

August 9, 2011

Aaron Hanauer, Senior Planner, CPED
250 South 4th Street, Room 300 PSC
Minneapolis, MN 55415

Dear Aaron,

Our organization, Friends of the Cemetery, has raised \$18,800 in donations through the Adopt-a-Picket Campaign to assist in the restoration of the fence at Minneapolis Pioneers and Soldiers Memorial Cemetery. We can release those funds to the City as soon as they are needed for the next phase of the project.

The only restriction on releasing the funds is that the money must be used for restoring the fence along the cemetery's Cedar Avenue and Lake Street sides. Those who contributed did so with the understanding that this is how the money would be used, and we need to honor our commitment to them. Once the restoration project is completed, we would be happy to continue working with you to establish a perpetual maintenance fund for the cemetery.

As you know, our fundraising continues and we will have several events and tours in the next few months. Any additional funds that we raise will also be available to the City for use in this restoration project. I will keep you posted on our progress.

Sincerely,



Susan Hunter Weir
Chair, Friends of the Cemetery

cc: Jack Byers, Director, Planning Supervisor, CPED
Mike Kennedy, Director, Public Works Division
Gary Schiff, Council Member, Ninth Ward

Please Note: \$10,800 of the \$18,800 was accepted by the City of Minneapolis at the April 16, 2010 City Council Meeting (Resolution 2010R-178).