

Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors Minutes  
Regular Meeting, March 19, 2014

The Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors met Wednesday, March 19th, 2014 in the council chambers of the McNease Convention Center. Members present were Eva Horton, Angela Williams, Beverly Stribling, Eva Choate, Chris Holt, Donna Crisp, Jackie Martin, Ann West, Bitsy Stone, Jean Johnson, Mary Jane Steadman, and Katie Johnson. Oscar Mota, David Knapp (city architect), and Chad Dietz and Bill Noonan of Park Hill Smith and Cooper were also present.

Eva Horton called the meeting to order at 9:30am. There was no public comment. Minutes of the February 2014 meeting were approved as amended with changes to Friends of Fairmount membership numbers.

Eva welcomed Mr. Noonan and Mr. Dietz from Park, Hill, Smith and Cooper to the meeting. They were in attendance to present their design idea for the columbaria. Their design consisted of building 4 smaller columbaria instead of 2 larger ones, as in the Komatsu plan, so as not to disturb the root system of living trees at the site. However, due to budget constraints with their design as presented, only 2 sections could be built at this time. These 2 sections would house 360 niches instead of the 432 in the Komatsu plan. These columbaria consisted of sections 5 feet tall with limestone columns on the ends. There would also be built-in stone benches on both sides of the columbaria. The board directed the representatives to re-do the design scaling back the size of the columns and using brick instead of limestone to help cut costs. It was also decided to use all 8" x 8" size niches so that we have a uniform look. The team from Park, Hill, Smith and Cooper agreed to send back some additional design renderings using our new specifications.

Oscar Mota reviewed the financial reports for February 2014. Oscar stated that as of the end of February, the cemetery was \$33,257.00 ahead of budget according to the city blue book page. During the month of February, the cemetery had 11 regular funerals and 2 cremains funerals. Oscar also sold 4 spaces and 10 containers during the month. During the month, 5 additional dead juniper trees were removed bringing the total to 130 dead trees removed so far. Oscar reported that a janitorial service was coming to clean the cemetery office on Saturday and that the cleaning service would be scheduled on a regular basis. Finally, Oscar reported that First United Church wants to hold sunrise services at the cemetery on Easter morning. The Board gave its approval.

The Bench policy was reviewed and it was decided to leave the policy as is.

Eva Horton asked for volunteers to serve on a committee to research columbaria niche prices at other cemeteries so that the board can establish prices for its niches once construction begins. Ann West and Beverly Stribling agreed to work with Eva Horton on this project.

Ann West reported for Friends of Fairmount. The Rise and Shine Fun Run has been scheduled for April 19th, 2014 from 8:00am to 10:00am. Signs would be posted in the cemetery 2 weeks before the event to alert the public of the upcoming event. Additional publicity would appear on the city's website and on the Pat Attebury show. Representatives from Friends of Fairmount are regularly attending the Chamber of Commerce monthly luncheons to get the cemetery's name in the public forefront. The Chamber is also looking for volunteers to help with their Goodfellow Appreciation Day May 17th from 11-2pm. Friends of Fairmount hopes to supply volunteers.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 11:15 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela D. Williams, Secretary