

MEETING NOTICE AND AGENDA
KERN COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT
SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

SHAFTER MEMORIAL PARK OFFICE
18662 SANTA FE WAY, SHAFTER, CA
July 16, 2020

Flag Salute and Invocation: BRAUN

Call to Order: 12:00 PM

Roll Call: BARRY BRAUN, CHAIRMAN; BELTON BANKS, VICE-CHAIR; JERRY EZELL, BOARD SECRETARY

Public Comment: SEE PAGE 2 FOR DETAILS – EACH SPEAKER IS LIMITED TO 3 MINUTES

Consent Calendar:

A. ADOPT AGENDA FOR CURRENT MEETING

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Adjournment: THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING IS SCHEDULED FOR JULY 28, 2020.

For the Boards information on the format of any Public Comment time:

KERN COUNTY CEMETERY DISTRICT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

PUBLIC COMMENT

Welcome to the Kern County Cemetery District regular board meeting. We value any input and direction you may have to offer our Board of Trustees. In order to give an equal time to all, we ask that a few rules be followed in addressing the board.

The Public Comment Period is set aside as the time you may speak. The Chairperson will open this time period, and everyone will be called on one at a time, to speak for, against or make any comment. You may voluntarily give your name and address.

After being recognized, the board requests that the individual:

1. Make statements no longer than three (3) minutes in length.
2. Address all comments to the Chairperson and the board.
3. If you are repeating what had been said earlier, you may state that you agree with what had been said and the board will note your agreement. Each topic will have a thirty (30) minute limit for all speakers.
4. Understand that if your request needs action the board is unable to do so unless it is on the agenda. You may request a matter be addressed if it is an emergency. If it is not deemed an emergency as defined in the California Government Code §54956.5, the matter may be clarified and referred to staff or placed on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACCOMODATIONS

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AVAILABILITY OF AGENDA DOCUMENTS

All supporting documentation for agenda items will be available for public review at the District's Shafter Memorial Park Office, 18662 Santa Fe Way, Shafter, during regular business hours, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm. Monday through Friday, following the posting of the agenda. Any supporting documentation that relates to an agenda item for an open session of any regular meeting, that is distributed less than 72 hours prior to that meeting, will also be available for review at that location.

I. **Vandalism at the Wasco Cemetery**

1. Discussion
2. Possible Action

Review

On June 27th, the Wasco Cemetery was vandalized by unknown persons in a vehicle in which they drove onto the grass on the East Section of the cemetery. The turf in this area was damaged quite extensively and at this time it is unknown the extent of the damage to the markers in that area.

The damage was contained to the East Section and thankfully, none of the three benches were hit. Markers that were runover had dirt and rubber left on them. Someone from the community came by on Sunday and cleaned them all off. Upon being notified of the damage, Superintendent Denny Carender went and talked to the people who were at the cemetery.

The Kern County Sheriff Department was notified, and they have been quite responsive and sensitive to the situation. It is my understanding that the Sheriff Dept. is considering this a random act of vandalism. Sergeant Martinez of the Wasco Substation has made a request for the video that we have. Unfortunately, this video has non-conclusive as to the perpetrators. It was too dark to make out anything but headlights in the dark. Their request as been handled.

The community has been very responsive as well. I have emailed and had telephone conversations with several people who are concerned with the vandalism and some have asked what response we will have for the future. Their questions surround the open aspect of the Wasco Cemetery and not having the ability to close the cemetery at night. It could mean adding a fence around the entire area as well as gates that would be opened and closed each day. This would mean someone to open and close each weekend and holiday as well. Families would no longer be able to visit the cemetery after hours or at night.

II. Trustee Reports and Comment

1. Discussion – No Action

History