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City of Langley

CEMETERY BOARD MINUTES

May 27, 2014, 4:00 pm

LANGLEY WOODMEN CEMETERY, AL ANDERSON ROAD, LANGLEY, WA

Note different meeting location and time from usual.

1. Call to Order: Cary Peterson, Judith Adams, Marilyn Helsel, Rene Neff, Clerk Treasurer Debbie Mahler, Public Works Director Stan Barryman, Romeo Enslow and Christine Nyberg Epstein met at the Cemetery.
2. Update on new cemetery board members: Fran Johnson has been interviewed and confirmed. Debbie Mahler is interviewing the candidates and still needs to interview Christine Nyberg Epstein and then she also will be confirmed.
2. Review and approve minutes from the last meeting: Mr. Enslow would like to amend the wording on the 2nd page to read: We problem solved this issue and it was suggested but not confirmed that one option would be to close the road that veers off from the main entrance road to the right. We approved the minutes from last meeting with as amended.
3. Look at suggested roadway changes in first right hand turn inside cemetery: Corners are being cut on many of the curves in the roadways in the cemetery and consequently cars are running over graves that are now in some places extending into the newly carved roadways. After a great deal of thought and deliberation, walking around and looking at the various corners that are being cut on most of the roadways, we arrived at a solution to this problem. We think placing some 2 man rocks strategically around the corners will prevent further erosion of the corners and keep cars off the graves. We need to figure out just how many and what the exact placement should be. Romeo is going to call Jim Lux who we have contracted in the past to put gravel in the roadway and speak to him about this problem. He may be able to help with this and might also have some ideas we had not thought about since he is in the construction business. Baring any new information, Romeo will then contact Stan Barryman at Public Works who will call around and get bids on the rocks. Once

we have an estimate of costs, Rene will take this proposal to the City Council and ask the Council to approve the expenditure. We would take the funds for this improvement out of the Cemetery Improvement Fund.

4. Look at areas where there may be unmarked graves: Judith pointed out the location of the unmarked graves where bones were dug up while digging a new grave. It has been noted by all and this area will be avoided hence forth.
5. Look at landscaping changes in Ash Garden: The Friends of Woodman Cemetery have been working on the Ash Garden and simplified the plantings so they are more manageable and easier to maintain. It looks much better and it is much appreciated.
6. Report on Marilyn and Lucinda discussion with Duane Gabelein about equipment impacts on cemetery. Discuss ways that equipment could be parked without causing damage: this issue was tabled because Marilyn and Lucinda were not able to attend the meeting.
7. Report from Marilyn and Lucinda about job description and budget for cemetery liaison/sexton: this issue was tabled because Marilyn and Lucinda were not able to attend the meeting.
8. Report from Debbie about description of position to help with selling graves and staking them out: After a great deal of thought about how this would or would not work Debbie Mahler feels strongly that we should leave things the way they have been operating for years. She is very reluctant to have this position be an on-call part time position. When people come in to purchase graves they want them right now. It would be very difficult to have someone out of the City do this job because the City still has to sell them the grave and mark the grave and take care of various other details. It seemed to all that we should leave things as they have been instead of creating a part time job for someone else. Debbie Mahler will continue to be the one who sells and stakes out the graves with the clients.
9. Unfinished Business: none
10. Adjourn: 6:30 PM

Next Regular Meeting: July 24, 2014.