

Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors Minutes
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, July 16, 2014

The Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors met Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at 9:30 a.m. in the Fairmount Cemetery Office. Members present were Eva Horton, Katie Johnson, Beverly Stribling, Donna Crisp, Ann West, Jean Johnson, Chris Holt, Eva Moutos-Choate, Jackie Martin, and Estelle Eckert. Also present was Oscar Mota, Cemetery Supervisor.

Board President Eva Horton called the meeting to order and welcomed new board member Estelle Eckert. Ann West motioned and Jackie Martin seconded to approve the minutes of the June 18, 2014 board meeting as printed.

Cemetery Supervisor, Oscar Mota, presented the financial report for June, 2014 noting the low number of funerals in May and June and that three-quarter of the budget year is lapsed. Welcomed, heavy rain at the end of May required substantial mowing and trimming and sunken grave sites to topsoil in June. Oscar pointed out a typo on the third column the of Expenses spreadsheet for June, 2014 in board member packets; it reads June -14 and should read June-13. Oscar will correct. Income and expenses are tracking 2013 numbers with the exception of the large number of lot sales in 2013 not present in 2014.

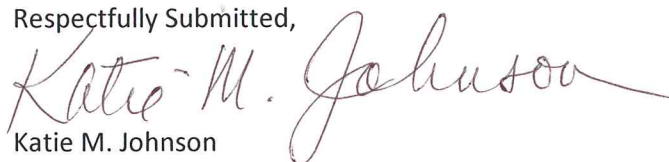
The Columbarium project is moving along with the contract with the architects signed as of late June reported Beverly Stribling. The question posed to Parkhill, Smith & Cooper Architects currently is a decision on the number and location of 12"x12" niches versus 8"x8" niches with city architect David Knapp as the contact person with the architects. The size of the niches will dictate the cash flow projections and sales price for the niches.

Ann West reported for Friends of Fairmount (FOF) which is making successful connections throughout the community for volunteers. FOF has secured an opportunity to use county prisoners for labor to paint and repair the cemetery office building inside and out. Lowe's Corp is donating paint and materials. Donna Crisp is advising on colors. The former Memorial Tree Program is being adjusted due to drought conditions and water availability to become a Memorial Donation Program possibly selling custom pavers or benches to enhance the Columbarium area. Another possible project for FOF is creating a grave locator app built by ASU and funded by advertising from local businesses to make it a free app. A completed database and thorough street naming for way finding would be required. Fairmount Cemetery Board and City Council approval would be required. Carl White is researching if the city's advertising agency would be involved. The Stones and Bones program has been approved as a 5th grade history field trip. Restrooms options are under review as an issue with SAISD.

Medal of Honor winner Jack Mathis' grave site has come to the attention of the new Goodfellow AFB commander and is being refurbished by Goodfellow volunteers.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,


Katie M. Johnson