



County of El Dorado

Cemetery Advisory Committee

Committee Members:

Melinda Peak, District I, Vice Chair
Larry Robinson, District II
Mike Roberts, District III, Chair
Frank Clark, District IV
Vacant, District V
Nichole Jordan, Archeological Representative
Vacant, Fraternal Organizations Representative
Ramona Tripp-Verbeck, Native American Cemeteries Representative

Lori Parlin, Board of Supervisors
Shelley Wiley, Board of Supervisors Alternate
Sheriff John D'Agostini, Coroner's Office
Sgt. Steven Schofield, Coroner's Office Alternate
Christopher Perry, Cemetery Director
Julianne Melchor, Cemetery Director Alternate

MINUTES November 3, 2021

- 1) The meeting was called to order by Chair Mike Roberts at 3:05 p.m. The agenda was adopted, with a motion by Frank and a second by Melinda. Passed unanimously.
 - a. Committee members present: Melinda Peak, Mike Roberts, Frank Clark, Nicole Jordan, Chris Perry, Lori Parlin.
 - b. Committee members absent: Larry Robinson, Ramona Tripp-Verbeck
 - c. Staff present: Mary Cory, Julianne Melchor, Sherrie Busby
 - d. Guests: Andrew Vonderschmitt, Bob Villalobos
- 2) The minutes from previous meetings that have not yet been approved by the committee will be presented for approval at the next meeting.
- 3) Introductions and announcements: Mike introduced Andrew Vonderschmitt, coordinator of the Buried History group.
- 4) Staff reports: no report.
- 5) Discussion and action items:
 - a. Approve proposed bylaws: members requested more time to review the bylaws, this item should be added to the January meeting agenda.
 - b. Green burials: Part I, County Operations (Part II, a discussion with Ed Bixby, Green Burial Counsel President, will be scheduled next year): Julianne is facilitating green burials in multiple modes, from the purest form of green burials with specific requirements in the green burial section at the Georgia Slide Cemetery, to burials with biodegradable containers, unembalmed bodies, and other forms of green burials in all active cemeteries.
 - c. Ordinance update: Julianne will present members with copies of the current Ordinance, as well as changes proposed by the CAC over the years at a future meeting.
 - d. Cemetery inspections by district: no updates.
 - e. Grizzly Flat Cemetery status: Julianne visited the cemetery in early October. All vegetation in the cemetery was burned, the wire fence was burned and needs to be replaced, many large burned trees have been removed by PGE; damage to headstones is undetermined, although many are still covered by soot.
 - f. Save the Graves report and Buried History status: no report
 - g. NCIC status: Nicole continues to work with GIS staff to format the information to be presented to the NCIC. Mike is also assisting by verifying the location of various cemeteries within parcels,

and verifying the parcels with cemeteries.

- h. Texas Hill project: no report
 - i. Status of cemetery proposals (Whispering Pines and Better Place Forest): The Better Place Forest project was approved and the development group is moving forward with preliminary plans. The Whispering Pines project is stagnant, and the planner assigned to the project has not heard from the developer although she has reached out for an update several times.
- 6) Old Business:
- a. Cold Springs Cemetery complaint: no report.
 - b. Simplified budget overview and actuals: no report.
- 7) Representative Reports: .
- 8) Public comment (limited to five minutes each): none present.
- 9) Next meeting: January 26, 2022.
- 10) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned.

Staff: Mary Cory, Administrator, El Dorado County Museum
Roger Runkle, Office of County Counsel
Sherrie Busby, Administrative Services Officer, Planning and Building Dept., Airports and Cemeteries Divisions
Jessica Dillon, Planning and Building Dept., Assistant to Chris Perry