

Board of Trustees

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Victor Keaton
Eugene Butticci

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Ashley Tarpley
General Manger

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 19, 2025, 4:00 PM

CALL TO ORDER:

The Board of Trustees Chairperson, Mark Franey, called the Regular meeting of the Barstow Cemetery District to order at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, March 19, 2025.

ROLL CALL:

- ☐ Mark Franey - Present
- ☐ Tanya Gordon- Present
- ☐ Mark Vasquez- Present
- ☐ Victor Keaton- Absent
- ☐ Eugene Butticci- Present

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: All present stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

PRESENTATIONS: None

REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF AGENDA: No changes were made at this time.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Maya- Announced that the "Task Force" had filed for their non-profit. The "Task Force" made a request to the City of Barstow to discuss the Cemetery and believed there will be help coming from the city. The city would not be able to offer money but want to help in other ways such as manpower. Tex Williams has informed them that he has a grant writer who is willing to work with the General Manager to offer some help.

Debbie Aguayo- Thanked the City Council and Tex Williams for meeting with the Cemetery staff and "Task Force". Although the City is not financially responsible for the Cemetery, she felt they had a moral obligation to help. She stated the city would be reaching out to public members who can provide services as well as state and congress members. She was thankful for the receptive voices and felt everyone had the same goals. Additionally, she asked the community to help in a positive manner.

GENERAL MANAGER REPORT:

Ashley Tarpley reported the landscaping in the 4000 section would continue with the additional plants being added to the section on March 20, 2025. The headstones in the section had been leveled and after the vegetation is planted a rock bed will be added to complete the section.

Ashley had attended the LAFCO meeting in San Bernardino and felt it was a positive meeting. The Board of Supervisors stated they were pleased with the business plan provided by the General Manager, and felt her grasp on the situation was sufficient. The Board of Supervisors did not feel they needed to request any additional updates for the future.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

1. MINUTES REGULAR MEETING – FEBRUARY 19, 2025, 4:00 P.M

Meeting minutes for the Board of Trustees Regular Meeting on February 19, 2025, were emailed to the Board of Trustees on Thursday, March 13, 2025, for their review.

Discussion: None.

Motion to accept February 19, 2025, Regular Meeting minutes as presented: Trustee Buttici

Second: Trustee Vasquez

All In Favor: Aye. One absent.

BUSINESS / ACTION ITEMS:

2. SALE OF LIFE QR PLAQUES.

The recommendation of Ashley Tarpley, the General Manager, was to sell the Life QR plaques at \$250 per unit. Ashley presented that the plaques are purchased by the family who then set up a living memorial page for their loved one. The plaques are placed onto the headstone and can then be scanned for others to view the living memorial page.

Discussion: Vice Chair Gordon inquired if the Cemetery staff see a damaged plaque will they attempt to call the family to inform them. She also questioned if other Cemeteries who are selling the product had been contacted to see if they are having success selling the product?

Trustee Buttici asked if a loved one who has purchased the product passes away is there an option for an additional user to be added so the family still has access to the page.

Ashley Tarpley advised that the cemetery would try to inform the family members. She also answered that she did not know of other cemeteries or if you were able to add additional users, but she would reach out to the company to try to get the information for the Board.

Motion to defer vote until further information is gathered: Vice Chair Gordon

Second: Trustee Buttici

All in favor: Aye. One absent.

BOARD OF TRUSTEES REPORTS / COMMENTS:

Mark Franey- Stated that the Cemetery previously had invested its Endowment Fund into an investment fund that had been successful. Due to changes in staff the cemetery had to close the funds. Chair Franey has reached out to Anthony Gallo of CFF ,who was previously being used, to request a presentation to inform the Board and possibly reopen the fund. Chair Franey request the General Manager add a presentation from CFF to be agendized for the next meeting. Chair Franey continued by thanking the "Friends of the Barstow Cemetery" specifically Joe Gomez for his comments at the City Council meeting and feels that the "Friends" and the Cemetery are working together again and are on the right track.

Tanya Gordon-None.

Mark Vasquez- Recognized that the city says it will help, but in the past has only been able to offer equipment and no manpower. He stated any help the city can offer would be greatly appreciated but it is going to take money to get this project completed.

Victor Keaton- Absent.

Eugene Buttici-Presented examples of grants that he himself has applied to for other programs outside of the cemetery. Some grants are 80-100 pages long and can take hours to complete. He explained that the different information a grant can ask for can be very detailed, making it more difficult and time consuming. He stated it is not that they aren't worth it, but it is still a process.

CLOSED SESSION: None.

ADJOURNMENT:

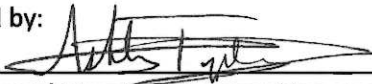
Motion to Adjourn at 4:35 pm: Trustee Vasquez

Second: Trustee Buttici

All In Favor: Aye. One absent.

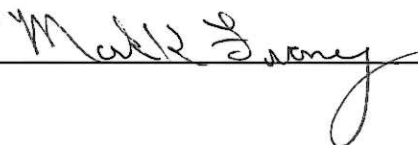
The next meeting of the Board of Trustees will take place on April 16, 2025, 4:00 p.m., in the Community Room of the Barstow Cemetery District, 37067 Irwin Road, Barstow, CA 92311.

Minutes submitted by:



Ashley Tarpley, General Manager, Barstow Cemetery District

Accepted after Board Approval by:



Mark Franey, Chairperson
Barstow Cemetery District