

Missoula Cemetery Board Meeting
Thursday, July 6, 2017
12:00pm
Missoula City Cemetery Office

Minutes

Present: Mary Lou Cordis, Paul Filicetti, Kim Seeberger, Ron Regan, Mary Ellen Stubb, Lani Moore

Absent: Pat McHugh

Approval of board minutes: June 2017 unanimously approved as submitted.

Public comment. None.

Financials. Revenues and expenditures reviewed.

New or Continuing Items.

FY18 BUDGET: Expect budget approval by Council in July. There is no news regarding cemetery CIPs or New Requests.

ORDINANCE / FEES: Nothing new to report until the August 7, 2017 public hearing. Much discussion followed regarding the last committee presentation and the upcoming public hearing. The cemetery needs to stay focused on our mission of offering affordable services to the public who use this cemetery. Western Montana Veteran Cemetery clarified that liners are optional at their cemetery. Veterans may purchase a liner through Garden City Funeral Home at the fee set by the funeral home of \$995 each.

NEW COLUMBARIUM PLAZA: Walls installed and look great. Concrete color changed due to cost.

STORIES AND STONES: Storyteller RSVPs are steadily coming. Discussion followed on the overall setup of the tour and the staff and volunteers necessary to present the tour.

Information Items. (The following are non-agenda items reviewed and discussed)

VETERAN STONE CLEANING REQUEST: Follow up on a request to clean Civil War monuments. The cemetery cannot give permission for cleaning of the Civil War veteran monuments per opinion from City Attorney. Cemetery ordinance is clear that the cemetery accepts no liability to stones already placed on the grounds. There is also the possibility of chemical use that could harm the individuals attempting to clean these stones.

BOARD OPENING: Follow up on the one board vacancy still remaining open. It is important to fill this seat so work can begin on a formal master plan of the cemetery this fall.

FILMING PRODUCTION: New information for the board. The cemetery received a written request for filming after hours on the cemetery grounds. The scope of this request is by far the largest request ever received by the cemetery. Details remain vague while the production size continues to increase. The film producers are requiring the cemetery sign a release form. City Attorney reviewed the form and directed the cemetery not to sign the release. Cemetery Board of Trustees reviewed the request and the release form. They stated their opposition to this filming project on cemetery grounds. Cemetery staff is to forward City Attorney and Cemetery Board of Trustees opinions to the film producers.

Adjournment at 1:04pm. Next meeting will be August 3, 2017.

Respectfully submitted by Mary Ellen Stubb, Administrative Assistant III