

City of Langley
CEMETERY BOARD MEETING, May 26th 2015, 4:30 pm
Langley City Hall

Present: Dorothy Anderson, Jeff Landel, Kathleen Landel, Molly Brown, David Brown, Jerene, Chris Korrow, Michael Davolio, Stan Berryman, Lucinda Herring, Cary Peterson, Marilyn Helsel, Romeo Enslow, Judith Adama, Christine Nyburg, Rene Neff.

1. Call to Order.
2. Review of April Minutes - approved
3. Report on the compost at the back of the cemetery have improvement been made? ie, do we need a sign put up so that people don't use dump area inappropriately – *deferred to next meeting*
4. Lucinda and Debbie to report about information they have gathered from other cemeteries; how they prevent rutting and damage by heavy equipment.

Debbie reported that other cemeteries use big sheets of thick plywood, or there are rubberized mats that are designed specifically for heavy equipment. Debbie will also call Sunnyside Cemetery about what they do.

Questions: who pays for this? Cemetery Board.
Where do we get it? How do we store? Lucinda will follow up.

5. Cary to report about her conversation with Friends of Langley Woodman Cemetery to see if they are prepared to fund a Landscaper to get rid of the noxious weed, yellow Archangel at the boundary of the cemetery.
Cary reported that the Friends will be fundraising for this this year.
Also Cary reported that the Friends paid for weedwhacking this year.
6. Re--- negotiating road agreement --- see memo from Cary Peterson --- it is 25 years old and needs to be brought up to date to reflect current road usage and road ownership. *Discussed this agenda item first due to public attendance and interest.*

Kathleen summarized the history of the road and the easement, and the need to upgrade the document to reflect current usage which has increased greatly since the original easement was recorded in 1991.

Anderson family and City provide easement rights. Talking Circle proposes that the current private section of the road become a City road up to the southern edge of the cemetery.

Discussion about costs and consequences of paving the road and having it be a city road. Also renegotiating maintenance agreement is important.

Also discussion about who owns the property the road is on, and on whose property the easements run.

Get an estimate: Private road paving, and City road paving.

But City road may take a year or more to get as a priority on the budget.

City council decision whether to have it a city road.

There would need to be an interim plan that reflects current usage reality, and that can be implemented no matter what the City decides about the road.

Michael to Upper Langley: If paving, need to engineer and do storm water drainage.

How to determine traffic flow to the different parcels? Possible to have traffic counting device?

How to determine an equitable share of the maintenance costs?

Neighbors will get together with Rene representing the Cemetery Board, and also as Council member.

Also need to make a final determination on who owns the road. Michael will follow up on this. There is a lot of confusion about this and the surveys. Also on the impact of making the road public on the current agreements.

Time is of the essence as Upper Langley needs to provide a new maintenance agreement in order to get Final Plat Approval.

7. Where are we with the green burial brochure that Cary has sent to each board member to check. Romeo to report whether he has spoken to Sharon at Whidbey Printery if she still has the font previously used for the brochure. Does this matter?
Romeo's report: yes, they will use the same font.
8. Jim Lux's specifications to assist gravediggers --- has this been given to Duane? Are we going to suggest using plywood to protect the surrounding ground. See agenda item #4.
9. Report from Rene about her conversation with Public works Director Stan Berryman and the Water Utilities Supervisor, Randy Perry about upgrading the antiquated water system.
See agenda item #14.
10. Christine reports on meeting with Gary Smith RE: sales of "Graveyard Grind", "Wake the Dead" , and "Roast in Peace" blends on the website. – No report yet, *deferred to next meeting.*
11. Romeo to report on survey markers around the Cemetery.
Romeo now have four surveys from the county to compare.
12. Report re conversation with Rainbow Metals about the correct measurements of plaques for the Ash Garden.
Rainbow Metals won't be able to know where they come from, and that was that.
13. Christine will talk to Wade Wilcox about cost of gravel parking lot – No report yet, *deferred to next meeting*
14. Cary: cost of frontage fee and hook up of new hydrants and water lines. Has Randy done pressure tests?
Clarification of where water comes in and where pipes are in the road.

Stan reported that the Upper Langley group will put in a new water main service connections into the cemetery. Put in new service connection and see how it works with the water pressure. City doesn't need to pay any portion of the water line. Will put the water line in a location that allows a straight shot.
15. Question about herbicide use:
Cary made motion to prohibit herbicide use in the cemetery and have a prominent sign specifying this. Christine seconded. Motion passed.
16. Through Lucinda, a question from Margaret Harrison about maintenance of Roger's grave. Answer: have her find a local landscape maintenance person to do this.

Next Regular Meeting: June 23rd, 2015 at 4:30pm