LA MARQUE CEMETERY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2013

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Chairman Pennington called the meeting to order at 6:01pm.

2. ROLL CALL

Roll was called and a quorum was present.

PRESENT: David Pennington, Bim Crowder & Kurt Koopmann

ABSENT: Guadalupe Maldonado & Bart Jennings,

STAFF: Nathan Epperson

OTHERS: Councilman Brown

3. INVOCATION AND PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Board dispensed with the invocation and pledge.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting, November 1, 2012
b. Regular Meeting, December 6, 2012

Kurt Koopmann made a motion to approve the November & December meeting minutes with correction to his last name starting with a "K" instead of a "C". Bim Crowder seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

5. CITIZEN PARTICIPATION

Comments from the Public (At this time, any person with city-related business who has signed up may speak to Cemetery Board limited to three (3) minutes). In compliance with Texas Open Meeting Act the Cemetery Board may not deliberate on comments. Personal attacks will not be allowed, and personnel matters should be addressed to the City Manager during normal business hours – Chairman recognized Councilman Brown. Councilman Brown informed the Board about the new web site. The site would allow individuals to access information on facts regarding burials at the La Marque Cemetery. Board members thanked Councilman Brown for his efforts and his support. Also, Board passed on their thanks to Mr. Martin for his participation in this project.

6. OLD BUSINESS

a. Discussion / comments – Wreaths Across America

Chairman asked Board members if they had anything they wanted to add to program. Chairman indicated he wants to add pledge at the end of the invocation. The Patriot Guard will participate in next year's program and they liked the program format our group presented. Chairman also asked Board members if they wanted to expand the program to include other cemeteries. Members believe that communities should organize their own events. Board members agreed to give advice to other communities in planning their event but we should concentrate on our own event.

b. Discussion on future events

Chairman reviewed the Cemetery Clean-Up Day event and the Cemetery Walk Through event with Board members. Chairman went over each event and question whether or not to continue with these events, if so, Board should set dates.

7. NEW BUSINESS

a. Discussion/possible action on Election of Officers

Chairman opened discussion on election for Board members. Bim Crowder made a motion of acclamation to maintain the officers as is. Kurt Koopmann seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

b. Discussion/possible action of Five Year Plan

Chairman reviewed with members the Board's future plans for events and development. Items suggested to add to list were an Urn Garden with 2ft by 2fy plots, a gate for the front entrance to the Cemetery and a Cross Scattering Garden with concrete sidewalk in an amphitheater design.

c. Discussion/possible action – Farias Family clarification on number of plots purchased by family

Chairman gave Board members a brief account of the issue. The Farias family was not present to answer any questions. Bim Crowder made a motion to table until the family can be present. David Pennington seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

d. Discussion/possible action – changes to the La Marque Cemetery Rules

Chairman opened discussion to update the rules for the Cemetery. The Board recommended the following items should be reviewed: the fee schedule, cremation plot policy and the collection of filing fees for deeds. Chairman suggested that Bim check into cremation, Kurt to proof read the policy and David will examine the fee schedule. David Pennington made a motion to table until members could review policies. Bim Crowder seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

e. Discussion/possible action on setting date and time for the next Cemetery Board Meeting

Bim Crowder made a motion for the next meeting to be scheduled for April 4, 2013 @ 6:00pm. David Pennington seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

8. CHAIR REPORT

Chairman indicated that he had no other items than what has already been outlined in meeting.

9. REQUESTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

a. Requests by chair and Members for items to be place on future agendas and announcements on city events/community interests -

Bim Crowder and Kurt Koopmann both stated they were good and did not have any comments. David Pennington thanked everyone for their time and for attending the meeting. Councilman Brown announced that he was still working on the gate for Cemetery entrance and that members will be surprised with the finished gate.

10. ADJOURNMENT

Board member Kurt Koopmann made a motion to adjourn. Board member Bim Crowder seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05pm.

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David Pennington, Chairperson