



County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday March 25, 2015

Committee Members:

Cemetery Director, Steven M. Pedretti, Director, Community Development Agency	
Bonnie Wurm, Cemetery Director Alternate	Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, BOS Representative
Sergeant Vissiere, County Coroner's Office	Kathy Witherow, BOS Alternate
Doug Walker, Archeological Organization Representative	Jeffrey A. Schmidt, Fraternal Organization Representative
Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Native American Representative	Janette Rogers-Booth, District I Representative
Vacant, District II Representative	Vacant, District III Representative
Frank Clark, District IV Representative	Joan Wicklund, District V Representative

- 1) Called to Order at 3:05 PM by Chairman Bonnie Wurm. Committee Members Present: Bonnie Wurm, Supervisor Veerkamp, Kathy Witherow, Doug Walker, Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Janette Rogers-Booth, Jeff Schmidt, Frank Clark, and Joan Wicklund. Guests: Susan Mickus, Mary Ann Schroth, Ray LeVitt, Hank Rafter, Bernie Pagenkopf, Ernie Lory, and Mike Roberts. Staff: Mary Cory
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda - approved
- 3) Approval of the Minutes – Meeting of January 28, 2015 – approved
- 4) Introductions - Announcements – Introductions were made around the table, and Bonnie Wurm announced that proposed Cemetery fees are not ready yet and will probably be presented in June. She also announced that “Cemetery Administration” is now known as “Cemetery Operations.”
- 5) Cemetery Administration staff report-Bonnie
 - a) Placerville Union cemetery-the new fence will be installed in April. Another incident of vandalism was reported and will be repaired. Cost to install cameras is high so alternatives are being explored. Currently, PPD has increased their patrol in that area.
 - b) Georgetown-Heritage Roses preservation – is being done by Susan Corey-McAlpine and the Georgetown Garden Club.
- 6) Committee Member Reports Comments:
 - a) Janette Rogers-Booth - District I – new fence at the Clarksville Cemetery is in place and they are planning a new sign
 - b) Frank Clark- District IV – nothing to report
 - c) Joan Wicklund - District V – nothing to report
 - d) Supervisor Veerkamp–BOS – thanked everyone for the time and efforts of this committee and the volunteers who are working to preserve the county's cemeteries
 - e) Jeff Schmidt - Fraternal organizations – the new Native Sons of the Golden West cemetery will be dedicated on May 2.
 - f) Ramona Tripp-Verbeck - Native American Cemeteries – nothing to report
 - g) Doug Walker - Archeological Representative – nothing to report
 - h) Sergeant Vissiere – Coroner's Office - absent
- 7) Discussion and Action Items
 - a) El Dorado – George Forni has asked the County to accept the donation of the parking area in front, and wants to turn the operation of the cemetery over to a new cemetery association or to the county. Bonnie summarized the history of the El Dorado Cemetery, and outlined the research necessary to determine the benefits of a new cemetery association or the county taking it over with an

- advisory committee or sexton appointed by the BOS.
- b) Camino - the cemetery is on private property, no formal cemetery association was formed, the cemetery has had ground penetrating radar done, but the map has not been completed and recorded. The next step is to complete the map.
- 8) Public Comment; Limited to 5 minutes each
- a) Ernie Lory with the NSGW Placerville Parlor asked about cleaning up St. Joseph's Cemetery in Grizzly Flat. Since this is considered private property, the property owner must give permission. In addition, adjacent property owners need to give permission if their property is crossed to get to St. Joseph's. Mr. Lory will take this information back to his group and discuss how to contact the cemetery property owner with Bonnie Wurm.
 - b) Mike Roberts asked that the Smith Flat Cemetery gate be addressed.
 - c) Mary Cory offered Museum volunteers to help with title searches, cemetery file organization and burial permit data entry.
- 9) Adjournment – 4:10 PM. Next meeting April 22, 2015. Last call for Agenda items April 10, 2015.

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator