

MONUMENT RESTORATION COMMITTEE (MRC) MINUTES - SPRINGDALE CEMETERY
February 23, 2010

CALL TO ORDER: Acting Chair Bob Meals called the meeting to order at 12:02 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Present: Allen Andrews, Nita Sunderland, Bob Meals, Jon Austin, Jeanette Hillyer, Carolyn Kraft. Absent: George Kottemann, Jack Gove.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Mr. Austin moved and Mr. Andrews seconded to approve the minutes of February 9, 2010; passed unanimously.

REPORTS OF OFFICERS, STANDING COMMITTEES, AND AD HOC COMMITTEES:

Chairman's Report: The need for a financial report at each meeting was discussed. It was decided that it is beneficial to receive a report at each meeting. The financial report provided by Paula was discussed. Although the employees who have been working with Ms. Sunderland are laid off at this time, there are still some hours still due and as yet unrecorded in the financial report. The balance of the wages due will be included in the report of March 9, 2010. It was noted that the Springdale Historic Preservation Foundation owes the cemetery \$470.20. Mr. Austin said that he will include this amount in an invoice to the Foundation. After discussion it was decided that Mr. Austin will invoice the Foundation monthly for MRC expenses per the 2010 budget. If the cemetery's cash flow is low, the Foundation may be invoiced more frequently.

Committee on Bases and Foundations: Mr. Andrews presented a draft titled "Joint Monument Restoration Committee." After discussion, it was decided to strike 3a from the draft. 3b. will now be named 3. A discussion followed concerning the monument bases getting broken by mowers. Mr. Austin reported that Eric would like to use shorter bases. Mr. Meals questioned if the existing marble in storage may be used as a base for vases or other uses. Ms. Sunderland felt this would not be possible as there is no way to have them cut.

Report on Work Done Since Last Meeting: Ms. Sunderland reported that the workers have checked through all of the readable stones in storage by researching files and confirmed that all of the readable stones in storage have been replaced in the cemetery by new stones. After the stones are checked, they are marked with an orange dot. She will continue working on Oak Hill.

Mr. Ron Volz will be meeting with Mr. Austin and Mr. Andrews Thursday.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Nine applications were received from the newspaper ad for a Technician. As none of the nine may be appropriate for the job, it was decided to redo the ad by adding "computer knowledge helpful."

The committee agreed to sign the accepted contract for a new shed. The bid from Peoria Construction Company is just under \$16,000. The Foundation will pay for the shed, and the Springdale Cemetery Management Authority has agreed to reimburse the Foundation \$8,500 when possible after the shed is complete. The reimbursement to the Foundation may come from the City Capital Funding Budget. The contract needs to be signed by February 25. Mr. Meals will call Foundation President Fred Stuber directly after the adjournment of this meeting to verify how the Foundation would like to handle the signing of the contract.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

GUEST INPUT: None.

CHAIRMAN'S COMMENTS: The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at 12:00 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, Ms. Hillyer motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Kraft, Acting Secretary