

ARLINGTON CEMETERY BOARD  
MEETING MINUTES  
MARCH 29, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. by Chairperson Florence Dahl-Bigaouette

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

Members Absent: Pomplun

Also Present: City Administrator Krueger, Mayor Czech, Supt. Thomes, Attorney Ross Arneson

Motion by Goblirsch, seconded by Wiemann, and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the January 25, 2006 meeting as presented.

Chairperson Dahl-Bigaouette asked for an update on the 2005 lot sales and burials. Administrator Krueger commented that he was unsure of the numbers as Pomplun had the information and she could not be at the meeting. It was agreed to have Pomplun update the Board at the next meeting on the number of lots sold and burials in 2005 and on the progress of the reserved lots.

Attorney Arneson was present to review the Cemetery Rules of Operation as they had been revised. Various minor changes were made (word clarity). Attorney Arneson will add some additional language to Section 11(i) that covers pets in the cemetery. Goblirsch commented on the increase of young children playing in or around the new entrance. Attorney Arneson will add additional language to Section 11(h) that covers children, bikes, skateboards, etc. in the cemetery.

Goblirsch suggested changing the number of cremations allowed on a lot. He thought in an effort to save space, to allow 4 cremations per lot if a regular burial does not already exist. Borchert commented that this would not work as there is not enough room to place 4 markers on a lot; with 2 cremations a flat marker could be placed at the head and foot of the lot. Attorney Arneson commented that 4 cremations could be allowed per lot; the Board could however restrict the number of markers on the same lot if it so chose to. Bigaouette brought up the idea of possibly designating an area within the cemetery for cremations only, which has also been discussed in past meetings. Lengthy discussion was held. It was the consensus to leave Section 6 (of the Cemetery Rules of Operation) as it is.

Attorney Arneson will make the recommended changes as stated above to the Cemetery Rules of Operation and get a revised copy to the city office.

Discussion was held on the signage for the entrance. It was suggested to place the sign inside the cemetery where the entrance drives and existing roadway come together and would be to the right of the future roadway (just south of the flagpole). Administrator Krueger commented that the sign should be in a place highly visible to the public. It was suggested to place a sign at the old entrance as well in the area where the veterans' plaque had been.

Considerable discussion was held on what should be on the sign for the cemetery. Borchert suggested keeping it simple. Administrator Krueger agreed. He stated that a box could be placed within the cemetery that contains all of the Rules of Operation. Thomes suggested putting the following on the sign: 1) hours of cemetery; 2) where lots are purchased; and 3) rules are for flowers and plants. Goblirsch suggested the following: 1) Closed from Sunset to Sunrise; 2) Please do not Litter; 3) Plant no trees or shrubs unless approved; 4) Please drive on roads only; 5) Flowers or plants allowed 1 week

before Memorial Day and 2 weeks after; and 6) No markers/monuments placed without approval from the City. Administrator Krueger stated that the first rule should be: Prior to any burials permits are required. He commented also that basically Section 11 (of the Rules of Operation) are the main rules that should be listed, anything else can be listed by reference. He stated that City Staff (Secretary Pomplun, Supt. Thomes and himself) would put something together and present it at the next meeting for the Board's approval. The goal was to have the sign up and in place a week or so before Memorial Day.

Discussion was held on landscaping. Administrator Krueger explained that it was understood that Redwood Falls Nursery was to do the work, but clarification was needed on what was all to be included in the landscaping project. The Board reviewed the proposal from Redwood Falls Nursery that had been presented at a previous meeting. It was noted that rock had been planned for the island. Administrator Krueger commented that he would like to have the Board in consensus of what they want and then appoint 2 members to work with him and Redwood Falls Nursery on site during the course of the project. Administrator Krueger commented that \$5,000 had been budgeted for this project. It was suggested to contact Redwood Falls Nursery to have them review the entrance and determine how many plantings could come off of the proposal.

Goblirsch suggested recommending to the City Council that the 2007 project should include the pedestrian gate and sidewalk (budgeted for). He also commented on the condition of the roadways (cracking). Administrator Krueger explained that this is part of the 2006 Street Improvement Project.

Glieden commented that there is live current to both piers now (for outlets) and that if anyone sees a cord running from either one to unplug it. He expressed concern about people using the power illegally. He had seen a long extension cord plugged into one of the outlets, which ran towards a vehicle (tank heater) in the trailer park.

Mayor Czech suggested getting a water source at the cemetery.

Goblirsch questioned what was happening with the brick pavers for island. Thomes stated they have the pavers, but need someone to put them in (someone with a blade to cut the bricks). Glieden suggested getting a quote from CMC Construction. Thomes would obtain the quote.

It was agreed to appoint Goblirsch and Borchert as the 2 members to work with Administrator Krueger and Redwood Falls Nursery on the landscaping project.

The Board reviewed the letter from Terry's Cemetery Restoration. Supt. Thomes had checked out this business. He stated that most of their work has been down south (Iowa), but they are coming this way. They need approximately 1 year notice before doing any work, but will come and do an estimate of the entire cemetery. Thomes feels that at this time the Street Dept. can keep up with the few stones currently tipped, etc. It was agreed to table this topic until the next meeting.

Motion by Glieden, seconded by Goblirsch, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 a.m.

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Chairperson Florence Dahl-Bigaouette