



**CEMETARY RESTORATION ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
Tuesday, July 27, 2021**

**Call to Order:**

The meeting was called to order by Chair Zets at 3:34 p.m.

**Oaths of Office:** Chair Zets swore in Bill Resch for his new terms on the CRAB.

**Roll Call:**

Brian Zets, Chair	P
Victor Wilson, Vice Chair	A
Bill Resch, Secretary	P
Nancy Ferguson	P
Thomas Shockey	P
Mary Fee	A
Bill Carleton	P

Staff for CRAB: Clerk of Council Jennifer Mason and Public Service Director Mark Nemeč.

**Approval of the March 23, 2021 meeting minutes:**

Bill Carleton moved to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes as submitted. Secretary Resch seconded and all voted to approve the March 23, 2021 minutes as submitted.

**Approval of the Agenda:**

Chair Zets asked if there were any proposed changes to the agenda. Hearing none, Chair Zets moved to approve the agenda. Member Ferguson seconded and all members voted to approve the agenda.

**Hearing of Visitors:**

None.

**Other Business:**

Wagner Fence Update

Members discussed Director Nemeč's email update from May 13, 2021 (attached). Members wanted to propose both fence and headstone restoration projects for 2022. Clerk Mason recalled that council was considering horse fencing for Wagner, possibly temporarily, and as an improvement to the failing metal fencing.

Members reviewed the last quotes they had received for both fencing and headstone restoration. They were below the \$50,000 threshold above which the city manager had to have council's approval. Member Ferguson recalled that Mark Smith's quote was the best and lowest for restoration. Mr. Smith had walked through the cemetery with CRAB members. She wanted to bring council to the cemetery.

She proposed a walk-thru with council at Wagner Cemetery. She offered to write up some history. Wagner was not as big a project as the New Albany Cemetery. All of the markers were present – they were just knocked down and/or deteriorated. She expressed interest in getting work started, perhaps with a certain number or percentage done each year.

Chair Zets asked about providing pictures to council. Clerk Mason stated that she showed pictures to council as part of her CRAB report after the CRAB's visit to Wagner. Members agreed that pictures were a good back-up plan if they couldn't get council to visit in person. Members discussed reaching out to Council Member Fellows, who was also liaison to the Parks & Trails Advisory Board to tour Wagner. Member Ferguson and Chair Zets would try to set it up and email the CRAB.

Members further discussed the fencing quotes from 2019 and 2020. Trends were that prices were increasing. It was likely the city manager would get new quotes.

#### Historical Marker Application – New Albany Cemetery - Update

Members discussed the progress on Rose Run 2 and whether it was timely to submit the historical marker application now. Member Ferguson remembered that, at the end of the Rose Run 2 presentation, they said they would find a place for the historical marker. She also recalled many re-writes were needed for prior markers. The application deadline was July 1, so there was plenty of time to work with Ohio History Connection.

Chair Zets reviewed the sections of the application. Many were completed or near completion. He would share the application electronically with CRAB members. There was no fee to submit the application.

Member Ferguson said she would review her CRAB documents to find the list of people buried in the New Albany Cemetery. Some names were adding during the restoration. She wanted to run the list by Mark Smith.

Members discussed getting New Albany Cemetery information to Public Information Officer Josh Poland to put on the city's website.

Members discussed the regular maintenance of both cemeteries. Director Nemecek confirmed that city staff push-mowed the New Albany Cemetery. A contractor maintained the Wagner Cemetery. Member Ferguson related what she had learned about the damage caused by mowers. Cemetery caretakers were going to small mowers to preserve monuments. She asked that Director Nemecek request that staff push-mow Wagner Cemetery also.

Members discussed the timeline for Rose Run 2 development. Director Nemecek noted that plans were currently being drafted. Chair Zets wanted to check in on the designs, have the chance to give input. He expressed concern over, "what does a cemetery really look like?" Members discussed where trails would go - they should not go through the cemetery. Secretary Resch wanted the CRAB notified when the final plan would be presented to council. Members discussed approaching Council Member Fellows and City Manager Joseph Stefanov. Clerk Mason added that council meetings and council workshops were being streamed via Zoom.

**Schedule next meeting:** CRAB members agreed to reconvene at the next regular meeting on August 24, 2021 at 3:30 pm.

**Poll members for comment:**

None.

**Adjournment:**

Member Ferguson moved and Chair Zets seconded to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 pm

Signed:

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Brian Zets, Chair



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Bill Resch, Secretary

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Date

## Jennifer Mason

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**From:** Mark Nemec  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 13, 2021 3:21 PM  
**To:** Bill Resch; bzets@isaacwiles.com; William Carleton; Mary Fee; Nancy Ferguson - Home; Tom Shockey; Tom Shockey; Victor Wilson - primary; Victor Wilson - secondary; Jennifer Mason  
**Cc:** David Cline (dcline26330@comcast.net); Denise Kohn  
**Subject:** Wagner Cemetery

Good afternoon CRAB members,

At our March 23<sup>rd</sup> CRAB meeting a question was raised about the city installing a new fence at the Wagner Cemetery.

After meeting with Joe and discussing the improvement needs for Wagner Cemetery he explained that City Council differed placing funds in the 2021 budget for a new fence or gravestone improvements.

Instead, council will discuss funding for this project at their Capital Workshop on August 27<sup>th</sup>. I'll report their decision after the workshop.

Let me know if there are any questions.

Thanks,

Mark

**Mark Nemec**  
*Director of Public Service*

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