



County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

Cemetery Director, Steven M. Pedretti, Director, CDA	Supervisor Brian Veerkamp, BOS Representative
Bonnie Wurm, Cemetery Director Alternate	Kathy Witherow, BOS Alternate
County Coroner's Office Sgt. Troy Morton	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	

MINUTES

September 28, 2016

1. The meeting was called to order at 3:05 by Chairman Jeff Schmidt. Committee members present: Bonnie Wurm, Doug Walker, Arthur Cort, Frank Clark, Jeffrey Schmidt, Mike Roberts, Troy Morton and Joan Wicklund; guests: Kathy Lewin, Suzi Mickus, and Mary Ann Schroth; staff: Anne Novotny (CDA Long Range Planning Division), Marianne Saindon (Public Administrator Office), Mary Cory (Museum Administrator). The Agenda was adopted.
2. The minutes of August 24, 2016 were approved as written.
3. Introductions, Announcements – the Chairman asked everyone to introduce themselves; Bonnie announced that the CDA Director Steve Pedretti, and Cemetery Director, has submitted his resignation to the Board of Supervisors. Bonnie also announced that the Cemetery Operations has been assigned a different County Counsel.
4. Discussion and Action Items:
 - a) Cultural Resources Ordinance and the 1999 Guideline revisions: Anne Novotny summarized the Board of Supervisors workshop held in August and asked for comments back from members and guests of this Committee by November 1. Mary submitted her written comments and Bonnie plans to get her comments to Anne soon. Mike stated his concern that if a resource is not a state and federal designation, it isn't protected; Art suggested that if a property owner has an unrecorded resource then there be a method of compensating the owner for any losses due to the resource; Jeff has contact information on the Native Sons of the Golden West's involvement with this subject; Suzi suggested that a project can be moved due to an important resource, which happened when the Coloma Cemetery was found. Mary summarized her comments with concerns about procedures for protecting resources of local significance and establishing criteria for that designation. She also asked that the designation be determined by a staff person or committee that will reflect the County's strategic plan, goals and objectives rather than the developer or property owner. Bonnie asked that "prehistoric resources" be included and cemeteries needed to be called out as an important cultural resource.
 - b) Update on Ordinance and Management Plan – additions for Green Burials and non-resident fees are now included in the draft ordinance.
 - c) Legislation to Protect abandoned Pioneer Cemeteries – Bill Baccus sent a letter to the California Conference of Historical Societies asking that the legislation that was dropped in the early 2000s be revived. There was general support for this legislation from the Committee.
 - d) Guidelines for working in Public Cemeteries – deferred to next month
 - e) Subcommittee – Bonnie distributed the 2012 list of cemeteries being researched. No other report.
5. Cemetery Operations Staff Report
 - a) Missouri Flat – Mary Ann has looked at the perimeter; Bonnie will meet with the

- owner of the property.
 - b) Latrobe – a contractor has been retained to supplement County Grounds staff to clean up cemeteries. They will start with the Latrobe Cemetery.
 - c) Placerville Union – a gate was stolen; Mary Ann Schroth noted that the area outside the west fence has been cleared.
 - d) El Dorado – there are reports of drug use in the cemetery. Troy will ask for more patrols. A combination lock will be installed.
6. Representative Reports:
- a) District I – Mike reported that there was a new burial in 2015 in the Clarksville Cemetery and asked if there was a burial permit filed.
 - b) District II – Art stated that he is glad to hear that Latrobe Cemetery will be cleaned up.
 - c) District III – Mike reported that he took an Old City Cemetery Tour in Sacramento and was very impressed with the quality of the tour.
 - d) District IV – Frank reported that VFW members may volunteer at Greenwood Cemetery.
 - e) District V – none. Joan noted that there is a new vegetable garden very near the Zentgraff Cemetery, which would have required tilling and disturbing the soil.
 - f) BOS – none
 - g) Fraternal Organizations – none
 - h) Native American Cemeteries – none
 - i) Archaeological – none
 - j) Coroner's Office – Troy suggested that inmate workers, as part of the worker program, could be used for cemetery clean up. Bonnie noted that this is already done via the Grounds Staff.
7. Public Comment
- a) Mary Ann found information about Phillips Station burials in the County Museum files.
 - b) Kathy Lewin found a grave at Lover's Leap and showed a photograph of the site.
8. The meeting was adjourned at 4:28. The next meeting will be Oct. 26, 2016 at 3:00 PM in the County Library Meeting Room.

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator