

Cemetery Board Agenda
June 25, 2013
Langley City Hall 4:30 PM
112 2nd St. Langley, WA 98260

1. Call to Order
2. Review and approve minutes from the May meeting
 - Agenda was changed
 - Minutes were approved
 - A discussion revolved around the fact that we need to continue working on finding out where Scott Neilsen is buried.
3. Introduction of and discussion with Marc McGowen, applicant to the Cemetery Board who lives part-time in Langley, and part-time in Scottsdale, Arizona.
 - Is a long time part-time resident and would really like to be on the board.
 - Has been involved with the Whidbey Camano Land Trust.
 - Loves Langley's Cemetery so would like to plug in however we feel best.
 - Unfortunately the time period that he is in Langley doesn't mesh very well with when the board is in session.
 - We will put him on a work party list for Friends and also on the email list for our board so he knows when we are meeting and will come when he is in town.
4. Quick report on new board member, Judith Adams:
 - Judith has officially joined the board, but will be unable to attend through September, as her husband is ill and they will be in Seattle getting treatment for him every Tuesday for the next ten weeks.
5. Discussion with Lucinda Herring on issues raised from recent Green Burial. Since neither Debbie Mahler nor Lucinda were able to come to this meeting, it was tabled until next month.
6. Update on berm creation and concerns of Allan Ament.
 - He presented the concerns of his group to the Board. They have purchased 8 plots. The area that they bought needs to be developed and landscaped much better. They agreed to set aside money for the landscaping, but there was a miscommunication around who would pay for the creation of a berm.
 - Cary had suggested that we can create a berm, but not until January of 2014 when the city will have extra dirt that will be available at no cost. Allen's group does not want to wait that long – concerns re: availability between now and then if one of their group suddenly dies.
 - Discussion came to clarifying that the real issue is that they want a flatter area for their graves, and the creation of a berm was not going to solve that. It was suggested that we could perhaps allocate 8 plots

in the regular area of the green burial section... The 8 plots need to be together but not in a separate section necessarily.

- A decision was made that we create another green burial section near where the existing ones are – we will need to pay someone to survey the new 8 graves leaving a corridor between the new ones and the existing ones.
7. Report from Marilyn Helsel re: Request from Shirley Jantz, Donation envelopes for cemetery and letter to the editor re new garbage huts, thanking the Friends
- Marilyn H. will be putting donation envelopes in the kiosk so people can donate to the Friends of the Langley Woodmen Cemetery.
 - R. James suggested that Cary contact the Friends to see if they would like to set up a P.O. Box or other alternatives that would work for the Friends
 - Cary will talk to the City and explain that the Friends would like it if the City will not open their envelopes from now on.
 - Marilyn H. will be putting the letter together about the garbage kiosks and donation to the City and giving to Jim Larsen at the SW Record once the envelopes are up at the cemetery.
 - Request from Shirley Jantz re: azalea planting. Cary showed her where to plant it.
8. Need two more compost bins and R. James will organize with Debbie.
- 9 . Updates on old mower price and water leak... R. James will follow up on water leak. Still need to work on old mower re-sale price.
11. Meeting adjourned. Next Meeting Tuesday, July 23 at 4:30 pm.