

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, August 14, 2018

2:00 PM

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

Members Absent:

Staff Present: Craig Hudson and Immer Chevalier

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm by Warren Olson

Review of Tuesday, June 12, 2018 Minutes: The June 12, 2018 Minutes were moved for approval.

Old Business:

- *Knotweed* – Currently TruGreen applies fertilizer, pesticides and sprays for weeds at the cemetery. Now, they started to spray for knotweed and the cemetery has big issues with that in the Memory Heights-Memory Meadow hill side. Knotweed looks like bamboo and very hard to kill. TruGreen is doing 3-4 application a year and they have done a good job.
- *ForestWalk* – Cemetery still continues to see great sales in that cremation section. A chainsaw artist was hired to carve a tree that was taken down during the spring and it was left 10 feet high. The artist was doing a beaver out there. Cost was \$2,300.

New Business:

- *9th Addition Sealcoat* – The 9th Addition is all good road and only sealcoat was applied. Cost was about \$5,000. This work was done by Eagle Asphalt.
- *CemSites Search Option* – There is a search option on the website now that allows families to type someone's name and it will show right were the name is located on a google map. The option also allows to get driving directions to

the site. Cemetery office is saving time making copies and paper for families when they use the search option online or their smart phones.

- *Security* – People have left garbage in the lower sections, staff have seen evidence of homeless and sometimes people have used outlets to charge cellphones. Craig makes sure that there aren't tents in the undeveloped areas of the cemetery.

About 3 weeks ago, Craig was called by a neighbor down the street to let him know that a suspicious man had knocked on her door and then had walked to the neighbor's house. She called the police prior to calling Craig. This happened around 11am. Craig and one of the ground workers, David Partridge, went to the neighbor's house to make sure she was okay. Craig found the man and told him that it was private property and he needed to leave. Then, the man walked to cemetery property and opened the door to the shed above cemetery office. At that point police had been called 4 times. Man walked to the 7th Addition and laid down in the middle of the road and took a nap. Finally police arrived an hour later and he was arrested.

About 5 weeks ago, another incident happened on a Sunday. A family hadn't locked the door of their vehicle and a purse was stolen. Craig comes to walk his dog once in a while and have noticed other families walking around the park. It is good to have good people keeping an eye after business hours.

- *Pioneer Cemetery* – Pioneer cemetery was awarded landmark status and that freed up some grant money to do things down there so it really improved the park. There are plans to change the entrance gate and doing other improvements. Planning to do the trail using own staff to lower the cost. Once it gets closer to start the improvements it will be determined on who's doing what.

Only people who are direct descendants can get in Pioneer Cemetery. There are about 1-2 placements a year.

- *Yard Waste / Grave Dirt* – Cemetery has a 20 yard waste container that gets emptied 5-6 times a year. Cemetery is getting to the point of looking at ways to truck some of the grave tailings out because the areas where needed to be filled are at the end and it is needed to find different options. The upper 9th is an area that seems to hold water due to some sort of clay so, crew has been back filling with nice clean sand to help with the drainage. In the past

M&O have helped with that since they have the trucks and the trucking fees are expensive for things like that.

Reports:

- *Budget Update* – Compared to last year cemetery is doing well. The Eagle Columbarium isn't doing as well as expected but sales are doing okay in ForestWalk. After Phase III in ForestWalk is developed and gets more mature it will improve the looks of that area. These niches have higher prices than the other niches but the whole piece is all granite (there is not precast concrete niches). There are about 4-5 sold so far.

Cemetery Sales	May	June	July
Month-To-Date Receipts	\$ 116,828.86	\$ 122,463.00	\$ 107,071.44
Ground Plots	7	12	6
Cremation Plots	3	8	5
Niches	5	3	4
Wishing Well	0	0	0
Extended Land Use	4		1
Markers	14	10	11

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Niches	5	3	4

Total Placements	26	22	18
Cremation	21	15	11
Ground Burial	5	7	7

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 pm by Warren Olson.

Approved



Craig Hudson
Cemetery Manager

Date

10/3/18