



# County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

## MINUTES

Wednesday November 19, 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
Sergeant Vissiere, County Coroner Alternate	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
Vacant, District II Representative	Joan Wicklund, District V Representative
Frank Clark, District IV Representative	

1. The regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Committee (CAC) was called to order by Chairman Bonnie Wurm at 3:10 PM. Members present: Bonnie Wurm, Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Kathy Withrow, Joan Wicklund Janette Rogers-Booth, Michael Vissiere, and Frank Clark. Guests: Mary Ann Schroth and Susan Mickus.
2. Motion to accept agenda made by Joan and seconded by Frank. The agenda it was approved.
3. Kathy moved to approve minutes and Frank seconded. The minutes of October 22, 2014 were approved.
4. Administrative Sargent Michael Vissiere was introduced as the alternate for Sheriff John D"Agostini.
5. The Cemetery Administration staff report; no progress on new Ordinance and Management Plan. Still at County Counsel. Bonnie reported that the owner of the Uniontown cemetery has put up a gate that she may lock when she is not at the property and that this problem is being looked into. The third item reported on was that due the increase in vandalism at Placerville Union the County is looking into getting a camera system for the Garden Mausoleum area. Other suggestions from committee representatives were to look into motion detector cameras and put up signage with the Penal Code regarding vandalism and ask visitors to report any suspicious activity to City Police.
6. Discussion and Action Items
  - a. Pioneer Memorial Parks  
Bonnie presented the following: One of the initial assignments of the CAC by the Board of Supervisors (Resolution no. 128-2002) was for the Committee to "Develop recommendations regarding the designation of cemeteries, if any, as Pioneer Memorial Parks." A LAFCO report in a 2007 also said that "One of the primary functions of the CAC is to identify abandoned cemeteries that could be designated Pioneer Memorial Parks (PMP) which would then be considered the responsibility of the County." Bonnie further explained to the committee that nineteen cemeteries had been designated as Pioneer Memorial Parks by the Board of Supervisors in 1973, Resolution No 215-73. This list was rescinded by Resolution No. 90-92 in 1996 that accompanied Ordinance No. 4340 This resolution listed only seven cemeteries as PMPs. (Exhibit A). It was later found by County Counsel, in 1998, that the designations made and later rescinded for PMPs were not properly noticed along with other errors in presenting the resolutions and, therefore, these resolutions PMP designations were not valid. It was mentioned that it was probably assumed by the Board that this problem would be taken care of when the new Ordinance was presented and a new list of PMPs was submitted as requested by the Board in 2002. As a result of this conversation it was suggested by committee members that the Cemetery Administration staff follow up on this and determine what should be done since our Draft Ordinance is not yet made it through County Counsel. Do these resolutions need to be rescinded? County Counsel will be contacted.
  - b. Discussion regarding the lists of Active and Non-active Cemeteries. The updated lists of Active and Non-active cemeteries with corrections from the last meeting were handed out (Exhibits B & C). An updated "List of County-operated Cemeteries for 2014" was also handed out. (Exhibit D)
7. Committee Member Reports
  1. Kathy Withrow asked if the reports of vagrancy and overflowing garbage had been addressed. Bonnie replied that this is a Rural Cemetery Association, the County does not take care of the maintenance and garbage, however, Chuck Harrell of Facilities told Bonnie in a phone conversation recently that the Grounds staff may be able to take care of the garbage problem. Sergeant Vissiere will have patrols check on the vagrancy problem.
  2. Public Comment -none
  3. The meeting adjourned at 4:20 PM.

Submitted by Bonnie Wurm, Administrative Technician, Community Development Agency