Girdwood Cemetery Committee
Date September 10, 2020
Minutes Final

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What: Girdwood Cemetery Committee
Where: Via Zoom Teleconference Connection info:
Date: THU September 10, 2020
Time: 12PM

12:05PM Call to order, Tommy O'Malley, Chair
Introduction of Guests: Jack Goodnoe, Cemetery designer/contractor
New members to the group are Julie Raymond-Yakoubian and Kalie Harrison.

Agenda Approval for September 10, 2020 Meeting

Old Business:

1. Review status of Girdwood Cemetery

Girdwood Cemetery has land set aside for the project, has completed the planning steps and currently has a site plan for construction of a cemetery in four phases. Estimated cost of construction is $4M, including contingency funding.

2. Discuss Chugiak/Eagle River and Girdwood Cemetery ideas.

Chugiak/Eagle River cemetery project has renewed their efforts to build a community cemetery. They are working with The Boutet Company to review site locations and has narrowed their original 12 possible sites to 3 or 4 for additional research. It is expected that they will narrow down to 1 or 2 sites for feasibility testing and review and make a site selection. Tommy O'Malley is in touch with Tom Looney and will offer assistance.

Joint effort:
Tommy is in touch with leaders of various religious groups in town to make them aware of the Girdwood/Eagle River Cemetery concepts and gain their support. A recent Anchorage Daily News Article mentioned that the Anchorage Memorial Park is likely to run out of space in 7 or 8 years.
Currently the concept is to work toward a bond proposition to be on the April 2021 ballot. Additional funds may be needed in the proposition to help Eagle River cemetery with planning funds.

New Business

3. Day of the Dead Celebration benefit for the cemetery.

Girdwood Event Team is a new group in town that is taking on logistics of various events, including the Black Lives Matter and Gay Pride gatherings this summer. Their next event is the Day of the Dead event, to be held Nov 1 in Town Square Park. Group will have activities and would like to include Cemetery committee for information on the cemetery and a Death Café (informal gathering to discuss wills, Advance Healthcare Directives, etc). Other groups will be represented as well. Any proceeds received are to be donated to the Cemetery Committee.

Public Comment:

None

Other Business:

Next Meeting scheduled for THU Oct 8 at 12PM, most likely via zoom

Adjourn: 12:45PM