

ARLINGTON CEMETERY COMMITTEE  
MEETING MINUTES  
NOVEMBER 28, 2007

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m. by Chairperson Pinske.

Members Present: Councilmember Borchert, Gildea, Goblirsch, Chairperson Pinske, Weckwerth, Wiemann

Members Absent: Glieden, Wentzloff

Also Present: City Administrator Jaunich, Supt. Thomes

It was noted that the minutes were not ready in time for the meeting.

Pinske noted that the Council had accepted the recommendation to reduce the lot price.

Discussion was held on burial/cremation rules and who should be allowed to open/close a lot for burial or cremation. Adm. Jaunich explained that the City is getting requests from private individuals to bury cremains themselves instead of hiring a professional do it. He stated that the current ordinance does not specify who is or is not permitted to open/close graves.

Motion by Goblirsch, seconded by Wiemann, and carried (Borchert opposed) to recommend to the City Council that opening/closing for all burials is done by a professional to be determined by the City.

Adm. Jaunich presented a sample of a burial permit and a monument/marker permit that he had drafted. Considerable discussion was held on what the \$75 fee current being charged was for: grave maintenance fee, staking fee, etc. It was noted that it had been decided at a previous meeting that the \$75 fee was to be charged for each burial on a lot and collected at the time of burial and that said fee would be for both the staking of the lot for monument/marker placement and burial, even if they occur at different times. Both permits were reviewed in detail, including what size the wash/base should be. Adm. Jaunich will make the suggested changes and bring back for approval at the next regular meeting.

Brief discussion was held on the new entrance. Pinske suggested a site visit to see how the snow gets piled up along the roadway, before making any decisions. She expressed concern about allowing lots too close to the roadway. Goblirsch commented that this concern had been addressed at the time they platted the new entrance area, space had been allotted.

Pinske commented on the new signs. She stated they were the same as the ones that faded out and expressed concern about not getting what they paid for (lettering stamped into plastic material).

The next regular meeting is December 17, 2007 at 8:30 a.m.

Motion by Wiemann, seconded by Goblirsch, and passed by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting at 9:33 a.m.

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Chairman Bernet Pinske

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Secretary Ken Wiemann