

Missoula Cemetery Board Meeting
Thursday, July 7, 2016
12:00pm
Missoula City Cemetery Office

Minutes

Present: Sharee Fraser, Mary Lou Cordis, Marjorie Jacobs, Ron Regan, Lani Moore, Mary Ellen Stubb
Absent: Pat McHugh

Approval of board minutes: April 2016 - unanimously approved as submitted.

Public comment. None.

Financials (FY16). Revenues reviewed. Mr. Regan asked the board for feedback on a new sheet showing actual breakdown of items sold and revenue received that included the total of interments through years and cemetery fund balances. Board members liked the new format and stated it was easier to read. This format will be used in the future. Mrs. Jacobs questioned the lack of veteran graves being sold and asked if the areas currently reserved for veterans could be used for something else. Mr. Regan said yes they could.

Expenditures reviewed. Mr. Regan said we finished up the year not too bad. We left some money such as fuel and utilities which we can't touch. Mrs. Stubb noted that payroll will be adjusted. Mrs. Jacobs asked if we should be concerned about returning so much money. Mr. Regan said it all depends. When the leftover money is returned it benefits the city. If those accounts get lowered and we go over then the city has to make it up.

New or Continuing Items.

BOARD VACANCY: (to fill Mrs. Gordon's term) Mr. Regan spoke with Mayor Engen who said nobody applied. Discussion followed as to who might be interested in the open position. Mrs. Cordis felt it would benefit the cemetery to have a city council person on the board like they have done in the past. Discussion followed along with clarification that the new board member had to be a city resident.

LAND: Northside Urban Renewal District. Mr. Regan stated he hasn't heard anything.

BUDGET: Mr. Regan said he hasn't heard anything.

STORIES and STONES: Mrs. Stubb reported that invitations were mailed and Jennie Pak was waiting for RSVPs. Some storytellers have responded but overall response is slow. The date is Sunday, Sept. 18th. Mr. Regan asked Mrs. Fraser if she could get ahold of volunteers from the college again. Mr. Regan noted we have old guidebooks downstairs to use for walk in folks but that we will print new complete guidebooks for the tour.

Informational Items.

MEMORIAL HOLIDAY: Mr. Regan said all went good. There was one complaint over how long flowers could be left on a grave but the man making the complaint did not even know where his grave was and when it was found for him the grave had a temp marker on it. Obviously he had never been there. Mrs. Jacobs stated the grounds looked wonderful. Mr. Regan explained the dry spots and how they were being fixed. He said what has really helped was trimming up the trees.

Mrs. Fraser had a complaint from a family who had to pay late fees. Mr. Regan explained that the family in question did not purchase flower beds last year so they were dropped from our list, not sent an invoice this

year, and the beds were sodded. The family dug their own beds this year, planted them, and then threw the sod under the bushes. The old contact information was found and a courtesy call was made to the family. The family was charged late fees for each bed. By ordinance, we were to take them out without notice. We were nice and asked for payment rather than pulling them. We're here all weekend and the family could have stopped in and paid for the beds.

FENCE DAMAGE: Mrs. Cordis noted that another dent was in the front fence from a vehicle. Mr. Regan said he has to call in to get it fixed but we were out of money so it had to wait. There was no police report filed so no way to know who did it.

MAPPING: Mr. Regan informed the board there were 17 blocks left then it would be done and all maps would be on the web.

Adjournment at 12:30 p.m. Next meeting will be August 4, 2016.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Stubb