

MINUTES
CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
CITY COMMISSION ROOM - CITY HALL
JULY 7, 1999
7:00 P.M.

Present were the following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board: Mrs. Alice Stockwell, Ms. Martha Gray, Mr. Don Rathbone, Mr. Eric Londeen, and Ms. Judy Atwood. Mr. Stephan Konz and Mr. Dennis Irvin were absent at this meeting. Also present at this meeting were Mr. Terry DeWeese, Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Jerry Dishman, Park Superintendent; Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton; and Mrs. Debbie Dugan, Office Manager.

Mr. Londeen called the meeting to order. It was moved by Mrs. Stockwell, seconded by Ms. Atwood to approve the minutes of the Regular Meeting held on June 17, 1999. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

SUNSET CEMETERY FENCE

Mr. DeWeese explained that Dan Yunk canceled the meeting with City Administration and would be rescheduling the meeting at a later date. He stated that City Administration's recommendation was to install the six-foot chain link fence with no access gates.

Mr. Londeen stated that the Board appreciated the past input from the community and did not want to reiterate past issues, but would like to hear any new issues on the fence.

Sue Maes, 428 Wickham, discussed the process that the Grandview Hills Neighborhood went through to receive input from the neighborhood on the fence issue. She stated that the primary issue of the proposed fence was that the fence would block off access. Ms. Maes also stated that there was a safety concern about using Grandview to go to the entrance on Sunset Avenue due to no sidewalks.

Pat Gormley, 434 Wickham, stated that he was pleased with the Cemetery tour. He referred to the Sunset Cemetery pamphlet dated 1936 that discussed the history of the Cemetery. He explained that the cemetery is supported by taxpayers and a trust fund manages the care of lots and should be used by the community.

William Richter, 2383 Grandview Terrace, stated it is a pleasure to walk through the cemetery. He explained that if there was less access to the cemetery, more problems could occur. He suggested providing access and addressing the issues with the high school on the south side.

Ms. Ireland, 430 Westview, explained that Lee Elementary Schools walks through the cemetery when taking field trips to Sunset Zoo and uses the area for history projects.

Dick Hayter, 1920 Grandview Drive, stated that different alternatives be considered before installing the fence.

The Cemetery Ordinances were referred to and discussion was held on the established gate, as stated in the ordinance. Mr. DeWeese stated that the established gate at Sunset Cemetery is located on Sunset Avenue.

After further discussion by the Board, it was moved by Ms. Atwood, seconded by Ms. Stockwell to recommend that a six-foot chain link fence be placed on the northern boundary of Sunset Cemetery as soon as possible beginning with the northeastern corner and going back without break so far as the Director of Parks and Recreation, Park Superintendent, and Cemetery Sexton deem necessary. On vote, motion carried 4-1 with the no vote being Ms. Gray.

Mr. DeWeese explained that this item would be on the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board Agenda on July 12, 1999 at 4:30 p.m. in the City Commission Room. The Board's recommendation would then go to the City Commission to be discussed at the Legislative Meeting on August 17, 1999.

It was moved by Ms. Gray, seconded by Mr. Rathbone to adjourn the meeting. On vote, motion carried 5-0.

Approved by Chairperson Cemetery Advisory Board

Date