Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery memorial and master plan comment form

Your input is important to us and will help narrate the story of the patients from the Oregon Asylum buried at Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery and Dr. Hawthorne. Please use the following questions to provide feedback and shape the design of the memorial.

What feelings would you like the memorial to invoke in those who visit? (e.g., Would you like the memorial to convey compassion, understanding, peace?)

Is the feeling you would appreciate one which matches loneliness, confusion and suffering which the patients of the Hawthorne Asylum may have felt?

___ Yes
___ No
___ Other (please specify)

Should the memorial convey a message of hope and dignity based on the historical understanding of Dr. Hawthorne’s compassionate care?

___ Yes
___ No
___ Other (please specify)

There is a possibility of relocating the original bell from the Oregon Asylum to the cemetery memorial site. The bell was originally used to alert residents when an inmate / patient escaped the asylum grounds, which were surrounded by tall walls.

___ Include the bell as it has historical significance.
___ Use the bell but transform it to something else.
___ Use something that invokes less negative connotations.
___ Other (please specify).
The asylum was a locked facility surrounded by high walls. Doors were locked. In light of that, what terms do you feel should be used to describe the people in the asylum burial ground?

___ Asylum patients?
___ Asylum inmates?
___ Some other term?
___ Other (please specify).

The design includes the possibility of a garden that remembers the grounds of the asylum. This is gentle and may be too simplistic. Are there other ideas or symbols, such as walls, doors (perhaps permanently open as a symbol of release from suffering, the asylum, and this life), bell tower etc?

What would you like the memorial to focus on?

___ Primarily the patients.
___ The history and early days of psychiatric care in Oregon.
___ Dr. Hawthorne’s legacy and his role as a pioneer for compassionate psychiatric care.
___ I would like to include all of these options in the memorial.
___ Other (please specify).

Both the Chinese workers and the patients of Dr. Hawthorne have been discriminated against. There are at least two ways to share this history. What would you prefer?

___ Weave the stories together.
___ Tell the stories separately.
___ Leave the history alone and focus on inmate / patient lives.
___ I would like to include all of these options in the memorial.
___ Other (please specify).

We’re designing today for something that happened in the 19th century. Do you prefer that the asylum burial ground memorial be modern or that it be more in keeping with the style of the rest of the cemetery or that it be a transition area between the two?

What will make this memorial park special to you? What images would be meaningful remembrance for those in the burial ground?

Please add any other feedback or suggestions you have:

If you would like to receive notification of meetings or other activities related to the Lone Fir Pioneer Cemetery memorial or master plan, please include your contact information.

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Comments can be submitted by mail to Janet Bebb at Metro, 600 NE Grand Avenue, Portland, OR 97232. Beginning Friday, September 26, you may complete this comment form online at www.mentalhealthportland.com. Comments will be accepted until October 17.