

Langley Cemetery Board

March 25, 2014

Present: Marilyn Strong, Marilyn Helsel, Judith Adams, R. James Enslow, Cary Peterson, Rene Neff

Discussion about Cemetery hooking up to the water line that Upper Langley, LLC will be bringing up the road for the Affordable Housing Community. The cemetery would be charged a percentage of the costs according to their frontage on the water pipe. The internal pipes and hydrants will also be upgraded, and expanded to the new section. The Improvement Fund will fund these improvements.

Cary recused. Cemetery Board voted in favor. Rene will bring to the council.

Marilyn reported on her conversation with Duane about the dimensions of the green burials to make sure he is digging in the middle so there are two feet between the graves. Question: does the cemetery need to purchase straps that are kept in good condition for the green burial graves.

Another improvement would be to have a platform built with pallets and plywood over it, to raise the body off the ground prior to burial.

Discussed how best to manage coordinating funerals, both green and regular. Based on a conversation that Cary had with Arman Adams, L&I auditor, if there is training and direction, then the person would need to be a city employee. If the person already is doing this work and has a business and multiple clients, then it can be contracted.

Lucinda is a possible contractor. She was not present at the meeting, but Marilyn will talk with her about figuring out a price for the service of coordinating burials.

There is also a green burial consultant function that would be separate from the oversight on a burial.

Explored how to encourage hand digging of graves, and who could do that.

This is Marilyn's last meeting. Rene shared some other board member possibilities. Judith will ask Caleb if he is interested in being on the board, and also Christine Epstein.

Cemetery Board requested Cary to be the chair with Marilyn leaving.

The Cemetery Board formally acknowledged Marilyn's seven years of service to the Cemetery and greatly appreciates all she has done!

Meeting adjourned.