

LANGLEY CEMETERY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES FROM MAY 24, 2011

Attending: R. James Enslow, Marilyn Strong, Marilyn Helsel, Debbie Mahler

~Marilyn S. apologized for the mix up in meeting dates. We had set May 31st as our next meeting date at the last meeting, as Cary was not able to be present today, May 24th. By the time Marilyn discovered her mistake it was too late to change it back, and given that we had a visitor coming this week, it seemed best to stay with the 4th Tuesday of the month.

~We reviewed and adopted the minutes from the last meeting with the following corrections:

Under Garbage the sentence, "The plan is to combine 2or 3 cans into the big ones" was changed to "The plan is to combine 2or 3 cans into one can."

Under Group Plots Update, Allen's last name is Ament, not Emmett.

~The Board welcomed Mr. Fred Turner from Granite Falls who had brought a copy of the deeds to 10 graves in the old section that were bought by his family members in the 1930's. They were passed down to his wife and then to his son. Mr. Turner explained that in the past 5 years he has lost the last four remaining members of his family, including his wife and son, and that they had all chosen to be cremated and their ashes scattered, which is what he wants for himself. Therefore, he would like to sell the plots.

Debbie explained that the city has the first right of refusal – in other words, if someone wants to sell their plots they are required to ask the city first to repurchase them. If the board does not approve the re-purchase, then they are free to sell the plots at any price to whomever they desire. The city would pay the current price minus the improvement fund set aside (25% or \$187.50) minus a \$25 administrative fee. ($\$750 - 25\% - 25 = \537.50). So it would cost the Cemetery fund \$5,375 if we buy back all ten.

We explained to him that we would need probably a month or so to determine whether we would like to buy the plots back or not. We will need to physically examine the plots to determine their usability and resale value, and consider whether we can afford to buy them at this time. He said that he understood and looked forward to us contacting him after our next Cemetery Board meeting.

~After Mr. Turner left we discussed the request by Ruby Bruns to sell two plots that she owns in the new section of the cemetery. It would cost the Cemetery fund \$1,075 to repurchase her two lots. After much discussion a motion was made and seconded for Debbie to contact Mrs. Bruns and let her know that we are not interested in buying her plots in the new section, and that she is welcome to sell them on the open market. The motion passed. It was decided that the plots in the old section are much more valuable and in demand, and if we are

going to buy any plots back, that is where we should put our money. Debbie will talk with Challis Stringer about having the 10 plots in the old section marked and to make sure that the plots are unused.

~In Cary's absence Marilyn reported that the Friends is going to purchase a new Zero Turning Radius Mower for the cemetery and has just started to do some fundraising through emails, Drewslist, and letters. The old mower has been fixed and will be used as a backup. Evidently the old mower had accidentally had diesel gas put in it and that is why it was not working. So now that the problem is rectified, it should be good for another 5 years or so, and will be kept as a back up mower.

~In Rene's absence it was unclear whether she had met with Lynn Hays to go over proposed revisions before Lynn left town on May 20th, but R. James did meet with Lynn to share his concerns regarding editorial consistency in the brochure. It appears that the revised brochure process is on the "back burner" until Lynn returns.

~ Marilyn H. had forgotten the pictures on local columbariums, so we will have that report at next month's meeting.

~The Board adjourned early to go up to the cemetery to find the plots that Mr. Turner wants to sell back to us.

Next meeting will be at 4:30 pm on Tuesday, June 28th at Langley City Hall
Minutes respectfully submitted by Marilyn Strong