



# County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

## MINUTES January 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 Vissiere, 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	Vacant, District III Representative
Vacant, District II Representative	Joan Wicklund, District V Representative
Frank Clark, District IV Representative	

1. The regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Committee was called to order at 3:10 PM by Chairman Bonnie Wurm. Members present: Joan Wicklund, Frank Clark, Doug Walker, Ramon Tripp-Verbeck, Sergeant Michael Vissiere, and Bonnie Wurm. Guests: Mary Ann Schroth, Susan Mickus, Ray LeVitt, Kris Payne, Nichole Jordan, Bernie Pagenkopf, and Hank Rafter. Staff: Mary Cory.
2. Adoption of the Agenda – Adopted as written
3. Approval of the November 19, 2014 Minutes – Approved with spelling and typographical corrections as noted.
4. Introductions, announcements
  - a. The county's Community Development Agency is currently evaluating and proposing changes to all fees including the cemetery fees. The proposed fee changes will be brought to the CAC in February. Bonnie will also bring the cemetery comparison figures.
5. Discussion and Action Items
  - a. Election of Officers – As described in the Resolution establishing the Cemetery Advisory Committee, a Chairman, First Vice Chair, Second Vice Chair and Secretary should be elected each January. Doug Walker nominated Bonnie Wurm as Committee Chairman and Mary Cory as Secretary. Frank Clark seconded and the motion was approved. Doug Walker nominated Janette-Rogers Booth as First Vice Chair, and Jeff Schmidt as Second Vice Chair, dependent upon Janette and Jeff accepting the positions, Frank Clark seconded and the motion was approved.
  - b. Appointment and reappointment of representatives – Joan Wicklund was reappointed as District 5 Representative and Supervisor Brian Veerkamp was reappointed as the BOS Representative with Kathy Witherow acting as alternate. District 2 and District 3 representatives are still vacant.
  - c. Status of 'Proxy' Native American representative – This position on the Committee is not designated in the Resolution establishing the Cemetery Advisory Committee. Since the "proxy" position was created several years ago in response to the appointed Native American Representative leaving the area without resigning from the position, it is no longer relevant as Ramona Tripp-Verbeck has been the appointed representative for several years. Doug Walker made a motion to eliminate the 'proxy' Native American representative. Joan Wicklund seconded and the motion was approved.
6. Cemetery Administration staff report – Bonnie
  - a. Placerville Union cemetery – more graffiti has been reported. A fence and possibly cameras will be installed. Kris Payne reported that the City of Placerville has received a grant for cameras which could possibly be considered since the cemetery is within the City of Placerville jurisdiction.

- b. El Dorado cemetery – The trash has been cleaned up. It is considered a rural cemetery district. Cemetery administration staff will be meeting with George Forni at his request.
  - c. Surveyor's Office corrections – The County will officially take title to the Fairplay cemetery.
7. Committee Member Reports
- a. Frank Clark District IV – the address for Greenwood cemetery needs to be corrected. Also, Bonnie reported that the Greenwood cemetery still needs to have Ground Penetrating Radar done and the map recorded.
  - b. Ramona Tripp-Verbeck reported that Elmer Thomas passed away and requested his ashes be scattered in the Blackwell cemetery.
  - c. Joan Wicklund District 5 asked that a discussion about the Camino Cemetery be on the agenda for the next CAC meeting so that a plan to better protect this sensitive cemetery can be developed.
8. Public Comment
- a. Susan Mickus has found information about another South Lake Tahoe cemetery which she will share with Joan Wicklund.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM. The next meeting will be February 25. Discussions about the Camino Cemetery and the proposed changes to the cemetery fees will be on the agenda.

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator