

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

The Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors met Wednesday, November 19, 2014 at the Fairmount Cemetery office. Members present were Eva Horton, Angela Williams, Eva Choate, Ann West, Donna Crisp, Kay Rork, Beverly Stribling, Jackie Martin, Jean Johnson and Chris Holt. Candice Brewer and Carl White were also present.

Eva Horton called the meeting to order at 9:30am. There was no public comment. Minutes of the October 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Eva Horton gave an update as to the article and placement policy. Katie Johnson and Estelle Eckert are working tirelessly on rewriting the rules and regulations for article placement. They are also working on how to better communicate these policies to the general public so there is no confusion or consternation.

Eva Horton gave the financial update in Oscar's absence. As of October, we are \$6548 under budget for the fiscal year, which began in October. During the month of October, the cemetery had 6 regular funerals and 1 cremains funeral. Oscar also sold 5 containers and 2 spaces during the month. During the month, 12 additional dead juniper trees were removed bringing the total to 215 dead trees removed so far. Additionally, 20 stumps were removed. A water truck was brought in to water 70 young trees in the cemetery.

The city was in the process of sending out a RFB for the construction of the Columbaria. Construction should begin in early 2015. The city has requested that Oscar look at all fees charged by the cemetery to see if updates are needed to our pricing structure.

Carl White came to make a presentation on 4 options for a renovated or new restroom facility at the cemetery. It was discovered that the cemetery is on a septic system and the board requested the city to look and see if the system is viable. The board favored option #2, which consists of reworking the existing structure in the middle of the cemetery to house a unisex restroom.

Donna Crisp reported that the trees and plaques honoring retired board members had been ordered and were ready to install.

Chris Holt presented the slate of officers for the new 2-year period.

President – Jackie Martin

Vice-Pres. – Angela Williams

Secretary – Eva Choate

The slate was approved unanimously.

Candice Brewer reported for Friends of Fairmount. Candice reported that 4 new board members are joining Friends of Fairmount. They are Alicia Cole, Mercyla Fly, Jenice Mazur and Anne Reese. Also, the new slate of officers will be Candice Brewer – Pres; Dana Nolen – VP; Amanda Hooker – Sec.; and Anne Reese – Treasurer. The Veterans Day celebration was a huge success with over 100 people in attendance. Rep. Drew Darby spoke at the event. The Christmas wreath fundraising campaign is in full swing.

Future Agenda items for next month's meeting will be finalizing prices for niches at the columbaria, rewriting the flower and article policy and reviewing options for a renovated bathroom at the cemetery.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:50 am.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela D. Williams, Secretary