

**MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY BOARD OF THE TOWN OF SILVER CITY
REGULAR MEETING
Public Works Administration Building, 610 East 8th St. Silver City, New Mexico
October 27, 2010 - 1:30 p.m.**

Present: Dana Nupp, Chairperson
Rider South
Carl Scholl
Elizabeth Miller
Chris Marrufo, Public Works Representative
Linda Nunez, Finance Dept. Representative
Yolanda C. Holguin, Acting Town Clerk

Not Present: Gilbert Alvo

CALL TO ORDER – Chairperson Nupp called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – September 22, 2010 Regular Meeting – Mr. Scholl made a motion to approve the minutes. Ms. Miller seconded the motion. All were in favor. Motion passed.

PUBLIC INPUT – Jackie Frank, member of the Fort Bayard Preservation Group, gave a brief history of Anita Scott Coleman and her parents. She stated that Ms. Coleman was the daughter of a Buffalo Solider, the first black graduate of the Normal School, and grew up in what was known as the Scott Park area. Ms. Frank stated that she was interested in locating where Ms. Coleman’s parents, Mr. and Mrs. Scott, were buried and asked for the Board’s help. Mr. Scholl stated he would be willing to help by researching his records. Discussion continued on the number of old cemeteries and unmarked graves in the Silver City area; the restrictions on black people being buried in certain cemeteries at that time; restrictions in disturbing grave sites; and possibly placing a headstone to indicate where Mr. and Mrs. Scott were buried.

REPORTS

A. Public Works Representative -

1. **Provide cost estimates for possible projects** – Mr. Marrufo stated that the amount of legislative monies had not been finalized.
2. **Provide status on Apache Corporation grant application regarding trees** – Mr. Marrufo stated that the application was rejected and that there were numerous applications. He said that they would re-apply next year for larger trees.
3. **Provide status on available funds** – Mr. Marrufo stated that the western part of the cemetery would be going out to bid, and he gave an update on Babyland plotting and cleaning of the area.

B. Chair – None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS –

A. Discussion about the Official Scenic Historic application and possible location – Wynona Tavernier of the Garden Club stated that Peter Pena, Public Works Director, had contacted Maria Hinojosa with the NM State Highway Department in reference to the location of the sign. There was discussion on the wording of the sign and map; the name of founders to be mentioned; the limit of 65 words; and posting a sign before the actual historic sign.

NEW BUSINESS -

A. Discussion about whether a walk-thru gate was needed at the Cemetery – The Board discussed the walk-thru setup; vandalism; ADA accessibility; if requests in reference to the gate had been received; how the set-up had been in operation for 48 years and was working well; that there was no need to change it; and that the Garden Club had put in the gates.

B. Discussion about whether signs were needed to post hours of operation and enforcement – Mr. Marrufo stated that signs had been posted.

C. Schedule the next meeting and discuss agenda items for next meeting – The Board had no items for the next meeting. The Board agreed that the next meeting would be held on November 24, 2010, and that there would not be a meeting in December. Chairperson Nupp discussed the election of Board officers and stated that she would not be running again.

ADJOURNMENT – Mr. Scholl made a motion to adjourn at 2:15 p.m. Mr. Rider seconded the motion. All were in favor, motion passed.

/s/

Dana L. Nupp, Chairperson

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk