

**TOWN OF SILVER CITY
MINUTES OF THE CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING**

**Public Works Administration Building, 610 East 8th St. Silver City, New Mexico
June 26, 2013 - 1:30 p.m.**

Present: Elizabeth Miller, Chair
Stacy Domino-Mrazik, Vice-Chair
Carl Scholl
Rider South
Councilor Mike Morones, Ex Officio
Jesus Alvillar, Parks Supervisor
Ann Mackie, Town Clerk

Not Present: Jeff Fell (excused), Linda Nunez, Finance Dept. Representative, Peter Pena, Public Works Director

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – May 22, 2013 Regular Meeting – Chair Miller asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Scholl moved to approve the minutes. Mr. South seconded. All were in favor to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – None.

REPORTS -

A. Public Works Representative –

1) An update on the drip water system and the planting of new trees at the Cemetery.

Jesus Alvillar, Parks Supervisor, said they planted 11 Southern Live Oak trees near the retaining wall. He showed the Board some photos of the trees and how they placed large boulders in between the trees so people would not park in between them and possibly damage them. He said the trees would be staked for a year, and that they added a drip water system in the northern and southern parts of the cemetery with automatic timers to turn on at 1:00 am and 3:00 am. He said that he used a soil probe to make sure the new trees were getting enough water.

There was further discussion about the Rose Garden water meter and how all of the tubing and timers needs to be replaced. Mr. Alvillar offered to use his soil probe to see if the water was going to the roots of the rose bushes.

2) An update on the water leak at the entrance of the Cemetery. Mr. Alvillar said the leak had been repaired, but if it happened again they would replace a section of the water line because it was very brittle and corroded.

B. Chair -

1) An update on the Town and Country Garden Club's Cemetery Crawl event that was held at the Memory Lane Cemetery on May 27, 2013. Chair Miller stated that she was unable to attend the event and she asked Ms. Domino-Mrazik and Mr. South to comment on the event. They said that they both enjoyed the event; that the Garden Club did a good job; that 300 people attended per the Garden Club; and the money collected from donations. They said there were no negative comments except that people said there were no places to sit in the Cemetery. Mr. South and Mr. Alvillar said that in their times spent at the Cemetery that they never saw anyone sit, and that a frequent activity of people was walking, jogging, or walking their dogs in the Cemetery.

There was further discussion about Mr. Scholl's website for Grant County, New Mexico death and cemetery records and how there were over 70,000 death records provided.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS -

A. An update from Mr. Scholl about the numbering system in the Cemetery. Mr. Scholl said he figured out the numbering system. He said there used to be 3 cemeteries with roads and driveways and he described how the numbering of the plots were affected by the placement of the driveways. He commented further about a decision of the State legislature long ago that said there could no longer be any cemeteries in the city limits and how other properties were acquired and graves were moved.

B. Schedule the next meeting and discuss agenda items for the next meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, July 24, 2013.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Scholl moved to adjourn at 1:48 p.m. Mr. South seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

/s/

Elizabeth Miller, Chair

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk