

Cemetery Steering Committee

Progress Notes

April 15, 2019

4/6/2019 CER Advisory Board Meeting

- Proposed the CER Advisory Board pass a motion “authorizing and establishing” a Cemetery Steering Committee.
 - Was discussed that the CER Advisory Board does not have the authority to “authorize or establish” such a committee, they are only empowered to comment on land use issues in the CER area.
 - The Advisory Board did pass a resolution supporting the CER Cemetery effort, and encouraging/requesting that the Parks and Rec, HLB and other MOA entities cooperate and help identify potential sites, and that local community councils solicit members to makeup a steering committed.
 - Comments from the members on the Advisory Board were positive with specific comments:
 - Discuss with CER Foundation which may have some remaining funds to assist with this project.
 - Discuss with Chamber of Commerce about having a booth at Bear Paw to provide information to public

4/10/2019 Birchwood Community Council

- I did not attend the meeting in person; however Debbie Ossiander presented the subject and forwarded the name of Kate Brennan who is interested in serving on the steering committee from the Birchwood area.

4/10/2019 Eagle River Valley Community Council

- Attendees included: David Schade, Crystal Kennedy, Cliff Cook, Pete Panarese, Joy Webb, Mark Littlefield
- Presented the information to the group of attendees. Everyone was supportive, but they did not have a quorum necessary to pass a resolution supporting the project. They also did not have a volunteer identified that would serve on a steering committee. They did say that they would seek a volunteer and attempt to pass a resolution supporting the cemetery at their next meeting (May).
- Cliff Cook who was at the meeting representing the ER Community Patrol, recommended looking at the 2006 CER Comprehensive plan which included language stating that the area should have a cemetery.
- After the meeting Greg Kennedy from the ERV Community Council area, volunteered to serve on the steering committee.

4/11/2019 Emails sent

Sent emails to each Community Council, ER Chamber of Commerce, and CER Ministerial Association, presenting the cemetery proposal and requesting that they pass a resolution in support, and appoint/select a volunteer to server on the steering committee. The included a reference and excerpts to the 2006 CER Comprehensive plan.

4/11/2019 Eagle River Community Council

- Attendees included: Jesse James, Cliff Cook, Julie Ebben, Sharron Gibbons, Mike Foster, Chuck Homan, Crystal Kennedy, Kari Young
- Presented the information to the group of attendees. Everyone was supportive and they pass a resolution supporting the cemetery as defined in the 2006 Chugiak – Eagle River Comprehensive plan, and Cliff Cook from the Council area volunteered to serve on the steering committee.

4/11/2019 Eagle River Chamber of Commerce

- Spoke with Colin Fay over the phone and presented the information. Colin said that the Chamber would enthusiastically support the cemetery project and asked that I forward the information to the Chamber, and would provide and opportunity to speak to the chamber regarding the project.
- No designate from the chamber yet to serve on the steering committee.