



County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

MINUTES

June 24, 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
Arthur Cort, District II Representative	Michael Roberts, District III Representative
Frank Clark, District IV Representative	Joan Wicklund, District V Representative

- 1) The regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Committee was called to order by Chairman Bonnie Wurm at 3:25 PM. Committee members present: Bonnie Wurm, Mike Roberts, Doug Walker, Art Cort, Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, and Frank Clark. Guests: Suzi Mickus and Mary Ann Schroth. Staff: Mary Cory.
- 2) The Agenda was adopted.
- 3) The Minutes of May 27, 2015 were approved as written.
- 4) Introductions - Announcements – no announcements
- 5) Reports:
 - a) Cemetery Operations Staff –
 - i) Gold Hill Cemetery - Bonnie reported that a vineyard is being planned next to it, located at the intersection of Cold Springs Road and Gold Hill Rd. The cemetery has at least 7 burials.
 - ii) Skinner Cemetery – There will be a hearing to consider the Planning Map for Phase V on July 23, 2015 at 8:30. They have incorporated the changes recommended by the Cemetery Operations staff.
 - iii) Placerville Union Cemetery – the fence has been completed.
 - b) Janette Rogers-Booth - District I: Absent
 - c) Art Cort – District II: Recommends going to the Board of Supervisors to direct Facilities to do the maintenance at the Latrobe Cemetery, now that title has been established.
 - d) Mike Roberts – District III: Plans to visit the cemeteries in District 3.
 - e) Frank Clark - District IV: Reported that he received five letters of appreciation of the cleanup at cemeteries for Memorial Day.
 - f) Joan Wicklund - District V: No Report
 - g) Kathy Witherow–BOS Alternate: Absent
 - h) Jeff Schmidt - Fraternal Organizations: Absent
 - i) Ramona Tripp-Verbeck - Native American Cemeteries: Reported that there were some visitors from Wales who are members of the Vittle family, and contacted her to visit the Blackwell Cemetery to see the Vittle Family plot.
 - j) Doug Walker - Archeological Representative: Reported that he is researching a possible cemetery in Marble Valley. He will email Bonnie with the information.
 - k) Sergeant Vissiere – Coroner's Office: Absent
- 6) Discussion:
 - a) Boles plots at Placerville Union: Mary Ann Schroth is working with Jack Sweeney on locating these headstones hidden near the fence line.
 - b) Middletown access off Cold Springs Rd: Will be discussed at a later meeting.
 - c) Fairplay: Bonnie reported that she is working with the developer and the community on reducing the fire danger.
 - d) Missouri Flat: Bonnie is working with Leonard Grado and Jack Sweeney on the grading plan and adding a gradual incline rather than a retaining wall. GPR was completed and no graves were found.
 - e) District and Zone of Benefit Cemetery Operations, financial advantages: Will be discussed at the next meeting.
- 7) Action Items:
 - a) Agenda format: New agenda format was found agreeable.

- b) Fees: Art asked what is needed to pay for the cost of operating and maintaining the other cemeteries. He suggests that the fees should cover the costs to the county. Bonnie reported that the Board of Supervisors addressed the county's proposed fee changes at their June 23rd meeting.
- c) Draft Ordinance and Management Plan suggested changes: Doug and Art sent comments to Bonnie which she will review.
- 8) Public Comment; Limited to 5 minutes each: No public comment.
- 9) The meeting was adjourned at 4:15 PM. There will be no meeting in July. Next meeting August 26, 2015, agenda items due by August 17, 2015.

Committee Staff: Museum Administrator, Mary Cory; Office of County Counsel, Kay Ann Markham
CDA: Assistant Director, Administration and Finance Division, Kate Sampson
Administrative Services Officer, Operations Unit, Sherrie Busby