



MARTINEZ CEMETERY COMMISSION

Special Meeting

Thursday, April 16, 2015
Alhambra Pioneer Cemetery
Carquinez Scenic Road
10:00 am

MINUTES

I. Roll Call

The meeting was called to order at 10:25 am. The Commissioners requested it be noted the late start was due to the group reporting a fire in the cemetery. The fire was extinguished by ConFire.

Present: Chairman Strickland, Commissioner Boone, Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Zagota

II. Approval of Minutes, September 11, 2014

The motion was made to approve the minutes by Commissioner Carter. Chairman Strickland seconded the motion. Yes – Chair Strickland, Commissioner Wilson, Commissioner Zagotta, Commissioner Carpenter, Commissioner Duncan

III. Public Comment

No one from the public attended

IV. Old Business

A. Cemetery Fund Balances Including Income from Haussman and Tavan Trusts Since April 2014

Supervisor Lorick stated that the fund balance information was not available at the time of the meeting but would be e-mailed out to all the Commissioners. She did report that the Wainwright Account was \$2850. Lorick will be meeting with the family to discuss their ideas for using the funds.

B. Brown Story Board Report – Carter Wilson

Commissioner Wilson reported thirty people attended the Brown Story Board, including Mayor Schroder and some descendants of the Elam Brown. John Curtis, Martinez Historical Society President gave a speech of the family. Mary Lou & Les Johnson were the volunteers duo to reconstruct the story board. Les rebuilt the story board. Mary Lou had the historical pictures and text made. PDQ donated the panel.

C. St. Catherine's Cemetery Update – Commissioner Pete Carpenter
Goats were brought in Last week to eat the grass.

D. Planting and Drought

Supervisor Lorick mentioned that five new trees were planted before winter. Unfortunately, due to the drought, Parks is unable to water landscaping.

V. New Business

A. May 9 Cemetery Clean-up With E Vitus Clampus– Commissioner Carter Wilson
Commissioner Wilson reported that the Clampers will be back for the May 9 Cemetery Cleanup, 10 am – 2pm. They have asked that the City open the gate before 9 am so they bring in supplies and tools. Commissioners suggested the group work on righting some of the fallen head stones.. Chair Strickland asked about advertising the event. Lorick stated that information will be sent to the newspapers, placed on social media and post cards mailed out.

B. Repaving Carquinez Scenic Road and the Approach to the Cemetery
Supervisor Lorick informed the Commissioners that the City Public Works Department had begun repairing sections of Carquinez Scenic Road. Later this summer, the road will be patched and seal coated. The Apron leading into the Cemetery will be repaired.

C. Report - Cemetery Tours October 2014 – March 2015 and Dias de Los Muertos (Day of the Dead).

Supervisor Lorick told the Commissioner that Recreation has conducted approximately eleven cemetery tours since September 2014. Half the tours are given to children and half the tours to adults. Recreation leads between eighteen and twenty tours per year.

VI. Commissioner and Staff Comments

Commissioner Carpenter asked that the City look into making the pedestrian gate tamper proof as much as possible.

VII. Adjournment

Commissioner Wilson made the motion to end the meeting at 10:55 am. Chair Strickland seconded. All Commissioners Boone, Carpenter, Wilson, Zagotta, Strickland voted yes.

The next Cemetery Commission Meeting will be Thursday, September 17, 2015. The first spring meeting of 2016 will be April 14.