

CEMETERY ADVISORY COMMISSION

January 16, 2025

The regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission held on the 16th day of January, 2025, was called to order at 3:00 p.m. with VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS presiding and the following COMMISSIONERS present:

CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, COMMISSIONERS DRESSLER AND FORD

Also Present: COMMUNITY SERVICES MANAGER SALLIS AND CITY MANAGER MARTINEZ

Deputy City Clerk Sallis administered the Oath of Office to new Commissioner Scott Dressler and he was welcomed by the other Members.

APPVL OF COMMISSIONER FORD MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRWOMAN
AGENDA BALDWIN, to approve the agenda. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS,
 COMMISSIONERS DRESSLER AND FORD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD

CORRESP None

PBLC APRN None

CONSENT None

REG ITEMS: Noting there was not a majority vote to approve the minutes, COMMISSIONER
MINUTES FORD MOVED, SECONDED BY CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, to table the
TABLED minutes of the adjourned regular meeting held May 16, 2024 until the next
 meeting. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS,
 COMMISSIONERS DRESSLER AND FORD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD

CHAIR & CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
V CHAIR FORD, to nominate VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS as Chair for the ensuing
 year of 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN BALDWIN, VICE CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS,
 COMMISSIONERS DRESSLER AND FORD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD

COMMISSIONER DRESSLER MOVED, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER
BALDWIN, to nominate COMMISSIONER FORD as Vice Chairman for the
ensuing year of 2025. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

AYES: CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS, COMMISSIONERS BALDWIN,
DRESSLER AND FORD
NOES: NONE
ABSENT: COMMISSIONER ROCKWOOD

DESIGNTN A discussion was held on the possible designation of a pet cemetery within the
PET CMTRY boundaries of the Needles Riverview Cemetery and the Palm Springs Cemetery
District's formation of a nonprofit for the purpose of setting up a pet cemetery. Palm
Spring is not yet to the point of finalizing the process required for a pet cemetery and
City Manager Martinez recommended the Commission wait and see what Palm
Springs does as there are unknowns so let them do the research. The Commission
can learn from them if and when they establish their nonprofit pet cemetery.

It was the consensus of the Commission to hold off on possible designation of a pet
cemetery within the boundaries of Needles Riverview until a future date when it's
been done somewhere else and we can draw from the knowledge and experience of
another cemetery.⁸

2025-2026 COMMISSIONER BALDWIN felt funding in the Capital Improvement Plan for
BUDGET the Pioneer Cemetery was too low and that the hillside needs to be stabilized.
CONSDR CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS explained she'd previously provided the name of a
man, an archaeologist major, that has an interest in assisting with this cemetery and
suggested that he be invited to the next meeting to address the Commission and
discuss the Pioneer Cemetery.

COMMISSIONER BALDWIN suggested that since the pet cemetery is on hold at
this time, it be moved down to #4 on the Capital Improvement Plan, solar shade cover
at maintenance yard be moved up to #2, and Pioneer Cemetery be moved up to #3.
All agreed to revise the Capital Improvement Plan as suggested and no further
Commission input was provided on the 2025-2026 fiscal year budget. City Manager
Martinez agreed to have the city's grant team look into grants to help the Riverview
and Pioneer Cemeteries.

MGR RPT City Manager Martinez provided a report on actions, activities and upcoming events
in the community.

COM RQSTS: COMMISSIONER DRESSLER inquired if anyone was at the cemetery office as he'd
like to go out at some point. Manager Sallis encouraged him to contact her as she'd
be happy to set up a time to meet him out there.

CHAIRWOMAN WILLIAMS declared the regular meeting of the Cemetery Advisory Commission
held on the 16th day of January, 2025, adjourned at 3:53 p.m.

ATTEST: _____

Chairwoman

Community Services Manager