

MINUTES
SPECIAL CEMETERY ADVISORY BOARD
PARKS AND RECREATION OFFICE
January 31, 2019 - 4:00 P.M.

The following members of the Cemetery Advisory Board were present: Mr. Al Hamscher, Mr. Richard Akins, Mr. Mike Carlson, Mr. Brian Waddington, and also present was Mr. Mike Mohler, Cemetery Sexton.

Absent: Ms. Deb Saroff and Ms. Melanie Nord.

The following guests were present: Mr. Ben Chmiel, Community Development

A. MINUTES

It was moved by Mr. Carlson, seconded by Mr. Akins to approve the October 18, 2018, minutes as amended. On 3-0 vote, motion carried. Mr. Waddington arrived after minutes were approved.

B. PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

C. SEXTON'S REPORT

Mr. Mohler stated that revenue for the current year were as follows: Sunrise Cemetery \$81,150 to include sales and burials; Sunset Cemetery \$10,500 to include sales and burials. Mr. Mohler provided an annual report for January – December 2018 burials.

D. OLD BUSINESS

None.

E. NATURAL BURIAL SECTION

It was moved by Mr. Akins, seconded by Mr. Carlson to take the Natural Burial Section off the table and open back up for discussion. Mr. Hamscher stated we have been discussing this item for over three years and mentioned that Mr. Mohler has put a lot of time and effort in to the Natural Burial Section. A vote will be held at the next meeting.

F. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Chmiel introduced himself to the board and stated he is with Community Development and works with historic preservation. He presented a slideshow that him and his team had put together and wanted to inform the board that the City was awarded a grant to do a historical survey on areas in Manhattan that include the Sunset Cemetery, Sunset Zoo, and the Girl Scout Park area. Mr. Chmiel mentioned they found a lot of significant resources within the Cemetery and it's a possibility that these three areas (Sunset Cemetery, Sunset Zoo, and Girl Scout Park) would become a historic district. Mr. Hamscher asked if the design consultants took into account the design of the Cemetery to reflect that of the Rural or Gardens Cemetery. Mr. Chmiel said they did.

Mr. Chmiel stated that this process started back in 2017 and the report was completed in June of 2018. Community Development presented their report to the Historic Resource Board on Monday, January 28, 2019. He mentioned there is a potential for these three areas to be listed separately instead of all in one district because it could limit future development. Mr. Chmiel also stated there could be financial benefits for being listed in a historic district.

Meeting adjourned.