

ARLINGTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES - JUNE 27, 2007

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

Members Present: Councilmember Borchert, Burdorf, Gildea, Goblirsch, Chairperson Pinske, Wentzloff, Wiemann

Members Absent: Glieden, Weckwerth

Also Present: Interim City Administrator Schultz, Supt. Thomes

Motion by Wiemann, seconded by Gildea, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the May 30, 2007 meeting as presented.

The Committee reviewed 3 estimates for replacing the fence between the Trailer Park and Cemetery. Pinske questioned if City Staff could install the fence. Supt. Thomes stated that they cannot do the installation because it takes special tools that they do not have. Pinske would like to see an 8 ft. fence. Supt. Thomes explained that an 8 ft. fence would require a variance, public hearing and input from the Mobile Home Park. A few members expressed their thoughts that a 6 ft. high fence was sufficient. It was suggested to have the cemetery surveyed to determine boundary lines and locate corner pins before moving forward with the fence.

Motion by Burdorf, seconded by Wiemann, and passed by unanimous vote to recommend to the City Council to have Bolton & Menk survey the cemetery to determine boundary lines.

Pinske commented that kids are continuing to play in the cemetery with bicycles and skateboards. She stated that she had talked to the kids and explained that they are not permitted to be there. She also talked with a police officer about being more visible in the cemetery. Pinske commented that the pedestrian gate had been damaged. Thomes explained that it is only held in place by a couple of anchors and kids hang on it and then it breaks off.

Goblirsch stated that he had been contacted by Dennis Kittock regarding the dying shrubbery/hedge near his property. Kittock wants to see it replaced with something that will last longer. Thomes commented that hedge is on cemetery property, but was placed there to keep snowmobiles out at Kittock's request. He stated that portions of the hedge have been replaced in the past, at the City's expense, but questioned if this practice should continue. It was the consensus of the Committee to leave the shrubbery/hedge near Kittock's property alone; as it dies off remove it and not replace it. It was agreed that Kittock could plant something on his own property.

Gildea commented on the area in the old part of the cemetery where the white shed had been. He would like to see the area get used. Borchert agreed and feels the Committee needs to put a land use plan together for the cemetery. Goblirsch wants to see a lot selling policy established that dictates where lots can be sold within the cemetery (sell in one area at a time) prior to the new roadway going in. Schultz suggested enticing the public to purchase lots in the area of the old entrance by reducing the price of the lots. Borchert suggested hiring someone to provide different ideas/designs for the area near the old entrance and also the new entrance (including a columbarium). Considerable discussion was held on designating certain areas of the cemetery for a columbarium structure and/or cremation burials only. It was agreed to discuss putting a land use plan together at the next meeting.

Gildea commented that the old entrance gate is rusting and is in need of repair/paint.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for July 25, 2007 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

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Chairman Bernet Pinske

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Secretary Ken Wiemann