

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Thursday, June 27, 2024 @ 4:00 pm, Landa Haus

1. **CALL TO ORDER:**

4:01 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL:**

X	Lynn Thompson (Chair)	X	Cynthia Foster		Samantha Morrison (Park Staff)
X	Dana Watson (Vice Chair)	X	Jillian Bliss		Gene Bagwell (Cemetery Manager)
	Raenel Schertz	X	Chad Donegan (Park Staff)	X	Hunter Haberly (Cemetery Sexton)
X	Connie Krause	X	Geronimo Aguirre (Park Staff)	X	Katie Totman (Historic Preservation Officer)
X	Jan Kingsbury	X	Shari Silvio (Park Staff)	X	Brenadette Faust (TCI)

3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Approval of regular meeting minutes from May 23rd, 2024

4. **CITIZEN'S COMMUNICATIONS**

N/A

5. **PRESENTATIONS**

N/A

6. **DISCUSSION AND ACTION**

a. **Headstone Cleaning**

Katie Totman addressed the group about a partnership for a headstone cleaning program, possibly hosting a pilot event on November 16, 2024. The group may want to consider also partnering with the NB Jaycees. There can be a Sign-Up Genius for the cleaning at Soul Searching for volunteers. Chad would like to explore the idea of a community outreach video for the Cemetery Committee that would bring in more volunteers and interest.

b. **Budget Update**

Chad presented to the group a printed-out update of current Cemetery funds.

c. **Cemetery Software**

We currently have access to the account for both New Braunfels City Cemeteries.

The link for the site is map.chronicle.rip

Chad was able to give the group a good look into the site. There is still a lot of work to be done and Chronicle is working on entering all the data.

d. **Field of Graves**

Chad presented a PowerPoint going over the history of how this project started and how we got to where we are today. THC found several historical and prehistoric findings during construction. Those findings will require work to stop within 50ft of set locations. City staff met with the original design team to discuss options for redesign and new cost considerations, recommending completing additional archeological survey to determine space available for redesign.

e. 2024 Soul Searching Event

The group is continuing to discuss possible actors to portray the souls and deciding the best route to take through the cemetery. Jan will be reaching out to HEB for the 500 water donation. Chad received a quote of \$2200 for electric golf cart rental and delivery. This would be for 6 6-seater carts. The suggestion was made to look at Golf Cart specific sponsorships. Each cart would be a \$366.67/sponsorship. The group would like to open the idea of raising the price on tickets to \$25/tickets.

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- A. Field of Graves
- B. Cemetery Software
- C. 2024 Soul Searching

7. ADJOURNMENT

5:27 pm