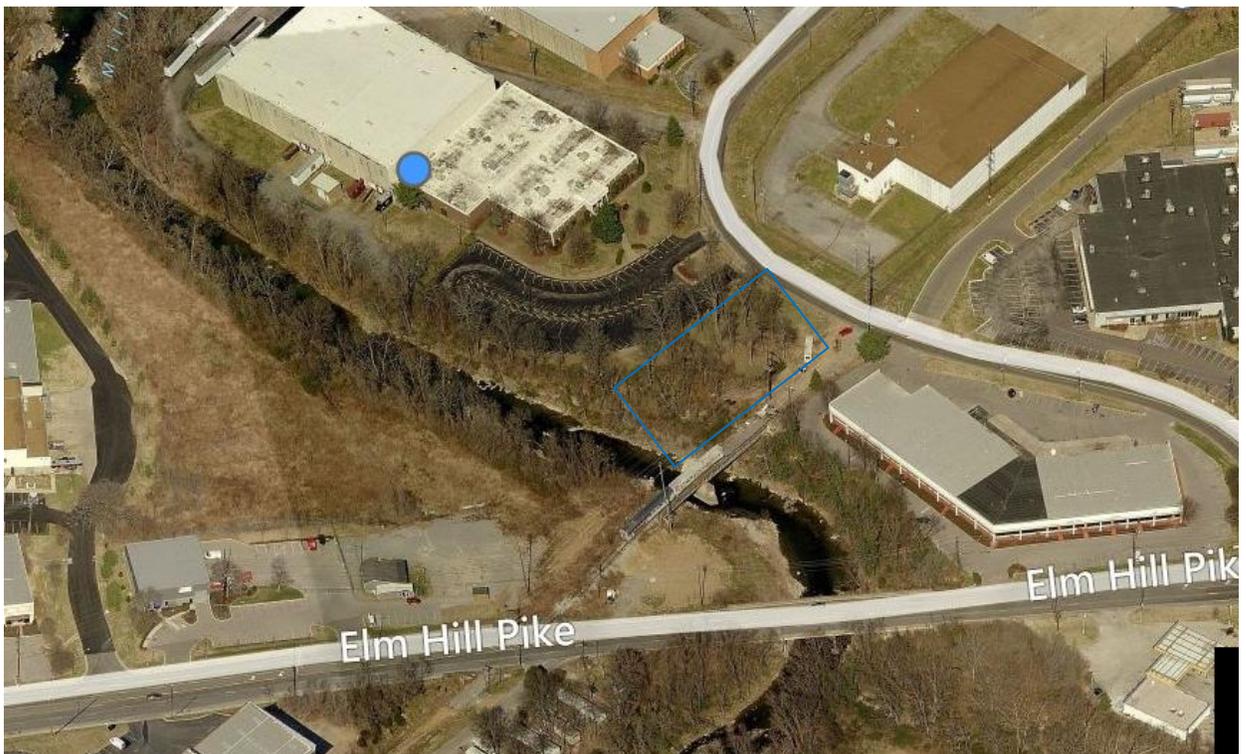
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| <p>Description of Project: Mayor Karl Dean request that the Buchanan Station Cemetery be designated as a Historic Landmark Overlay.</p> | <p>Attachments A: Photographs</p> |
| <p>Recommendation Summary: The Buchanan Station Cemetery meets criteria 1 and 4 in that is associated with the development of Nashville and has the potential to yield archaeological information.</p> | |
| <p>Staff suggests the Commission recommend to City Council a Historic Landmark Overlay for the Buchanan Station Cemetery.</p> | |

Vicinity Map



Aerial Map



Background:

Buchanan Station Cemetery is associated with an early Tennessee pioneer settlement, Buchanan Station. The fort had one or two blockhouses surrounded by stockade to four corner blockhouses. In 1784 or 1785, Major John Buchanan Jr. moved from Nashboro to Buchanan Station to construct and protect one of the earliest mills in the county on Mill Creek. The successful defense of the Station in 1792 against hundreds of Indians is credited with protecting a larger plan to attack all of the settlements in the area.

The first burial may be Samuel Buchanan, killed by Indians in 1786. John Buchanan Sr., killed by Indians in 1787, is thought to be buried in a rocked-in plot in the cemetery. After other burials, Major John Buchanan (1832) and his wife Sally (1831) were laid to rest there. Altogether, the cemetery includes about 67 burials, many with un-inscribed fieldstones.

The cemetery was sold out of the Buchanan family in 1841. Over the next 173 years, the cemetery had various private owners including George Peabody College. On October 18, 2011, a grassroots campaign was begun to raise awareness about Buchanan's Station and its cemetery. On March 17, 2012, the Friends of Buchanan's Station Cemetery was formed at the Buchanan Log House.

Applicable Ordinance:

Article III. Historic Overlay Districts

17.36.120 Historic Districts Defined. B. Historic Landmark. An historic landmark is defined as a building, structure, site or object, its appurtenances and the property it is located on, of high historical, cultural, architectural or archaeological importance; whose demolition or destruction would constitute an irreplaceable loss to the quality and character of Nashville and Davidson County; and that meets one or more of the following criteria:

1. The historic landmark is associated with an event that has made a significant contribution to local, state or national history;
2. It is associated with the lives of persons significant in local, state or national history;
3. It embodies the distinctive characteristics of a type, period or method of construction, or that represents the work of a master, or that possesses high artistic value;
4. It has yielded or may be likely to yielded archaeological information important in history or prehistory; or
5. It is listed or is eligible for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

Analysis and Findings:

The Buchanan Station Cemetery meets criteria 1 and 4 in that it is associated with the development of Nashville and has the potential to yield archaeological information.

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