

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, August 9, 2016

2:00 PM

Members Present: Arnie Galli, Jeanne Coffey and Warren Olson

Members Absent: Robert Rakos and Judi Roland

Staff Present: Craig Hudson and Immer Chevalier

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Warren Olson

Review of Tuesday, June 14, 2016 Minutes: The June 14, 2016 minutes were moved for approval.

Old Business:

- **Gapon Monument** – Mr. Gapon selected a monument. Chris Green from PCM gave him a good deal on the monument, a little over \$6,000. The cemetery didn't make any money on the granite but made money when adding pictures, additional inscriptions and setting fee. Everyone seems to be happy with the results. Family would like to have it set by August 27. This monument is a large one, maximum width.
- **Old Equipment** – Any equipment \$5,000 or less can be discarded. Craig would like to free up some room in the old shop by getting rid of some line trimmers, hand mowers and equipment that has been kept around. Parts that are still good will be taken off the old equipment for future replacement parts.

New Business:

- **2015 Cremation Rate** – In 2015 the Puget Sound area including King County cremation rate versus traditional burial was 76%. Cemetery cremation rate in 2015 was 54%. The least expensive option at the cemetery for traditional burial is about \$4,600 plus memorialization of around \$1,500 versus cremation of \$2,800 including the marker.
- **Current Existing Inventory** – Ground burial plots 1,658, cremation plots 432 (includes ForestWalk & the urn garden) and niches available, including the new eagle columbarium 811. The ForestWalk is an area that can be expanded. There is an eagle scout project where the cemetery will provide the materials to replace the split rail fence.

- Knotweed - There is a problem with knotweed close to ForestWalk. This is similar to bamboo and very hard to kill. TruGreen will spray it 2 or 3 times a year.
- Tree House in Cemetery Property - Recently a neighbor started building a tree house in cemetery property. Craig was information about it and quickly contacted the person. Craig and Jamie Kelly from Parks met with him and they came to an agreement to remove the construction, materials and tools out of cemetery property.
- Granite or Bronze Sign - After presenting the proof for the granite sign "*Markers Should Be Made Out Of Granite Or Bronze*" board members suggested to have the mountain made out of bronze. Craig will contact Chris Green to make that change. The size of the sign is 60"x8"x3¼".

Reports:

- Budget Update

June 2016	\$ 125,000
July 2016	\$ 129,000

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 pm by Warren Olson

Approved _____

QIL

Date _____

9-23-2016

Craig Hudson
Cemetery Manager