



County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

MINUTES

Wednesday March 26, 2014

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
Sheriff John D'Agostini, County Coroner	Jeffrey A. Schmidt, Fraternal Organization Representative
Doug Walker, Archeological Organization Representative	Janette Rogers-Booth, District I Representative
Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Native American Representative	Fred Belt, District III Representative
Harry McLaughlin, 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 by Chairman Bonnie Wurm at 3:05 PM. Committee members present: Bonnie Wurm, Doug Walker, Joan Wicklund, Fred Belt, Brian Veerkamp, Frank Clark, Janette Rogers-Booth. Alternate: Kathy Witherow. Guests: Hank Rafter, Bernie Pagenkopf, Mary Ann Schroth, Susan Mickus, and Ellen Osborn. Staff: Mary Cory
- 2) Adoption of the Agenda – approved with the correction of the date of the minutes.
- 3) Approval of the Minutes – February 26, 2014 minutes were approved as written.
- 4) Introductions, Announcements
 - a) Bonnie Wurm announced that the new Cemetery Director is Steve Pedretti, Director of Community Development Agency. Supervisor Veerkamp added that Steve has family living in El Dorado County and plans to move here soon.
 - b) Bonnie also passed out the announcement for the "Notice of availability of a Draft Environmental Impact Report for the Targeted General Plan Amendment and Zoning Ordinance Update (SCH No. 2012052074).and announced that we will review the proposed Zoning Ordinance draft and its impact to the Cemetery Ordinance at the next meeting.
 - c) Doug Walker announced that there is a Native Plant sale on April 5.
- 5) Action Items
 - a) List of active and inactive cemeteries to present to Board of Supervisors: no action at this time
- 6) Reports and discussion
 - a) Cemetery Administration staff report-Bonnie follow-up on questions from last meeting
 - i) Georgia Slide Cemetery – she has asked Georgetown Cemetery Advisory Committee to look into the feasibility of Hank Rafter's request for a hose reel.
 - ii) Missouri Flat Cemetery – she is waiting for Leonard Grado to get back to her with a contact name and phone number for Mary Ann Schroth to access the cemetery.
 - iii) Camino Cemetery – she provided Susan Mickus the information that a full burial for Wilton Arthur Hartwick, who died 12/28/2013, took place in the Camino Cemetery.
 - iv) Grizzly Flat Cemetery – after researching if County grounds staff could clear the fallen tree, she must first contact the property owner and research the title. Growlersburg might be an alternative.
 - v) Bonnie reported that the following interments occurred in 2012/13: Camino – 1, El Dorado – 1, Odd Fellows – 3 (Lime Kiln Rd or Public?), Kelsey – 4, Jayhawk – 9, Oak Hill – 3.
 - b) Kathy Witherow & Fred Belt - Middletown update – Kathy Witherow met with Placerville City staff and noted that they were very cooperative and expressed interest in assisting with making the Middletown access safer. The city will install a mirror to help with visibility; and the city will provide two "intersection" signs for County Transportation to install. Bonnie reported that County Grounds staff installed a better fence at the back of the property after the repaired fence had again been breached by thieves.
 - c) Ellen Osborn- Johnson-Blair Winkleman Cemetery – Bonnie introduced Ellen who is a descendant of John Calhoun Johnson, the founder of the trail known as the Johnson Cutoff. Ellen reported that she has been researching this cemetery and has found documentation for 44 burials and possibly another 20. Originally three acres were dedicated for a cemetery; however one acre is actually now fenced with four headstones outside the fence and possibly more unknown burials. Ellen asked about the procedure for getting Ground Penetrating Radar for the cemetery, including the area outside the fence. Bonnie reported that GPR and the subsequent map that is produced must be budgeted for. Bonnie noted that the County was taking care of this cemetery in the 1970s but it was dropped from the list sometime after that.
 - d) Committee Member Reports on various cemeteries visited:

- i) Subcommittees
 - 1. Janette Rogers-Booth - District I and II (western end of District II) – Clarksville is being cleaned up; Mormon Island is being maintained; Latrobe needs to be cleaned up and the headstones are overgrown – she is concerned that it will be a fire hazard. She asked about the progress of getting a flagpole installed at Mormon Island.
 - 2. Harry McLaughlin - District II and V (eastern end of District II) – not in attendance
 - 3. Frank Clark- District IV (select cemeteries-southwest area) – Asked about the progress of resolving the issue of selling plots at Greenwood Cemetery and also expressed concern about how available Growlersburg will be since the Fire Season will probably start early
 - 4. Jeff Schmidt –northeast part of District IV and Fraternal organizations –not in attendance
 - 5. Ramona Tripp-Verbeck - Native American Cemeteries – not in attendance
 - 6. Doug Walker - Archeological Representative-burial sites and unknown graves – no report
- 7) Public Comment; Limited to 5 minutes each
 - a) Ellen reported that she has seen incorrect information in the website “Find a Grave;” and also reported that in the course of her research, she found that the Sportsman Hall on Pony Express Trail had a cemetery associated with it, but it is probably under Highway 50 now.
 - b) Hank asked how to get a bench for Pilot Hill Cemetery. Frank suggested asking Growlersburg to make one for that cemetery. Hank also asked if the new section had been platted and surveyed.
 - c) Susan thanked Supervisor Veerkamp for his help with getting a rock moved in Cold Springs Cemetery. She also showed the County Museum/Historical Society’s new book, *Placerville: Then & Now*.
- 8) Next meeting April 23, 2014. Call for agenda items for April 9, 2014
- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM.

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator

Committee Staff: Museum Administrator, Mary Cory; Community Development Agency, Elizabeth Zangari;
Office of County Counsel, Kay Ann Markham