

ARLINGTON CEMETERY BOARD MEETING MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 27, 2006

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

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

Members Absent: Glieden

Also Present: Mayor Czech, City Administrator Krueger

Motion by Borchert, seconded by Wiemann and passed by unanimous vote to approve the minutes from the July 26, 2006 meeting as presented. The Board also reviewed the unofficial (no quorum) August 30, 2006 meeting minutes.

Bigauette commented that Pat McGraw was supposed to present information on column burial structures, but was not going to be at the meeting due to a mix up with his calendar. He informed Bigauette that the column structures are costly (over \$10,000 depending on size) and he didn't think they were very sturdy. Borchert commented that this structure was not planned for, but thought it was something that should be looked at for the future (approximately 5 years out) as the cremation rate continues to rise (approximately 40% state wide). Goblirsch added that it could be budgeted for over so many years and constructed when there is enough money available. Krueger commented that a project of this type could be included with a future street project and bonded for. He also suggested trying to "market" the concept to see what type of interest (if any) the general public has in a structure like this. He stated that if there is enough interest, a pre-purchase program could be started and when 40% or so is collected, then the structure could be built using those funds plus borrowing from another fund for the difference (pay back as more spaces were sold). Borchert suggested that the area by the old entrance could be designated as a cremation area with smaller lots and this would also be a good location for this type of structure (keep it all together). Pomplun favored the idea of this type of structure as an alternative to below ground burials.

It was the consensus of the Cemetery Board to invite Pat McGraw (or someone from St. Cloud or any other granite supplier) to the next meeting to hear more about column burial structures.

Brief discussion was held on the cemetery boundaries/landscaping issues with adjoining property owners. Krueger and Pomplun explained that letters are being sent to these individuals. The letter will state that the cemetery has been surveyed and the property pins have been marked showing the property lines. Individuals that have done some landscaping on cemetery property are encouraged to remove it. However, it will be permitted to stay until such time that the Cemetery needs the land (at which time it will be removed at the City's discretion). The letter will also state that no new landscaping will be allowed on cemetery property. Anyone who has a structure, whether it be a storage shed or sandbox, etc., will be given 1 year to have it moved off cemetery property, a minimum of 4 feet from the property and/or easement lines. Borchert suggested holding off with landscaping this area (east of Clinton St.) and just landscape along Clinton Street or other areas of the Cemetery where there is really no landscaping currently. Wiemann commented he liked the look of the open area without any landscaping. Brief discussion was held on what should be done with Clinton Street and any possible future expansion.

Goblirsch requested to see a current financial statement (showing revenues/expenses). Discussion on the budget and/or bonding process followed.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for October 25, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

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

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Vicki Pomplun, Secretary