

UNION CEMETERY ASSOCIATION MINUTES

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TRANSCRIPTION

Redwood City
May 8th 1877

Regular adjourned meeting of the Union Cemetery Association held this day pursuant to adjournment and notice given - at the court house at Redwood City.

George A. Rice, President, presiding, present G. A. Rice, President, George W. Fox, Secty & Treasurer and James Crowe, Supt and a quorum of members for the transaction of business.

Upon motion the reading of the minutes was dispensed with.

The Committee appointed at the meeting held April 28th 1877 to examine the By Laws of the Association and report an appraisement of the unsold lots in the lands of the Association made and submitted a written report of their labor which after due consideration was by unanimous vote approved and adopted and ordered filed and spread (?) in full upon the minutes to wit:

To the officers and members of the Union Cemetery Association

We your Committee appointed April 28th 1877 to examine, constitution, maps, by laws etc and to re-assess the unsold lots in the cemetery grounds and report thereon to the Association, at an adjourned meeting to be held at the court house May 8th 1877, submit the following:

That by the Articles of Association (Article 5 Sec 4) it is provided that the burial lots shall be assessed at a price fixed by the Association, at which the Directors shall sell lots to individuals.

That at a regular meeting of the Association held February 27th 1860, the price at which lots should be sold was fixed at \$10 for the smaller, \$15 for the medium, and \$25 for the largest size, which in our opinion is now below their actual value.

We also find that in 1872 the Association ordered a new survey and plat of the South Eastern half of the grounds, and in the

office of the Superintendent we find such map, but nowhere find in the records that it has ever been adopted or approved by the Association and in 1873 the Association authorized the Directors to fix the price of lots but it nowhere appears what price they did fix upon them but as a fact sold lots at \$12.50, which map materially changes the form and size of the lots between Central and Southern Avenues.

In our opinion, judgment, the changes made by the new map is advantageous and must of necessity now be adopted as a considerable number of burial lots have been sold as laid out upon it, which map we herewith submit and recommend that it be adopted and a copy of it filed in the Recorders Office of San Mateo County.

We further recommend the adoption of the following order:

1st Ordered: That the assessed value and price at which all of the unsold lots bounded by Central, Western, and Northern Avenues shall be fixed as follows, Lot No. 7 at \$20, 8 at \$15, Lots between 4th & 6th sts at \$20, between 6th & 7th sts at \$30, between 7th & 10th at \$15, between 10th and 14th at \$18, between 14th & 16th at \$20, between 16th & 18th at \$25, between 18th & 20th at \$30, between 20th & 22nd at \$35, between 22nd and 25th at \$40 between 25th & 28th including Lot 187 at \$50 excluding fractional Lots No. 169 at \$35, 176 at \$25, 183 at \$20, 186 at 15, 180 at \$40, 189 at \$25, 190 at \$40, and the tier of lots north of Northern Avenue Nos. 202 to 233 inclusive at \$15 excepting (Fnd)? ("Fractional"?) Lots 202 & 230 at \$10 each.

2nd That the Lots lying between Central, Southern and Western Avenues and Second St. be assessed at \$20, each with the exception of Lots 20-21-22 and 23 which are reserved for the purpose of a single selling the privilege of a single burial therein, and excepting the fractional lots which are assessed respectively as follows,

Lot 5 at \$5 - 6 at \$10 - 7 at \$15 - 17 at \$8 - 18 at \$12 - 36 at \$10 - 37 at 15 - 40 at \$10 - 58 at \$18 - 61 at \$5 - 62 at \$10 - 87 at \$18 - 88 at \$25 - 89 at \$15 - 121 at \$12 - 122 at \$15 - 123 at \$25 - 158 at \$10 - 156 at \$15 - 159 at \$8 - 160 at \$10 - 161 at \$10 - 162 at \$15 - 163 at \$20 - 164 at \$25 - 167 at 15 - 168 at \$10.

3rd That Lots 1 & 2 near the entrance be reserved subject to the discretion of the Board of Directors, to run Southern and Northern Avenues straight through them to Union Avenue, and should such changes be made the strips of ground remaining shall be reserved for ornamental purposes and that Lot 3 between Central and Northern Avenues our Fountain Reservation be reserved subject to the further orders of the Association.

4th That the Directors be and they are hereby authorized to sell the rights to a single burial in lots 20-21-22 & 23 Block G and such privileges when sold shall be numbered consecutively commencing in the North Westerly corner of the Block, and that a

record be kept of all burials made therein giving the name of the deceased and the number upon which interred.

5th And it is further ordered that the Board of Directors may sell either the Northerly or Southerly half of any of the unsold lots lying between Central, Western and Northern Avenues and 18th St (viz?) to any person desiring to purchase the one half of any of said lots provided that such sale shall not be made for less than one half of the price fixed thereon.

Respectfully submitted

Redwood City - May 8th 1877

A. Teague

S. E. Davis

Committee

Upon motion it was ordered by unanimous vote that the map of the lands of the Association made and platted by H. S. Smith in 1872 be and the same is hereby approved and adopted as the map and plat of said lands for all sales made or to be made from its date, and that the Secty immediately procure and file in the office of the County Recorder of San Mateo a correct copy of said map.

Whereupon no further business appearing, the Association adjourned.

George W. Fox

Secty