

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, October 9, 2018

2:00 PM

Members Present: Judi Roland, Jeanne Hicks, Warren Olson and Robert Rakos

Members Absent: Arnie Galli

Staff Present: Craig Hudson and Immer Chevalier

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Warren Olson

Review of Tuesday, August 14, 2018 Minutes: The August 14, 2018 Minutes were moved for approval.

Old Business:

- *Kaisi Wang Service* – A Chinese lady came to talk to Craig about the passing of her son. He was only 30 years-old and died of a brain tumor. He was cremated and his ashes were sent to China. He was the only child and as part of the traditions he was sent where his elders were. She needed a place to come because his soul was still in the house. She purchased a plot in the 9th addition, a burial vault and a casket. No funeral home was involved since there wasn't a body just belongings. She brought a construction paper cutout of her son's body which was laid in the casket and dressed. Before the burial, the buttons were cut off from his clothing. It was a very small graveside service at 8:30am with only her, her new husband, wife of deceased and her mom. The cost of this burial was over \$13,000. She put on hold another 3 plots.
- *Brush Cutter* – The city has big brush cutter and M&O came to help with bushes, like blackberries in some areas of the cemetery.

New Business:

- *Tree Removal* – Cemetery had a big Nordic Spruce that wasn't doing very good and it needed to be removed.

- *New JD Gator* – The new gator was shipped in and there was a part that needed to be ordered so the gator isn't at the cemetery yet.
- *Flower Pick-Up* – This is a touchy subject. There has been more ethnic groups with their own ideas to bring to their love one's grave so, cemetery staff have been more forgiving for young people or new burials. There is a collection of many things that eventually need to be removed such as status, balloons, pinwheels, etc. and staff is trying to accommodate for families to give them some time to grief. Unfortunately, when more people see it they think it's okay to have them. There is a written flower policy in the lobby so the cemetery staff will receive a little kick back about it when something gets removed. Flower pick up is scheduled for Mondays so the grounds can be mowed. Sometimes Craig will call a family to let them know about the policy but he doesn't have time to be making those calls, just occasionally. Anything of value doesn't get thrown away. They are kept on the shelves in the garage and families are welcome to come pick them up during business hours. If these items haven't been picked up by the family in a year then, they will be thrown away. The other issue is that flowers sometimes get stolen and moved to a different grave so it's hard for families when their flowers go missing.
- *Veteran's Day* – There is a volunteer group that would like to come help put flags on the markers in the veteran section.

There is a lady that lost young girl in ForestWalk and she wanted to do something for the infant's graves and she asked Craig what she could do for them. Craig indicated that there are 3 designated infant sections and she could do flowers or small wreaths for them. A group would like to come and clean those up and place some Christmas wreaths on all the baby graves.

Reports:

- *Budget Update* – August hasn't been typically a good month but this year was a very good one. The Wishing Well hasn't had a lot of placement so Craig is thinking about redoing it again just because some people don't like the idea of being a collective vault. It is a nice area that it could have a more attractive structure leaving the same vault in place.

CEMETERY MONTHLY SALES 2018

Cemetery Sales	July	August	September
Month-To-Date Receipts	\$ 107,071.44	\$ 177,091.44	\$ 110,243.24
Ground Plots	6	12	14
Cremation Plots	5	4	2
Niches	4	9	3
Wishing Well	0		
Extended Land Use	1	3	1
Markers	11	16	8

Graves	11	16	16
Markers	11	16	8
Niches	4	9	3
Total Placements	18	29	28
Cremation	11	18	21
Ground Burial	7	11	7

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:34 pm by Warren Olson.

Approved 

Date 12-7-18

Craig Hudson
Cemetery Manager