

Oregon Parks and Recreation Commission

November 16, 2022

Agenda Item:	5b	Information
Public Comment Allowed:	Yes	
Topic:	Fort Stevens - Disposition for VA Cemetery	
Presented by:	Ladd Whitcomb, Property Agent	

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) National Cemetery Administration (NCA) contacted OPRD in May of 2019 to discuss a transfer of land that would allow the NCA to expand the Fort Stevens Army Post Cemetery and thereby, continue providing burial plots to current and future generations of veterans and their families.

Background from the May 2019 Informational Brief:

“The Fort Stevens cemetery is a small and historic army cemetery that was established in 1866 and is still available for interments for service members who died on active duty or for veterans who meet the requirement of being a 20-year retiree of the armed forces. The small 1.1-acre property has space for 573 grave sites.

“The NCA’s plan for this facility is to possibly expand the area acreage immediately surrounding the cemetery to allow for more interments for veterans who reside in the north coast area. The current veteran population for the surrounding area is over 8,000 veterans and the NCA’s plan to expand the site will serve the area veterans well.”

Update:

In January of 2021, three initial land options were discussed and mapped out. In exploring these three options, a fourth option emerged. From the available research materials, this appeared to be the most viable option, so a site visit was arranged for the different NCA disciplines to walk the property. The NCA found this option (see Attachment A) satisfactory and put the concept forward for their internal approvals. On October 12, 2022, I received their Letter of Intent to purchase this 5.2-acre portion of Fort Stevens SP property and a request for access to conduct due diligence. Access will be granted under OPRD’s standard Right of Entry Permit and the NCA will share all findings with OPRD.

Prior Action by Commission: Informational item presented September 2019

Action Requested: None (Informational Update Only)

Attachments: 5b - Attachment A - Map



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5b - Fort Stevens - Disposition

Attachment A - VA Cemetery

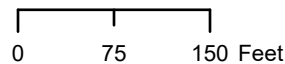
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 Acres: 5.2
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