

Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors Minutes
Regular Meeting, October 15, 2014

The Fairmount Cemetery Board of Directors met Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at the Fairmount Cemetery office. Members present were Eva Horton, Angela Williams, Eva Choate, Ann West, Mary Jane Steadman, Susan Mertz, Donna Crisp, Estelle Eckert, Kay Rork, Beverly Stribling and Katie Johnson. Oscar Mota, Delma and Roy Lombrana, 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 September 2014 meeting were approved as written.

Delma and Roy Lombrana came to voice their concerns over the cemetery's practice of limiting grave decoration. Delma stated that she comes to visit her mother's grave everyday and keeps her plot manicured and clean. She does not understand why the cemetery is making her limit the number of articles placed on her mother's grave. Katie Johnson and Estelle Eckert have begun researching practices at other state cemeteries to see what their policies are in reference to article placement. The Lombrana's were told that they are not being singled out but that our policy has to be one that benefits the entire cemetery and holds to the respect for everyone interred.

Eva Horton introduced and welcomed Candice Brewer as the new President of Friends of Fairmount.

Carl White came to discuss the board's request for an updated bathroom facility at the cemetery. The existing restroom only has 1 commode in a tiny space. There is no sink or lighting. Carl said he would investigate the possibility of a renovation vs. building a brand new structure. The sewage line also needs to be investigated to see if the restroom is on the city sewer system or a septic tank.

Oscar Mota reviewed the financial reports for September. During the month of September, the cemetery had 9 regular funerals and 3 cremains funerals. Oscar also sold 9 containers and 3 spaces during the month. During the month, 10 additional dead juniper trees were removed bringing the total to 203 dead trees removed so far. Additionally, 15 sprinkler heads were replaced throughout the cemetery.

Donna Crisp reported that the design process for the Columbaria was moving forward and is in the city's hands. The bidding process should begin soon. She also reported that the plaques for Bitsy Stone and Carolyn Cargile had been ordered.

Ann West reported for Friends of Fairmount. Ann reported that the Veterans Day program would be held November 11th in the cemetery at 11:00am and that flag placement would occur at 2:00pm on Nov. 2nd and everyone is invited to help. Lastly, the annual meeting will be Nov. 2nd at noon at West Texas Collection. Suzanne Campbell will be the guest speaker and refreshments will be served.

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 11:35am.

Respectfully submitted,



Angela D. Williams, Secretary