Minutes of Fairmont Cemetery Board Meeting City of San Angelo, Texas Station 618 618 South Chadbourne San Angelo, TX 76903 9:30 A.M. – September 18, 2024

After posting the required legal notice, Fairmount Cemetery Board held its regular meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024.

Members present were: Donna Crisp, Vice President, Tina Bean, Becca White, Bob Rogers, Eva Choate, Amy Deadman, Martha Visney, Jackie Martin, Ann West and Beverly Stribling, Recording Secretary.

Members absent were: Kam Stribling, President, Kay Rork, Susan Mertz and Cora McGowan

Additional attendees were Jeremy Walker, Fairmount Cemetery manager and Carl White, Director of Parks and Recreation for COSA.

The meeting was called to order by Vice President Donna Crisp at 9:33 a.m.

Donna called for Public Comment. Steve Melton, Charles Westbrook and Sara Chatworthy spoke.

Donna called for additions or corrections to the minutes of the July 17, 2024 meeting. Tina Bean moved and Martha Visney seconded that the minutes be approved as written. The approval was unanimous.

Jeremy Walker, Fairmount manager, reported on income and expenses. There are 182 spaces available in Fairmount as of August 28. This number does not include niches in the columbaria.

Donna called for discussion on a proposed resolution for a Flag Policy at Fairmount. The Board addressed the concerns expressed in Public Comment regarding language that seemed to exclude Texas State Flags and Texas State holidays.

After input from the Board members, Tina Bean moved and Becca White seconded approving the Resolution to Establish a Policy for Placing Flags on Graves (approved by City Attorney, Theresa James) as written with the following addition:

2. Permitted Flags:

Flags may be flown Commemorating national *and state* holidays as established by Congress *and the State of Texas*.

The motion passed unanimously.

Donna called for a report regarding the Cemetery Tour. Ann West presented the proposed wording of an invitation to the Fairmount Cemetery Tour to take place Monday, October 21 at 7:00 p.m. Funds raised during this tour will be used to pay for replacing all the fencing at Fairmount along Avenue N and for remaking the public right of way between the fence and Avenue N.

Updating the Board on activities of Friends of Fairmount, Ann West noted wreath sales for December and the Veterans Day ceremony. She also requested that our board suggest names for new board members for Friends.

Donna asked if there were any items board members wish to see included on next month's meeting agenda. The second reading of the bylaws change to include a Treasurer for our Board and the election of a Treasurer (should the bylaws change pass) were suggested.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Beverly Stribling, Recording Secretary