

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

**Public Works Administration Building, 610 East 8th St. Silver City, New Mexico
August 28, 2013 - 1:30 p.m.**

Present: Elizabeth Miller, Chair
Stacy Domino-Mrazik, Vice-Chair
Rider South
Carl Scholl
Jeff Fell

Jesus Alvillar, Parks Supervisor
Linda Nunez, Finance Dept. Representative
Ann Mackie, Town Clerk

Not Present: Councilor Michael Morones, Ex Officio

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

CHANGES TO THE AGENDA – None.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES – July 24, 2013 Regular Meeting – Chair Miller asked for a motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Scholl moved to approve the minutes. Ms. Domino-Mrazik seconded. All were in favor to approve the minutes. Motion carried.

PUBLIC INPUT – Frank Donahue and Larry Himes thanked the Town for the quick installation of the coping around the gravesite of Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Leonidas Lytle. Mr. Donahue said he would like the community organizations to put in \$5 each in order to pay for white rock to be placed on the gravesite. There was further discussion about the white rock and alternative ways of covering the gravesite; how they did not know if Sergeant Lytle ever had a military funeral or why he was not buried at the Fort Bayard National Cemetery; how they would like to give him a military funeral with a ceremony to honor him with a bugle playing taps and a rifle volley with a 22 gun salute; how the headstone at the gravesite was post 1960 and they did not know who placed it, but would check with the Veterans Administration; and how they wanted a low maintenance and attractive gravesite for Sergeant Lytle and wanted the Town to help with fundraising. Chair Miller stated that they should meet with Mr. Pena and Mr. Alvillar to discuss the gravesite, and suggested that they meet with various organizations and local armed forces, etc. to find funding. She asked them to keep the Cemetery Board informed.

REPORTS -

A. Public Works Representative –

1. Update on the gravesite of Medal of Honor recipient Sergeant Leonidas Lytle.

See Public Input section above that mentions that the Town installed coping around the gravesite, etc. Mr. Alvillar had nothing else to add on the subject. He reported that they were working to weed the cemetery, that the trees were doing great, and that it would look good for the Labor Day holiday.

B. Chair - None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None.

NEW BUSINESS -

A. A summary of the reflection area overhang replacement project in the Rose Garden by Stacy Domino-Mrazik. Ms. Domino-Mrazik said that she went out with an architect to the Rose Garden to look at extending the overhang and learned that the parking area designated for handicap parking was not ADA compliant and needed to be changed to regular parking. She said the code required handicap parking to be flat so it needed to be changed so the Town would not be liable since it was not compliant. She said her main concern was safety before replacing the overhang and the parking was too steep. She proposed that they back away from the project of replacing the overhang because it would cost approximately \$75,000 just to do the grating work, to remove the steps, and that the entire area would need to be recessed about 3 feet. She said it was grandfathered as long as they did not do anything to it, but the parking should be corrected. She said the overhang was 3" lower on one side and looked awkward, but the project would have to be kept on hold until funds could be raised.

B. Schedule the next meeting and discuss agenda items for the next meeting. The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, September 25, 2013. No items were discussed for the next agenda.

ADJOURNMENT – Chair Miller asked for a motion to adjourn. Mr. Scholl moved to adjourn at 1:58 pm. Ms. Domino-Mrazik seconded. All were in favor, motion carried.

/s/

Elizabeth Miller, Chair

Attest:

/s/

Ann L. Mackie, Town Clerk