

Cemetery Board Meeting

July 23, 2013

Marilyn Strong, R. James (Romeo) Enslow, Marilyn Helsel, Cary Peterson, Debbie Mahler  
Lucinda Herring as member of the public.

Minutes approved with slight changes about Judith Adams being board member.

Marilyn has tendered notice that she will serve as chair through March 2014. We will need to find another board chair, and she will not renew her position on the board. She will have served 7 years, and we thank her very much! We are indebted to her for her service to the cemetery and the community.

Marilyn presented a Cemetery Board report to the Langley City Council sharing the cemetery activities of the past 12-months.

Lucinda Herring gave a report of the most recent green burial. Lucinda works with *A Sacred Moment*, which is a funeral home in Everett that specializes in home funerals and green burials. She is one of our designated green burial advisors/consultants. She discussed the need for a city liaison who can give more information about the green burials to people buying them from the city, and coordinate/oversee them. There were difficulties with this burial in terms of placement of the grave (it was too close to the neighboring one). We had a wide-ranging discussion about how to dig the graves centered in the green burial site, and also how we educate people to do home funerals. Marilyn and Lucinda will follow up to set up a green burial checklist.

Debbie said that a new green burial section has been platted out in the westerly section of the cemetery along Al Anderson Ave. Marilyn will let Allan Ament know about it for him to look at.

R. James reported that City Public Works says there is no problem with the water supply, no leak found.

Marilyn Helsel reported that she has found a holder for the Friends of the Langley Woodmen Cemetery donation envelopes, and can submit a letter to the editor about the new garbage huts.

Meeting adjourned. Next meeting Tuesday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 pm.