

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 16, 2014

The adjourned regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 16th day of January, 2014, was called to order at 5:00 p.m. with CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE presiding and the following COMMISSIONER present:

COMMISSIONERS BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS

Also Present: CEMETERY OPERATIONS MANAGER SALLIS

APPROVAL COMMISSIONER BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
AGENDA CHAMBERS, approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

APR MINS COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
BALDWIN, to approve the minutes of the regular meeting held April 18, 2013.
Apr 18, '13 Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

June 10, '13 COMMISSIONER BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
CHAMBERS, to approve the minutes of the special meeting held June 10, 2013.
Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

CORSPNDN: None

PBLC APRN: None

UNF BUSNS: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE explained that she attended the meeting of the
Needles Regional Museum and they agreed to partner with the Commission as

OLD PIONR far as trying to improve the condition of the Old Pioneer Cemetery and its
CEMETERY security. Most of the museum members were happy to partner with the Com-
IMPRVS & mission but no further discussion or meetings are scheduled at this time. CHAIR-
FUNDING PERSON McCORKLE would like to see if the museum group will be considering

a program to take requests for tours including a fee for such if they desire. The museum could keep those funds or allocate a portion to the restoration of the pioneer cemetery.

Manager Sallis reported that the crews have added the Old Pioneer Cemetery to their weekly rounds to check for vandalism and the supervisor has reported that, for the past month, the cemetery has remained secured.

Discussion was held on the status of the Old Pioneer Cemetery; the possibility of the museum taking over the responsibility for upkeep and maintenance which, if so, would require city council action; what it might take to provide tours of the site including liability waivers, respect for those buried on the grounds, and establishment of a fee. All agreed that the ultimate goal is to protect the old cemetery but provide controlled accessibility if feasible and possible.

CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE requested this matter be brought back at the next meeting for continued discussion.

LARGE
AMERICAN
FLAGS
(VETERN'S
FLAGS)

Manager Sallis explained that she has not sent out a letter to the various service organizations/clubs requesting donations for the purchase of new American flags that line the roadway at the cemetery on Memorial Day. COMMISSIONER BALDWIN requested that when such a letter is mailed out include the Women's Club, the women's auxiliary of the Eagles and VFW, Rotary Club, Needles Downtown Business Alliance, and the Chamber of Commerce.

Discussion followed on seeking donations from the community for replacement of the large Veteran's flags and not just service organizations/clubs; and if a flag is donated in memory of a Veteran, his/her information will be displayed on the flag pole.

CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE continued this matter until the next meeting for an update on the flags and repair/repainting of the crosses.

NEW BUSN:
SELCTN OF
CHAIR &
V CHAIR

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS, to nominate CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE as Chair for the ensuing year of 2014. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: NONE

COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRMAN McCORKLE, to nominate COMMISSIONER BALDWIN as Vice Chair for the ensuing year of 2014. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

MNTNC OF
SALT CEDR
TREES

Manager Sallis reported on the maintenance/possible removal of the salt cedar trees at the cemetery noting that, according to the maintenance supervisor, these trees are very difficult to control without grinding the stump and taking out all the roots as they will continue to sprout from any parts left. It is estimated to grind the stumps would be \$1,200 - \$1,500 per tree and with 11 salt cedars at the cemetery the estimated cost is \$13,200 to \$16,500 to remove. There is also the concern of the proximity of the gravesites to the base of the trees and the roots that are extending outward so extreme caution would have to be exercised. So in lieu of removal, city crews will be trimming the trees back this winter which will clean up the appearance for the next couple years. It was also noted that the palm trees were recently trimmed and the mulberry trees cut back.

There was a discussion on Arbor Day programs that assist with tree planting and/or replacement and the Cool Shade Program in Mohave County, Arizona.

COM ROST: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE requested that the next meeting agenda include a discussion on the trees at the cemetery and any programs that might be available and also a discussion on a rate increase in cemetery fees.

ADJOURN COMMISSIONER CHAMBERS MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, to adjourn. Motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE, COMMISSIONERS
BALDWIN AND CHAMBERS

NOES: NONE

ABSENT: NONE

CHAIRPERSON McCORKLE declared the adjourned regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 16th day of January, 2014, adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

ATTEST: _____
Chairperson

_____ Cemetery Operations Manager