

ARLINGTON CEMETERY BOARD
MEETING MINUTES
FEBRUARY 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Vice Chairperson Goblirsch.

Members Present: Councilmember Borchert, Burdorf, Gildea, Glieden, Goblirsch, Pinske

Members Absent: Wiemann

Also Present: City Administrator Krueger

Goblirsch welcomed new members Bernet Pinske and Jerome Gildea.

Nominations for Chairman and Secretary were held. Gildea was nominated for Secretary and declined on the basis he was new to the Board. Glieden was nominated for Secretary and declined on the basis that he has a prior commitment with the Veterans organization.

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Glieden, and passed by unanimous vote to appoint Bernet Pinske as Chairman of the Cemetery Board for 1 year.

Motion by Pinske, seconded by Burdorf, and carried (Borchert opposed) to appoint Ken Wiemann as Secretary of the Cemetery Board for 1 year.

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Glieden, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 31, 2007 meeting as presented.

Ordinance No. 139 - Creating Cemetery Board was reviewed. Borchert expressed his dissatisfaction with the recent appointment process as being unfair and felt that all the interested applicants should have been considered for the open seats on the Board, not on a first-come first-serve basis (with no disrespect to the 2 new members). Some discussion was held on increasing the number of members to 9 and also on changing the quorum number to 5. Krueger commented that some language should be added about City Staff maintaining the records (actually taking the minutes - Assistant Secretary). He also commented that the language about the Cemetery Rules of Operation should be changed to state that they will be changed by council resolution and not by ordinance. Krueger believes that the language about the Cemetery being self supporting should also be removed as it is not and probably never will be self supporting.

Motion by Glieden, seconded by Burdorf, and passed by unanimous vote to increase the maximum number of members to 9, but have no less than 7 members on the Cemetery Board at one time.

It was the consensus of the Board to:

- 1) change the quorum to 5 members;
- 2) add language about City Staff maintaining the records, an Assistant Secretary;
- 3) Rules of Operation will be changed by council resolution.

Motion by Glieden, seconded by Burdorf, and passed by unanimous vote to remove Section 6 from Ordinance No. 139, language pertaining to the Cemetery being self-supporting.

Ordinance No. 197 – Rules of Operation was reviewed briefly, with no changes.

The 5-year planning discussion continued from the last meeting, prioritizing the various projects. It was understood that the roadway would be the first project done. Borchert commented that the Board should continue pursuing the idea of cremation burial lots near the old entrance. He thought that some landscaping should be done in that area to help beautify it and make it more marketable to the public. Glieden commented that he would like to see the area staked off for the proposed columbarium as soon as possible that way the public would know where it is planned to be located. Goblirsch commented that fixing the curve (making a gentle curve) should be addressed before any cremation or landscaping items are considered. Borchert suggested having the city engineer look at the roadway near the old entrance in spring to see how much land would be needed to make the gentle curve; hopeful it would be as little as possible. Goblirsch suggested putting some shrubbery in by the trees on the north side of the cemetery (near old entrance) to act as a natural screen to obstruct the view of the shop area and transformers; this would be more appealing to the public.

It was the consensus of the Board to go to the cemetery in spring and look at the old entrance area to put some ideas together for landscaping and discuss cremation lots, etc.

Krueger explained that Mayor Kreft has asked all committees to present an annual report to the Council and stated that the Cemetery Board has been scheduled for March 19th. Borchert suggested that Goblirsch, Pinske and Gildea represent the Cemetery Board at the meeting.

Borchert commented that he would like to see the roadways (pathways) within the cemetery named at some point in the future. It was agreed to put this on the March meeting agenda.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for March 28, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Motion by Glieden, seconded by Burdorf, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting.

Chairman Bernet Pinske

Vice Chairman Greg Goblirsch