



County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

MINUTES

October 28, 2015

Committee Members:

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

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Bonnie Wurm at 3:02 PM. Committee members present: Bonnie Wurm, Doug Walker, Art Cort, Jeff Schmidt, Frank Clark, Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Mike Roberts, and Joan Wicklund. Guests: Ray LeVitt, Mary Ann Schroth, and Susan Mickus. Staff: Mary Cory.
2. The agenda was adopted.
3. The minutes of August 26, 2015 were approved with the change in 5G of "adjourning" to "adjoining."
4. Introductions and Announcements were made.
5. Reports
 - (a) Cemetery Operations Staff
 - i. Placerville Union – Bonnie reported more vandalism and a discussion with Mayor Patty Borelli about installing security cameras and keeping the gates locked at night. Bonnie asked members to call Placerville Police Department if any suspicious behavior is seen there.
 - ii. Bryant – Bonnie reported that a housing development is being explored for a large parcel near Bryant Cemetery. The cemetery will be donated by the current property owners, and there was a discussion about getting an access road and parking lot, as well as exploring additional land for a new section. There was discussion that new plot sales should only be allowed in a new section, if acquired.
 - iii. Bonnie reported that she toured Grizzly Flat Catholic cemetery with Pam Hupner. There is a large group of interested volunteers there and the Fire Safe Council is keeping both cemeteries cleaned up. There are problems with title and parcel numbers.
 - iv. Georgia Slide has one acre developed of the 11 acres designated as a cemetery. Growlersburg will take out the dead tree.
 - v. Green cemeteries – A letter is being prepared to request a natural/green burial area at Kelsey. Also, there is an application in for a green cemetery on Gilmore Road in Pollock Pines.
 - vi. Gold Hill Cemetery – Bonnie passed around photographs of the cemetery. A winery will be built near it, and there will be 100 foot buffer around the cemetery.
 - vii. Annual report to the Board of Supervisors – Jeff made a motion to submit the annual Cemetery Report to the Board of Supervisors, Doug seconded and the motion was approved.
 - (b) District I – no report
 - (c) District II – no report
 - (d) District III – no report
 - (e) District IV – Frank reported that the CCC crews are not available for cemetery clean up at this time.
 - (f) District V – Joan reported that she visited the Georgetown Pioneer Cemetery and

- complemented its appearance.
- (g) BOS Alternate – no report
 - (h) Fraternal Organizations – no report
 - (i) Native American – Ramona reported that there are trees down which will be removed by family members.
 - (j) Archeological – Doug reported that he now has firsthand experience with finding the Latrobe Cemetery ADA accessible, and noted the beautiful view.
 - (k) Coroner's Office – no report
6. Public Comment –
- (a) Ray LeVitt with the Kelsey Cemetery reported that they had to clean up the Cemetery after a shot and bleeding deer wandered around the cemetery.
 - (b) Susan submitted reports on the Gold Hill Cemetery, Coloma Pioneer Cemetery, Coloma St. Johns Cemetery and Uniontown Cemetery.
7. Discussion and Action Items
- (a) Change date of November meeting – December 2 at 3:00 PM. Mary will notify everyone where it will be held. There was a general agreement to move the meetings in 2016 from Conference Room A due to the lack of parking.
 - (b) Funding the Cemeteries
 - i. Grants – Jeff will invite the NSGW State Historian sometime in early 2016 to one of our meetings. He has experience with finding grants.
 - ii. Adopt a cemetery – Bonnie reported that there is some interest in this.
 - iii. Nominating cemeteries as Historic Landscapes/Landmarks – Jeff will share his insights into this process at a future meeting.
 - iv. Community Involvement – no report
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM. The next meeting will be December 2, location to be announced.

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator