

**HOPE CEMETERY COMMISSION MEETING
APRIL 4, 2017**

Meeting began : 4:10 PM

Meeting ended: 6: 06PM

Attendance:

William Wallace	- Chair man
Richard Perry	- Commission Member
Matthew Curewitz	- Commission Member
Nicole Apostola	- Commission Member
Robert C Antonelli Jr	- Assistant Commissioner
Stephanie Choquette	- Staff Assistant II
William Richard	- Project Manager

** David Crispin –BSC Group

Michael and Jan Parent	- Friends of Hope Cemetery
Mohamed Elrefaei	- Representative for the Muslim- Islamic Community
Philip Haddad	- Orthodox Community

Acceptance of last meeting's minutes:

Matthew Curewitz
Richard Perry
Nicole Apostola

Agenda: Change sequence for discussion

Approved by:

Matthew Curewitz
Richard Perry
Nicole Apostola

Old Business / Open Items:

- A. Master Plan / Updating Rules and Regulations
 - 1. When completed review has been done by the Hope Cemetery Board, it will then be directed to the City Council for review and approval
 - 2. Price Adjustment Schedule –no changes to the fee schedule
 - 3. Mr. Philip Haddad Stated that he felt the increase on a two grave lot where a monument can be placed (\$2700.00) was too high - harsh, and wanted the Hope Cemetery Board to review the price increase.
 - 4. Mr. Richard Perry questioning the spelling of principal in regards to money (page 9) / also Markers and monuments
 - 5. Mr. William Wallace: page 12 what does 22.0 mean?
 - 6. Mr. Matthew Curewitz page 10 (another wording for loafing ...loitering?)
 - 7. Law Department will review Rules and Regulations before it becomes the final document in the Master Plan
 - 8. New forms will be reviewed

- B. Master Plan / Section Development
 - 1. Mr. Mohamed Elrefaei: stated that the Dudley location will not be an option for his community
 - 2. Mr. Mohamed Elrefaei asked what is the time frame at this point in possibly expecting a section to be developed, even if it was a smaller one...Mr. Antonelli stated that at this time there is no funding for even a smaller development of a section to be allocated. Funding sources will be quite important in moving forward, hoping for the project to begin moving forward in the winter of 2018 (design of an area)
 - 3. Mr. Philip Haddad feels the timeframe is too long to move forward on what is needed for development. Mr. Antonelli stated again at this time there is no funding, also would need to require a bond of authorization to be ordained. Mr. Philip Haddad stated he was not satisfied with this process and that the orthodox Community he represents had other options in moving forward for other sites. Then stated he would contact the Manager, Mayer and City Council of Worcester to explain his community's needs. Again, restated he had other options for other sites, asked if that would be held again him for future interest in development expansion? Mr. Antonelli stated he could use or go whatever avenue he may need to go, with no consequences for future discussions of expansion.
 - 4. Budget Review – runs a parallel course
 - a. Initial approved areas # 1 and # 5
 - b. City Manager reviews the funding of the Fiscal Year
 - c. Budget process advocates in the process funding sources (priority listing)
 - d. July 1st Capital Budget: (authorization) design the project – bid would be over the winter of 2018 approval then possibly begin construction
 - e. Mr. Curewitz asked if there were already developed areas that could be appropriated to these communities. Mr. Antonelli stated there is nothing available at this time.

New Business:

- A. Mr. Philip Haddad: request of Marker location to be changed to a Monument location
 - 1. This will be discussed at the next Hope Cemetery Commission Meeting 5-2-2017. For the Board will need to review the request, it was not scheduled for this present meeting.
 - 2. Mr. Haddad stated he is not sure if he will be able to attend the next meeting.
- B. Friends of Hope Cemetery
 - 1. Jan Parent: President of Friends of hope Cemetery stating the walks that will be occurring in the months of April and May
 - 2. Norcross Mausoleum: has been completed as the week of 4-24-2017 thru 4-28-2017. The process of having all the leaks repaired (roof) will be at a later date.
 - 3. Signage: near Chapel Gates floral island will be the location for the next sign / will be reviewed with Jan, Stephanie, and the fore man (Mike)
- C. Nixon Gates: Scheduling a date for the repairs to move forward will be in a couple of weeks.
- D. Illegal Dumping: occurred in the compost site, had the material removed immediately
- E. Water System: turning the system on will be determined due to the stage of drought the city is in

Meeting approved to adjourn at 6:06PM

Matthew Curewitz
Richard Perry
Nicole Apostola

Next meeting May 2, 2017 at 4:00PM Hope Cemetery Administrative Office