



County of El Dorado Cemetery Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

Creighton Avila, Deputy CAO, Cemetery Director
Bonnie Wurm, Cemetery Director Alternate
Melinda Peak, District I
Arthur Cort, District II
Mike Roberts, District III
Frank Clark, District IV
Joan Wicklund, District V

Brian Veerkamp, Board of Supervisors
Kathy Witherow, BOS Alternate
Sgt. Troy Morton, Coroner's Office
Vacant, Archeological Representative
Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Native American Cemeteries
Jeffrey A. Schmidt, Fraternal Organizations, Chair

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES May 23, 2018

1. The meeting was called to order by 2nd Vice Chairman Joan Wicklund at 3:05 PM. Committee members present: Creighton Avila, Bonnie Wurm (alternative), Melinda Peak, Mary Tran, Mike Roberts, Joan Wicklund, Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, and Frank Clark. Guests: Mary Ann Schroth, John Hidahl. County Staff: Julianne Melchor, Mary Cory. The agenda was adopted.
2. The minutes of April 25, 2018 were approved with clarification to 5c and 7vi.
3. Introductions and Announcements
4. Staff Reports:
 - (a) Summary of burials – Bonnie distributed the table of burials in County-managed cemeteries, through May 2018
 - (b) Special meeting or workshop on Planning and Building Department's role related to Cemeteries – Roger Trout, Director of Planning and Building Dept. will be scheduled on June 6, 2018 from 3:00 PM to 5:00 PM for a public workshop to answer questions. The workshop will be held in the Library Meeting Room.
5. New Business - none
6. Old Business
 - (a) Placerville Union – Mike Roberts reported that the Druids met there at the monument dedicated to Seig, the founder of the Druids in Placerville.
 - (b) El Dorado – Investigation and research is continuing
 - (c) Adopt-A-Cemetery-Projects program – Creighton confirmed that the program has to be approved by the Board of Supervisors, and it will be on their agenda in June. Mike made a motion to have the tracked changes made by Staff available to the Committee members before it goes to the Board. Joan seconded and the motion was approved. Julianne will email the document to the Committee.
 - (d) NCIC exchange of information - this item will be added to the Workshop with Roger Trout.
7. Representative Reports
 - (a) BOS Alternate – absent
 - (b) Coroner's Office – absent
 - (c) Native American Cemeteries – Ramona reported that the cemeteries are getting cleaned up and decorated for Memorial Day Weekend.
 - (d) Fraternal Organizations – absent

- (e) Archaeological Rep – vacant
 - (f) District I – Melinda reported that there is a video clip on YouTube touring the St. Michael's cemetery; she reported that there was a question about installing a monument in the Clarksville Cemetery which was resolved favorably.
 - (g) District II – In response to Mary's request for Business Cards for Committee members, the Clerk of the Board has stated that the BOS Office cannot issue Committee and Commission business cards. Mary reported that Bonnie showed her the Shingle Springs Cemetery. She made an attempt to visit the Planters House Cemetery but found the pedestrian gate locked.
 - (h) District III – none
 - (i) District IV – Frank reported that the Growlersburg Camp will be cleaning up and putting flags out at the Greenwood Cemetery. There will be a Growlersburg Inmate Camp Open-House as part of their 50 year anniversary.
 - (j) District V – Joan asked about filling the vacant Archaeology position, with Bonnie as she is a trained archaeologist. Joan asked that the CAC review the Cemetery Ordinance draft with County Counsel comments. Julianne reported that staff has not yet reviewed those comments.
8. Public Comment
- (a) Mary Ann asked about the progress of the Missouri Flat Cemetery development. The proposal for commercial plans has had some changes.
 - (b) John Hidahl, District I Supervisor, discussed the Clarksville Cemetery and the Tong Cemetery at the Silva Valley Parkway/Highway 50 interchange, and the additional development planned for that area. He reported that Creighton has brought the Cemetery report to Board of Supervisors in closed session.
9. The meeting was adjourned at 4:25 PM. The next meeting will be the Workshop scheduled for June 6. There will be no regular CAC meeting in June. The next regular meeting will be July 25, 2018.

Mary Cory, Museum Administrator

Committee Staff: Museum Administrator, Mary Cory
Office of County Counsel, Roger Runkle
Community Development Services, Operations Unit, ASO, Sherrie Busby
Community Development Services, Operations Unit, Dept. Analyst, Julianne Melchor