

MOUNTAIN VIEW CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

Tuesday, February 14, 2017

2:00 PM

Members Present: Arnie Galli, Judi Roland and Warren Olson

Members Absent: Jeanne Coffey and Robert Rakos

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, October 11, 2016 Minutes: October meeting didn't have enough members to have an board. No minutes to review.

Old Business:

- Seasonal Employees – Two seasonal employees were hired earlier this year after renegotiating contract with Teamsters Union. They will be helping in the Memory Heights where the irrigation and turf is in and, some of the landscaping. There are a couple trees to take down, pave the entrance way and some landscaping to the gateway/entrance way. This section will have Uprights along the rock wall. Also, there is a need to do some fencing. Seasonal employees will help getting all of these done and ready to start selling in the Spring.
- Memory Heights – This section has a beautiful view of the mountain. It has approximately 650 traditional plots. Expected to be ready before Memorial Day. Maps will be developed for this area similar to Memory Meadows.
- New Pricelists – Prices were increased in February 2017. Plots in the 9th increased \$100 and opening & closing went up \$200.

New Business:

- Pioneer Cemetery – Still an active cemetery, with about 2-3 urn placements a year. The cemetery received a grant (about \$20,000). Some of the money was used for sonar ground penetrating to find out what areas are occupied since records were not kept very well and markers were wooden crosses. This will allow families to use available plots. There is a master planer, group out of Seattle, who are Japanese. Working on making it more interpretive, having

more signs, parking space, looking also to preserve historical markers and see what can be replaced without losing historic value. The idea is to make it nicer.

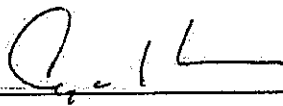
- Security Cameras in Chapel of Memories - Spy cameras didn't work through the glass. New security cameras will be set up in each corner of the building. The store room will have a DVR recording. It is recommended to families in the chapel not to place keepsakes that are too inviting to prevent vandalism. The chapel is locked at night.
- New Office Updates - Accordion doors will be replaced with glass doors. This update will allow families to meet in private while another family is waiting. The doors will be barn style with frosted glass and the Mountain View Logo. Granite counter tops will be put in the back office. Also, a couple new file cabinets were ordered to replace the older ones.
- New Grounds Updates - An asphalt company will meet with Craig to talk about making an entrance to the Memory Heights and other areas around. Also looking at doing a top coat in some areas of the cemetery. Facilities contracted a company to clean beams on the chapel of memories that are turning black. This will come out of the interoffice fund with the city.

Reports:

- Budget Update - 2016 Total revenue was \$1.4 million, 281 total placements (which hasn't happened since 2008). January 2016 revenue \$90 thousand and January 2017 \$120 thousand. Families from Renton, Puyallup, Tacoma have come to the cemetery to purchase plots. The cemetery is also doing a better job working with funeral homes and they are sending families. Weeks in Enumclaw referred a family to the cemetery who purchased a few plots in the Forest Walk including a monubench.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 pm by Warren Olson

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Craig Hudson
Cemetery Manager

Date _____

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