

**TriValley Cemetery Committee**  
Draft Meeting Minutes  
January 16, 2004  
Meeting with Corrie Development

**Present:** Jennifer Hosterman, Claudia McCormick, Mike Shimansky, Jenny Turnbull, Dave Hudson, Karen Steeper, Alyssa Sandoval, Howard Neely, Robert Mallon, Joe Cook, Chris Kelly, Jim Parsons, Sid Corrie, Pete Klein

**Proceedings:**

1. *Introductions*

- Each person introduces themselves.

2. *Discussion*

Mr. Corrie stated that the proposed cemetery plan has gone through five different versions. Mr. Corrie is not interested in having partners; the cemetery will be a for-profit venture.

Discussion on how many cemeteries the Tri-Valley could sustain and still be economically viable. Some thought that there was only enough room for one cemetery in the Valley while others disagreed and thought more than one could be supported.

Mr. Mallon gave a brief background on trends affecting cemeteries, including that there would be a 20-year flat death rate and then the death rate would probably spike up with the boomers. Also, the trend is toward more cremation burials and ash scattering, which don't cost as much as standard burials. Revenue from single burials is \$5,000 to \$8,000 while for cremations it is \$3,000 to \$5,000. In his opinion, more than one Tri-Valley cemetery would not be economically viable.

Mr. Corrie and his consultants gave some specifics on the cemetery proposal outlined below:

- 40 acres are developable.
- There is a creek bed, which is environmentally sensitive.
- Anticipating developing up to 66,000 single depth burials (132,000 double burials) and 200,000 cremation burials.
- They submitted a pre-application to the Contra Costa County Planning Department and have received preliminary comments on the proposal. They have revised and fine-tuned the plan according to the comments they received from the County.
- Haven't determined the level of environmental review that will be required.
- Cemetery will be non-denominational.
- Cemetery will be for-profit and has in-house investors only.

- They want to have the entire cemetery approved up front. They do not want to have to renew Conditional Use Permit approvals over time as they develop the cemetery.
- The cemetery will have phased development with the lower portions being developed first.
- Significant upfront, capital expenditures will be undertaken to put in the necessary infrastructure: they will pre-bury vaults and spend money for buildings and an entry way. They are considering whether to build a crematorium.
- They believe they will have enough water to serve the cemetery from an underground aquifer. They will incorporate bioswales on the site. Runoff will go to the low end of the site and the water will be reclaimed for irrigation.
- They believe the County's planning review process will take approximately 12 to 18 months and then they will be able to begin development.

### *3. Misc. Questions*

Ms. McCormick asked if Corrie Development had support from the Contra Costa's Board of Supervisors for the proposal.

- Corrie Development said they had already talked to 4 Supervisors and they did not voice any opposition to their proposal. Mr. Corrie noted that the proposal had support from Millie Greenberg.

Some members of the Tri-Valley Cemetery Committee asked what they could do to support the proposal.

- Corrie Development said they would like to have a letter of support from the Committee and/or a letter of support from each city represented by the Committee.

### *4. Next steps*

- Corrie Development to send an information packet to each of the members of the TriValley Cemetery Committee.
- The TriValley Cemetery Committee will schedule a meeting to discuss the Corrie Development Cemetery proposal when they receive the packets.

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with Corrie Development, January 16, 4:00 p.m.

Attendees:

Jennifer Hosterman  
Councilmember  
City of Pleasanton

*JH*

*Dave Hudson*  
*SM Ramon*  
*City Council*

Claudia McCormick  
Vice Mayor  
City of Dublin

*C.M.*

*RR*

Mike Shimansky  
Mayor  
Town of Danville

*M. Shimansky*

Jenny Turnbull  
Planner  
City of Livermore

*JT*

Alyssa Sandoval  
Planner  
City of Pleasanton

*AS*

Randy Friesen  
Graham Hitch Mortuary

Howard Neely  
Resident  
City of Pleasanton

*HN*

Robert Mallon  
Catholic Cemeteries

*RM*

Gordon G. Swallow  
Skylawn  
Hayward, CA

Joe Cook  
Resident  
Pleasanton, CA

*JC*

*CHRIS KELLY - AWAITED*

*JIM PARSONS - LAND PLANNER/CIVIL ENGINEER*

*Sid Corrie* → *Corrie Development Corp*  
*Dele Klaw*