

Board of Trustees

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Ashley Tarpley
General Manger

Board of Trustees
Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 18, 2024, 4:00 PM

Call To Order:

1. The Board of Trustees Chairperson, Mark Franey, called the Regular meeting of the Barstow Cemetery District to order at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, September 18, 2024. Board Members present at roll call were, Vice Chair Tanya Gordon, and Trustees Victor Keaton. Trustee Eugene Butticci and Trustee Mark Vasquez were absent.
2. All present stood and recited the pledge of allegiance.
3. Notice of minor revisions to agenda items, items removed or continued: None

Public Comments:

Betty Brock- Advised on the website the Audit page and the Budget did not show the accurate forms just the transmittal paperwork. She requested updates on the grants, including the weblink she sent to the General Manager for a Veterans grant and status on the Landscaping funds. She would like to know how much has been spent, what we have left, and the deadline to use the funds.

David Maya- Stated that since the grants sunset is coming in March, he is surprised there is an empty agenda. At the LAFCO meeting the committee felt that the Board should be more interactive. At the end of each meeting, when asked the Board members often say they have no questions or comments, and he feels there should be more from the Board in this regard.

Joe Gomez- Informed the Board that he went to the LAFCO meeting and let them know how unhappy the community is. Joe Gomez would like to get together with two members of the Board and one of the LAFCO committee members to have a meeting to discuss options. At the LAFCO meeting the General Manager presented short term and long-term goals so where is the money going to come from to complete these goals. This is the first time there has been presented an action plan or goals for the Cemetery so he would like to schedule a meeting to go over these and the options.

Consent Calendar:

4. Meeting minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on August 21, 2024 were emailed to the Board of Trustees on Wednesday, September 11, 2024, for their review.

Discussion: None

Motion to accept the August 21, 2024, Regular Meeting minutes as presented: Trustee Keaton

Second: Vice Chair Tanya Gordon

All In Favor: Mark Franey: Aye, Tanya Gordon: Aye, Victor Keaton: Aye, Mark Vasquez: Absent, Eugene Buttici: Absent

General Manager Reports:

5. Interments for the month of August were 1 Cremains and 1 full.

The General Manager attended the LAFCO meeting for the performance update. The meeting went well, and LAFCO does see progress. They did request a more extensive report on the progress and what has been completed. Before the next performance update the Manager will provide the documents requested.

The State Fund audit was completed and shows promise for a lowered premium due to the Cemetery showing proof of safety training, no new claims, and proper health and safety requirements being met.

The Landscaping project is continued with the section 4000 landscaping being put out to bid this month. The General Manager Ashley Tarpley, Mark Franey, and Mark Vasquez met on Monday September 16th for the site walk through with perspective contractors. The bid is open until September 30th.

Benches that are still on the fence line are being set out on the sections they belong to. They will be set on the outer perimeter and not inside blocks. They will be set as close and in the same row as the loved one.

The maintenance workers are working on the weeds between other responsibilities that take priority such as preparing sites for services. We purchased a drag to tow behind the ATV that we hope will help speed up the process, but a lot of the grounds will still have to be done by hand.

The ADA bathroom is waiting to be awarded to a contractor and then they can begin discussions on design and cost.

Last year there was a Grant for old equipment that could be turned in for electric vehicles. The vehicles were required to be running to receive the grant. We are working on getting the vehicles into working condition so that we can reapply for the Grant when it becomes available again this year.

Action and Information Items:

6. Unfinished Business: None

7. New Business: None

Items for Future Agenda:

1. None

Cemetery Board and Employee Comments:

1. Chair Franey: Advised that the Cemetery is aware there is a "sunset" on the grant funds and assured that we will be using the funds before that time and is excited for the next part of the project that will be starting. He thanked the maintenance crew as the Cemetery was down to one crew member and was doing their best to keep up on the maintenance. A second maintenance worker has been hired and they are working on catching up on the grounds.
2. Vice Chair Gordon: None
3. Trustee Vasquez: Absent
4. Trustee Keaton: Stated that a lot of things have been corrected that are not visible to the public like workers comp cases and financial back logs. Operations have been vastly improved and are as important as the work on the grounds. He inquired to the General Manager about any updates on memorials for the Veterans sections. The General Manager let him know that there has been a request sent to the "Task Force" for a donation to this, but nothing has come of it yet.
5. Trustee Butticci: Absent

Announcements:

1. None

Adjournment:

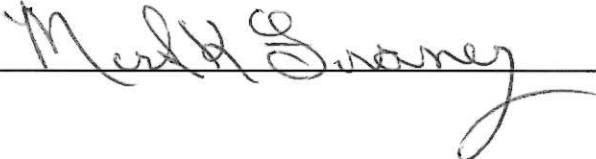
1. Motion to Adjourn at 4:21 pm: Trustee Victor Keaton
Second: Vice Chair Gordon
All In Favor: Mark Franey: Aye, Tanya Gordon: Aye, Mark Vasquez: Absent, Victor Keaton: Aye, Eugene Butticci: Absent
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on Wednesday, October 16, 2024, in the Community Room of the Cemetery at 4:00 PM.

Minutes submitted by:



Ashley Tarpley, General Manager, Barstow Cemetery District

Accepted after Board Approval by:



Mark Franey, Chairperson
Barstow Cemetery District