

Missoula Cemetery Board Meeting
Thursday, June 6, 2019
12:00pm
Missoula City Cemetery Office

Minutes

1. Call to Order

Board members present: Neil Carson, Mary Lou Cordis, Pat McHugh

Board members absent: Kim Seeberger, Paul Filicetti

Staff: Ron Regan, Mary Ellen Stubb, Susan Aaberg (City Attorney)

Public: Michelle Jordan (GCMS)

2. Roll Call

3. Approval of Minutes. Approved unanimously with age correction for Mrs. Cordis.

4. Public Comment on items not listed on the agenda. Mrs. Jordan wanted to extend her thanks to cemetery staff who set all the monuments by Memorial Day even though those monuments were delivered after the April 15 cutoff date. Mrs. Jordan greatly appreciated it on behalf of their business and the families. The cemetery board appreciated Mrs. Jordan saying that.

5. Staff Report. Mr. Regan reported that Memorial Day went good with no complaints and with a couple requests to remove bushes. The public stopped him to say how well the cemetery looked and that staff is doing a really great job.

MCAT did their own walking tour of the cemetery. Mrs. Stubb provided them with an informative outline about the cemetery that was used while they filmed various areas within the grounds. The airdate for this is unknown at this time.

Mrs. Stubb reached out to the organizers of Sunday Streets and was told that Sunday Streets will move back to its regular slot (2nd Sunday in September) next year, so it will no longer conflict with Stories and Stones.

6. Financials. Reviewed with no discussion.

7. New Business. None.

8. Continuing Business.

Memorial Week. Mrs. Stubb said she helped a steady stream of folks find gravesites, received a half dozen monument cleaning requests, and placed a total of six graves/niches on hold for upcoming purchase. Mr. Carson asked if anything was stolen. Mr. Regan said no, and that there were no complaints of flowers being stolen either. Mr. Regan talked with other local cemeteries and no one had any issues this year. The only thing we had was that Mrs. McGregor came to say one of her flower containers was broken, but more than likely that was a mower that bumped it.

Sign Project. Mr. Regan said he would show board members the rules and information signs after the meeting. The history signs should be here next week. He said Mrs. Reichert did a very good job on this project and it was sad to see her go onto new challenges.

Stories and Stones. Mrs. Stubb said we met with Jennie Pak again. Jennie is emailing the storytellers the RSVP and to ask about forming a committee as the cemetery board suggested. Mrs. Pak had the same concerns that Mrs. Stubb did. She said the storytellers are very committed to their research, their costumes, and speaking on the day of the tour. However, she felt they would not be receptive to more of a time commitment. A deadline of July 15 was set for storyteller RSVPs and for new story submissions so that cemetery staff can incorporate new stories into the guidebook. Mrs. Stubb said she has referred a few potential new stories to Mrs. Pak.

Mr. Regan said storytellers are volunteers and it is hard to get them to commit which is what we talked about before. They are here for three hours on a Sunday but more commitment is not likely. Mrs. Cordis agreed.

9. Informational Items. Mr. Carson canceled the July 4 meeting. The next meeting will be August 1, 2019. Mr. McHugh stated he would be gone in August.

10. Communication. Ways to benefit from positive public feedback was briefly suggested.

11. Adjournment at 12:18pm.