

## **Cemetery Board**

Notes March 23, 2026

Present: Kent Chelewski, Bob Core, Jeff Volzke, Zane Francescato, Brad Perdue, Clark Koehler, Chair

1. A guest visited the group to ask a question about one of the trash cans being very close to a grave. We discussed the placement and purpose of this trash can and other trash cans, in general. It was decided that cemetery staff would investigate the possibility of a move, and that Clark would report back to the guest.
2. We discussed present burial space statistics, with an eye toward future planning. Total spaces for sale in the three main cemeteries is 2427 with North: 2649, Greenwood: 697, and Anderson ~81. With these capacities and normally 80-90 burials per year, we are not in a capacity crisis at this point but there are many Seward residents who ask about opening up new sections, particularly the site to be developed on the “veteran’s side” of the road. Even with a large number of total vacancies, certain desirable sections are getting closer to full and people are interested in new opportunities. We looked at some old concept plans for the East addition. We discussed several long-range planning questions: When should we start to develop the new section? Do we need to develop new plans? What should the timetable be?
3. We received an update on tree replacement. Some progress has been made toward removal. There is city budget money for trees that will be used for the cemeteries.

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