



Cemetery Restoration Advisory Board March 17, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:41 p.m.

Roll Call:

Brian Zets, Chair	P
Denise Kohn, Vice Chair	P
Bill Resch	P
Nancy Ferguson	P
David Cline	P
Mary Fee	A/P – arrived at 4:05 pm

Also present: Jennifer Mason, Clerk of Council/Staff Member

Approval of the March 7, 2017 meeting minutes:

Page 1 of the drafted minutes was corrected to specify Mark *Morton* had contacted Mark Nemec.

Page 2 of the drafted minutes was clarified to state that there were 6 names with no stones, and 6 stones which had gone missing since 1979 for which the board had information. The board had discussed whether the 6 stones which had gone missing since 1979 would be reproduced. Action was deferred. The decision of what **do** with the fragments was also deferred.

Page 3 of the drafted minutes: “pre-paired” was corrected to “prepared.” The second paragraph was amended to add, “*but had more information about where they were reinterred (see attachment)*”. The third paragraph **ed** was fixed to say that Dr. Burks would *do* this at no cost. The final sentence was corrected to specify that the *Motion* passed.

Page 4 of the drafted minutes: the first paragraph was amended to state, “...to display a website *on signage* should be withdrawn as websites and responsible people change over time.”

With those changes, Member Ferguson moved and Member Resch seconded approving the minutes. All voting members approved and the minutes were passed as amended above. Clerk Mason would make the necessary changes and present the minutes to Chair Zets for signature at the next meeting.

Approval of the Agenda:

Member Ferguson moved to accept the agenda. Chair Zets seconded and all voting members approved.

Hearing of Visitors:

None present.

Continue organizing recommendations for the Board's report to council:

Members discussed the report's cover picture. Member Ferguson would send Clerk Mason a picture to include with the current picture on the title page.

The board discussed possible locations for a historical marker. They considered in the cemetery, at the entrance way, and in a green area and/or near a walkway outside the cemetery to draw attention to the cemetery. The board further discussed a walkway and the exact location of the entrance. It was agreed that the city planners would likely have opinions on these topics. Member Ferguson moved to recommend to leave the decision about where to put the historical marker to the city planners. Member Kohn seconded and all voting members approved. Motion passed.

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Item 4): The board discussed the creation of new stones where information exists from 1979 but no stone exists versus listing those names on a sign or monument. Member Ferguson reported that producing a simple headstone would cost \$500 to \$1,000. Member Ferguson moved to recommend that the 6 missing stones for which there was information from 1979 be created in the form of the headstone depicted on page 169 of the Ohio Valley Archeology report or a similar, simple form. Member Kohn seconded and the voting members voted with three in favor and one opposed (Zets). Motion passed.

Item 6) – Part 1: The board discussed 16 stone fragments which did not have sufficient information to be identified. Member Kohn suggested storing and/or displaying them in a container or off site. Member Ferguson suggested embedding them in the wall. Bill Resch moved to recommend that the 16 stone fragments with little or no identifying information should be mounted or imbedded on the back of a short brick wall at the entrance of the cemetery, using limestone mortar so that they can be removed if necessary. Member Ferguson seconded and all voting members approved. Motion passed. It was agreed to remove the two, final sentences of the paragraph stating *“The original 6 stones which cannot be repaired should also be imbedded in the wall, after they are reproduced. Limestone mortar should be used.”*

Item 6) – Part 2: Member Ferguson moved to recommend that the 6 partial monuments, for which there was identifying information but which could not be repaired, be reproduced. The original, partial monuments would be buried at the same location as their matching, reproduced stones. A small plaque would be attached to the new stone indicated the location of the partial stone. Member Resch seconded and all voting members approved. Motion passed.

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Item 3), paragraph 3: The board discussed various ways to expand on existing signage, including paper in a plastic realtor's box or other materials. Member Zets moved to recommend that a small, semi-permanent sign be created to direct visitors to the city's website for further information on the cemetery. Member Ferguson seconded and all voting members approved. Motion passed.

Member Ferguson reported meeting with Mark Smith from Gravestone Transformations. They discussed repair specifics, matching stones and slots, and the difficulty of working some of the existing stones which could be 300 lbs. Member Ferguson reported having Mike Morton's estimate for restoration, however, she was waiting on the estimate from Mark Smith and didn't want report on one estimate and have it affect the other.

Members discussed the slots/bases, how some were in storage and could be matched up or re-used, and how that could reduce the overall price of the restoration. Member Ferguson moved to recommend, for slots/bases currently located in the cemetery which the Board believed to be in their original locations, that the monument restoration company try to match them up with their original headstones. Member Zets seconded and all voting members approved. Motion passed.

Member Ferguson stated, based on Columbus Art Memorial's estimate of \$500-\$1,000 for reproduced stone, and given that the board wanted simple stones as shown on page 169 of the Ohio Valley Archeology report, she would use \$750 as the estimate for recreating stones for the cemetery. Member Ferguson further stated she would search for her quote for the large, obelisk-style monument which she believed to be in the realm of \$10,000-\$15,000. She would also research the cost of fabricating new slots/bases. The board estimated they would need 20 at most, and perhaps only eight to ten. Those could be made out of concrete with a special mortar used to set the headstones.

The board discussed the Cedarbrook/Wagner cemetery and what it would take to restore monuments there. Member Ferguson estimated that 50 or so monuments needed to be reset or repaired. Member Ferguson suggested creating a one page sheet with basic options to present to council. Those options would include use numbers based on the current figures that the CRAB had. The numbers could be broken out into \$X to repair, \$Y to straighten and clean, and \$Z for new fencing. Member Zets

recommended focusing on the existing project before giving council another project to consider.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

None.

Schedule the next meeting:

Next meeting was set for April 12, 2017 at 3:30 p.m. to get the final recommendations ready for city council.

The board expected to make its first report to council at the April 18, 2017 council meeting. Dr. Burks would be present to assist with the report.

Poll members for comment:

None.

Adjournment:

Chair Zets moved to adjourn. Member Kohn seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Signed:



Brian Zets, Chair



Jennifer Mason, Clerk/Secretary

4/12/17
Date