

ARLINGTON CEMETERY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
DECEMBER 27, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m. by Chairperson Florence Dahl-Bigaouette

Members Present: Chairperson Dahl-Bigaouette, Councilmember Borchert, Burdorf, Glieden, Goblirsch, Wiemann

Members Absent: Pomplun

Also Present: Mayor Elect Jim Kreft, City Administrator Krueger

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Glieden, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the September 27 and December 5, 2006 meetings.

Discussion was held on the 2007 Budget. It was noted that \$5,000 was budgeted in the capital outlay fund for the cemetery for landscaping.

Dahl-Bigaouette asked how many lots were sold in 2006. Administrator Krueger reported that 12 lots had been sold.

Discussion resumed on landscaping and what should be done next, the perimeter, island or deal with the issues with adjacent property owners. It was understood that the adjacent property owners were given 1 year to remove their landscaping and/or structures from the cemetery property. Borchert commented that the Board needs to determine what area of the cemetery they want to continue expanding (keep going to the south or start in the west near new entrance) and then worry about landscaping that area.

The Board discussed utilizing Clinton Street when the new road is proposed to go in. Administrator Krueger will check on where exactly Clinton Street ends (has been abandoned). It was suggested to have city staff compile numbers (over the last 5 years to get an average) that showed how many lots have been sold or are left to sell in the current section, how many burials there have been and what area of the cemetery the burials took place in (this would help determine how soon the next road is needed). Administrator Krueger commented that if the crematorium gets put in, this would be a factor in how soon a road is needed as lot sales would slow down. The Board agreed that the new roadway should be their first concern before any other projects are taken on or continued. Goblirsch suggested making a recommendation to the City Council to include the new roadway in the cemetery and put the curve in near the old entrance with the other street work proposed for 2008. Administrator Krueger suggested doing the research first (compiling number of lots sold, burials, etc.) to show the Council there is a need for a new road.

Some discussion was held on pursuing the columbarium. It was suggested to put some drawings/ideas together. Borchert commented that the curve needs to be addressed first so that they know how much land will be used and what will be left for either cremation (smaller) lots or possibly a cremation structure.

It was agreed by the Board that quite a few ideas have been brought forward, but know they need to be

prioritized and budgeted for (to be on next agenda). It was agreed to keep having monthly meetings. Administrator Krueger will check with Bolton & Menk on what an approximate cost would be for a new roadway.

The Board thanked Chairperson Florence Dahl-Bigaouette for all her years of service on the Cemetery Board and expressed their appreciation.

Mayor Elect Kreft commented that there will be 2 open seats on the Cemetery Board with Chairperson Dahl-Bigaouette and Secretary Pomplun resigning. He asked the Board to give him any names of individuals who may be interested in filling the vacancies.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for January 31, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Goblirsch, seconded by Borchert, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

Chairperson Florence Dahl-Bigaouette