

Missoula Cemetery Board Meeting  
Wednesday, August 4, 2010  
1:30pm  
Ruth Bennett Memorial Chapel  
Missoula Cemetery

Present: Sharee Fraser, Marjorie Jacobs, Carol Gordon, Doug Waters, Ron Regan, Mary Ellen Stubb, Kelly Elam

Absent: Pat McHugh, Mary Lou Cordis

**Minutes**

1. Approval of board minutes: June 2010 unanimously approved as submitted.
2. Items involving guests: Kelly Elam re: Wade Elam damaged veteran stone. Mrs. Elam requested the cemetery board replace her husband's damaged military marker. She claimed the damage had been done by mower / snow removal equipment. Mrs. Elam stated she had contacted Mr. Waters at various times over the past two years and he had made promises to her that he would handle the situation and replace the stone. Nothing had been done to date so Mrs. Elam wrote a letter to the board chairperson and scheduled herself on today's agenda. The board walked to the gravesite and reviewed the stone. The board agreed the damage appeared to be caused by cemetery equipment. The board did not make a decision on replacing the stone at this time. Mrs. Fraser expressed concern that replacing the stone would be in direct violation of the current municipal coding that the cemetery board has legal obligations to uphold. The current coding states the cemetery is not responsible for damaged stones and those stones are the responsibility of their owners. Before the board makes any decision on this matter, Mrs. Fraser would like clarification from City Attorney Nugent as to the legal options available to the board while upholding current municipal coding. Mr. Waters stated he would meet with Mr. Nugent and hoped to have an answer for the board next week.
3. Public comment: No further comments.
4. Financials:
  - a. Revenues: Final FY10 - June interest in each fund pending for final amounts. July 2010 (FY11) reviewed.
  - b. Expenditures: Final FY10 - the cemetery turned back over \$5000 of its budget to assist with offsetting the city's general fund. This money was available through prudent use of the current year's budget. July 2010 (FY11) reviewed.
5. Motions needed. (*Full board attendance is needed*)
6. New or Continuing Items for Discussion:

- a. FY11 Budget/Revenue /Reserve Fund Ordinances - Mr. Waters presented the board with the current proposed wording changes to Ordinance #3292 Sections 12.44.060, 12.44.070, and 12.44090 as requested by city administration. Administration has revised and written the changes in accordance to discussions agreed upon by the cemetery board.
- b. Wade monument (discussed above)

7. Informational Items *(These items require NO immediate board action but are strictly informational item)*

- a. Stories and Stones - The board unanimously support the tour for 2010. Mrs. Stubb reported six new stories have already been confirmed for this fall. The tour falls on Halloween this year which could possibly result in a much larger crowd than usual. Mrs. Stubb will have details and be well into the planning process by the October board meeting.
- b. Stromberg donation - Mrs. Fraser signed a certificate of recognition to the Stromberg family for their generous contribution of \$100 given for service and document copies received from cemetery administrative staff.

8. Adjournment.      Next meeting: September 2, 2010

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