



KENNESAW CEMETERY PRESERVATION COMMISSION

Meeting Minutes

November 12, 2020 - 4:00 p.m.

Online via Zoom Conference Call & In Person City Hall Training Room

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Mary Helyn Hagin	_x_
Joe Bozeman	_x_
Mickey Bozeman	_x_
Andrew Bramlett	_x_
Lewis Bramlett	_x_
Loriann White	_x_
Linda Davis	_x_

Board Liaisons:

David Blinkhorn	_____
Pat Ferris	_x_
Lea Alvarez	_x_
James Friedrich	_x_
Rod Bowman	_x_
Ricky Stewart	_____
Jacque Cullins	_____

NOTE if Quorum is present _x_

Visitors:

BUSINESS

- Approval of Minutes from September 2020 Approved – unanimous vote
 {There was no October meeting due to lack of quorum}
- Receipt of Financials (City Clerk’s office) Approved – unanimous vote
- Cemetery Foundation update (M. Hagin)
 - Deed search update
 - original researcher not able to complete project
 - Randall Akers, of Cemetery Foundation has agreed to take this on
- New cemetery website – (City Clerk’s office) – Friedrich provided an overview
 - Several missing features have been identified with work arounds in progress
 - Plan to roll out to the public via social media when ready
- Public Works update –
 - New memorial tree added
 - Shelton wall, located near the flags, was repaired by the family
 - Two memorial plaques were added to the wall and 1 more to be added
- Point for Discussion – M. Hagin asked if cemetery markers should be required
 - Work with Foundation to raise money to mark unmarked and/or unknown
 - City Clerk’s office will review Rules and Regulations documentation
- Wreaths across America update (L. White) – December 19 from 12 to 2pm
 see page 2 for additional details
- Cemetery videos update (A. Bramlett) – 50 videos of individuals buried in the cemetery have been completed. Links will be added to the Foundation website
- Christmas party plans (MH Hagin) – to be held during next meeting. Clerks office will notify everyone of Covid restrictions
- 2021 Event planning – see page 3 – all dates and information tentative

MEETING ADJOURNED – 5:16pm

Upcoming meetings: Foundation – 7pm Wednesday, January 20, 2020 – Ben Robertson
(no December meeting)

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA UPDATE

Kennesaw City Cemetery Preservation Committee Meeting – November 12, 2020 by Loriann White
Events Calendar

- 2021 WAA date is Saturday, December 18 @ 12 p.m.
- DAR WILL ASSIST WITH Memorial Day and Veterans Day festivities

Wreaths Across America committee report

- Date of event: Saturday, December 19 at 12 p.m. thru 2 p.m.
- Set up start date: Wednesday, December 16-Friday, December 18; wreaths will be delivered ON Friday, December 18
 - Wreath delivery – via tractor trailer and in large boxes (20-30 wreaths in each box) **NEED VOLUNTEERS TO HELP**
 - We plan to have 3 tents; HQ registration and literature at the tent about city, cemetery, etc. (have Andrew and Lewis Bramlett to assist) local funeral homes (1-Carmichael) have donated the tents – **WILL NEED FOLDING CHAIRS**
 - Several port-a-potties (placed in parking lot area)
 - Warming Station – gazebo
 - Water, possible Coffee, Hot Cocoa Stations at HQ and Warming Station areas
 - Cemetery has been divided into 5 section (colors) – signs for each section
 - JROTC cadets will place all wreaths at each section and escort citizens to the veteran's graves
 - We are chatting with Yamaha regarding donating the use of golf carts on day-of for those who need assistance
 - **PARKING** – outside the cemetery and directly across the street
 - **Banners** – 1 Banner to hang on corner of Main Street
- The event will be kicked off at 12 p.m. with a short, sweet ceremony
 - Mayor Easterling open comments
 - Chair Mary Helyn to make remarks
 - Approximately 200 Harrison, North Cobb and Kennesaw Mountain High School JROTC cadets to participate and assist throughout the event
 - Flag Corps – JROTC, American Legion, SAR, Disabled American Veterans and possibly either a Councilmember, Cemetery Committee member or citizen to participate
 - 2 buglers; echo taps to play
 - Possible bagpiper
 - 7 ceremonial wreaths; one to represent each branch of service, one for the city, one for the cemetery committee – DAR will have a wreath to present as well
 - Ceremony kick-off is located at Rose Circle area **WILL NEED UP TO 50 FOLDING CHAIRS, PODIUM, SOUND SYSTEM, FLAGS** (possible use the American Legion, Parks and Recs)
- Wreaths goal was 130 – increased to 200, because of a buy one, take one program with private cemeteries <https://wreathscrossamerica.org/pages/164152/Overview/?relatedId=0>
- Out of a goal of 200, we have sold, secured 159 wreaths; 79.5% of goal, with 41 more wreaths to go

- Wreath Pick Up – JROTC cadets to pick up by Saturday, January 16

2021 KENNESAW CEMETERY EVENTS **(TENTATIVE)**

KENNESAW CEMETERY PRESERVATION COMMISSION MEETINGS

4pm – Kennesaw City Hall ~ Second Thursday of each month
Jan. 14, Feb. 11, March 11, April 8, May 13, June 10, July 8, August 12, Sep. 9, Oct. 14, Nov. 11, Dec. 9

KENNESAW CEMETERY PRESERVATION FOUNDATION MEETINGS

7pm – Ben Robertson Community Center ~ Third Wednesday of each month
Jan. 20, Feb. 17, March 17, April 21, May 19, June 16, July 21, August 18, Sep. 15, Oct. 20, Nov. 17 (Dec. - none)

JOINT MEETING: Cemetery Commission and Foundation – date to be determined
CEMETERY SUMMIT: ???

DECORATION DAY ~ Saturday, May 1

Join us as we help to beautify the cemetery & honor some who have recently passed away.
Lunch will be provided ~ Cemetery Tours available

MEMORIAL DAY

Monday, May 31
Service to honor soldiers buried in the Cemetery.
Commission to manage this event?
PLAN DATE TO REFRESH AND REPLACE FLAGS
Invite DAR and AMERICAN LEGION to assist

CLEAN UP DAY

Saturday, October 16
Join us as we help to beautify the City Cemetery.
Cemetery Tours available
In partnership with Keep Kennesaw Beautiful?????

CAMP MCDONALD DAY???

Saturday, June 13
Cemetery tours offered in partnership with Friends of
Camp McDonald

VETERANS DAY

Thursday, November 11
PLAN DATE TO REFRESH AND REPLACE FLAGS
Invite DAR and AMERICAN LEGION to assist

PRESENTATION

Find a cemetery related presentation
Possibly Andrew Bramlett – Symbols of the Cemetery
or
Jeff Clemons – presentation on Westview in Atlanta

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Saturday, December ?? – Time TBD
Sponsored wreaths placed at gravesites of all
soldiers in the cemetery
In partnership with
Kennesaw Mountain Chapter of DAR

WALKING TOURS {30-minute}of the Kennesaw City Cemetery

Contact Andrew Bramlett and Lewis Bramlett at lpbramlett@hotmail.com or 770-794-1622

Send donations to help beautify the cemetery to:

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