

Minutes

Oregon Commission on Historic Cemeteries

June 24, 1:00pm-4:00pm

Station 15 John Adams Fire Station, 624 7th Street, Oregon City

- I. Welcome and Introductions (5 min)
 - a. Mike Leamy, Charlotte Lehan, Bev Power, Mark Petrie, Kim Morely, Diane Elder, Matt Diederich, Kuri Gill, Katie Henry
 - b. Chad Dresselhaus, Cynthia Gardiner, Bob Elder, Laura McKay, Linda Leamy, Melisa McDonald, Karin Morey, Judy Chambers, Rachel Fox
- II. Public Comment (15 min) Comment limited to 5 minutes
 - a. No public comment
- III. Conversation with Cemetery Association of Oregon (20 min) – Rachel Fox
 - a. Background on the association, emphasis on the legislature,
 - b. Some speaker that we have had would be helpful for the CAO too. Look all over for answers, cross reference the questions out there. Better relationship. Once a year give a short talk about this. Lessons on laws for operation
 - c. Annual conference – wide variety of the topics from operations, grounds, etc. Suggest Savannah Harrell, archaeology
 - d. Legislative bills – OMCB make up, more representation with nonprofit; revisiting the bill that permits a temporary license to inter.
 - e. Legislative desires for the OCHC – change the date to 75 years, fund pool under ODOT for cemetery maintenance (some other funding channel), fund for cities and counties specifically help with abandoned cemeteries (responsive grants), special districts conversation
- IV. Staff update (15 min) – Kuri Gill
 - a. Katie Henry –
 - b. Kyle Jansson retiring this month
 - c. Legislative Concept
- V. How to Own a Cemetery Bulletin – Charlotte Lehan (15 min) No new progress
 - a. Help them figure out what to ask and where to go to find it
- VI. Cemetery Grant Project Presentation – Kuri Gill (20 min)
- VII. Commissioner Comments/Reports (20 min)
 - a. Diane – Visited Eugene Pioneer Cemetery, tremendous education to visit the cemeteries on their trip to the south.
 - b. Kim – Left her position at the cemetery. Looking into cemeteries to study.
 - c. Charlotte – Busy at Memorial Day. Wanted to take down the cemetery entrance gate on Saturday of Memorial Day weekend. They took down

the view blocking vegetation to get their open view back. Nice neighboring negotiations. Started removing the flat granite monument concrete aprons that were broken and had them replaced. Took care of all that had issues, 10-15. Several other one have now separated from the base. Monument person said they didn't do the topping correctly. She is trying to figure out the specifications to get it done correctly.

- d. Mike – trying to find an answer for a cemetery district – no. back to the drawing board, challenge with resistance to the existing cemetery authorities not wanting to give up their authority. The resolution anniversary of the selection of Oregon My Oregon as the Oregon state song. Daughter is looking for a monument to the writer of the song in Ocean View Cemetery. Mike has put in a bid for that one. Memorial weekend busy.
- e. Mark – really busy with camps with Tribe work.
- f. Bev – Memorial Day at the Eastwood Cemetery was fun. Working getting a brown bag lunch together in July. Digital software and mapping. Bev will take on looking into software options and success. What has OMCB been up to? Indigent burial payments now handled by OMCB, people now get the same rate for every burial. Temporary burial permit to allow burials in unlicensed cemeteries. Charlotte brought up the issue of the burial of a person in a cemetery without supervision. They have to show a deed or ownership. The rules and regulations are really kind to old cemeteries, so thank you OMCB for that. The OMCB recognizes the majority of cemetery managers are volunteers. Successorship is an issue. OMCB appreciates the work that the small cemeteries do.

VIII. Upcoming Meetings & Workshops (5 min)

Oct 14, 1-4 –Grants Pass

Feb 10, 1-4 – Online, conference call

April – with Oregon Heritage Conference day? Plus workshop?

Meeting Adjourned – 2:57