

Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association

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Prairie Dog Barrier Wall is Finished

“We tried everything else and the status quo was unacceptable”

The above quote was the sentiment of several members of the Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association as we watched prairie dogs wreck havoc on the grounds—undermining gravestones, creating dangerous holes, nibbling on the irrigation tubing, etc. So after several months of discussion and research, the board decided to raise funds to build **the great prairie dog barrier wall** along the cemetery’s entire western boundary, the only border not already protected by concrete.

“We decided building some kind of barrier to keep prairie dogs from coming in was the best way to go,” said board member Bruce Kohl, the de facto project manager. After hiring a professional contractor to “humanely remove” dozens of prairie dogs, and jumping through other hoops to get a building permit from the City of Santa Fe, construction of the wall began early in February and was completed in mid April.

“The contractor gave us a hell of a price,” Kohl said of Arnoldo Carrillo, owner of Carrillo Construction. “He knew two board members and may have given us a break as a non-profit. We are very pleased with his generosity and professionalism.”



The wall is 950 feet long, goes five feet underground with solid concrete, three feet above ground with concrete, then topped with a 3-foot chain-link fence. Construction was closely monitored to ensure no damage was done to graves at the adjacent Odd Fellows Cemetery. A land swap also was negotiated with the cemetery’s northern neighbor, the School for the Deaf, to prevent damage to graves closest to the fence line.

Kohl said while some still are skeptical, he has “some degree of confidence the barrier wall will work.”

A little over half of the required funds came from designated wall donations and the rest was withdrawn from an investment account, which now needs to be replenished. **(Please see the last page of this newsletter for ways to help.)**

Message from FCPA President David Mason

What should be the focus of this message? My initial intent was to write about the accomplishments of this past year. However, at the urging of several board members, I will instead give my views on what needs to be done moving forward.

I do not possess a crystal ball and with the loss of my (our) friend and mentor, Ike Kalangis, on whom I greatly depended, I will be relying even more on the counsel of the board and association members. Here are some of my thoughts about the future of our historic Fairview Cemetery.

Foremost, I believe every project, big or small, needs to be fully funded and staffed. Some of these projects, such as large dead tree removal or stump grinding can only be safely accomplished by paid professionals. These projects can be funded by donations, investment income, and future sales of gravesites.

There are many other projects that can be completed with minimal cost, but it will take all of us to “step up to the plate” and give more of our time to accomplish all the smaller jobs that need to be done. These include pruning of small trees and shrubs, drip irrigation repair, ground leveling, debris pickup and headstone repair.

While volunteers are needed year round, some of this work can be done at our annual spring cleanup. Please join us on **Saturday, May 18, beginning at 9 a.m.** to help us keep moving forward. Bring tools for work, food to share at a potluck lunch, and your ideas for Fairview’s future. As always, new board members are needed.

One might ask: What about the caretakers? The FCPA for many years has contracted with caretakers to maintain the cemetery in exchange for free housing, utilities, and \$500 per month. More recently, this has proven to be an unsatisfactory method to accomplish necessary grounds maintenance. Effective December 31st of last year, we terminated the contract with the caretakers. The decision then was made to lease the caretaker’s house on an annual contract and use the rental income for maintenance projects as needed. It was a risky decision because “who wants to live in a cemetery on Cerrillos Road?” After three months of refurbishing the house, cleaning the surrounding property and listing it on Craig’s List, the house has been leased to a retired couple from Atlanta, GA. They will be moving in on June 1.

With the help of some of our technocrats, I would like to create a professional power point presentation what would explain the history, the current status and the future of Fairview Cemetery. This presentation could then be shown to civic organizations, religious groups, local businesses, town hall meetings, etc. The major theme would be the importance of sustaining this national, state and local historical site.

As I complete my tour as president, I believe the future of the FCPA and “life” of the cemetery is very promising, but it will take all of us to be an active part of that future. I look forward to seeing everyone at the May 18 annual workday and general membership meeting.

FAIRVIEW FACTOID

The FCPA was forced to stop watering grass at the 5-acre cemetery in 2002 after being hit with a massive water bill that eventually was negotiated down to \$30,000. At about the same time, a Stage 3 drought was declared and the cemetery was limited to watering one night per week – allowing only about 20 minutes of watering per zone per week, which was not sufficient to keep the grass alive. The water bill eventually was paid and the FCPA board made the decision to concentrate future watering on trees and plants. Installing and repairing the drip irrigation system continues to be a major expense.

History at Fairview

Fairview's "residents" 100 years ago
from the *Santa Fe New Mexican*

Jan. 7, 1913: City and County Health Physician **Dr. David Knapp** [dc 1946 at age 78] has returned from Lamy where he says there are four cases of smallpox, but the parties and those living in the same house with them have all been vaccinated. "The conditions in Lamy are satisfactory," continued the physician, "and I do not fear for the future."

Jan. 14, 1913: The second session of the First State Legislature is with us again. ... If there was any difficulty over speakership in the House, as some had forecast was in the air, it was not shown, for **Ramon Liberator Baca** [dc. 1935 at age 71] ascended the throne, made a neat little speech and presided as before — and none arose, not even C.C. Catron, to say him nay.

March 26, 1913: That the school board, about to be elected should have at least one or two women as members...was the unanimous expression of the members of the Woman's Board of Trade. The feeling in regard to the selection of women for members of the board which has, after all, the supervision of children, was elicited by **Mrs. A.B. (Marietta) Renehan** [dc 1963 at age 87], first vice president of the Woman's Board of Trade. (*The Woman's Board of Trade owned and operated the cemetery from 1930 to 1978, but actually had managed Fairview since 1899.*)

April 2, 1913: The Republicans carried the city in the school board election held yesterday. The elected were J.D. Sena, F.F. Gormley, Mrs. A.M. Bergere, **W.G. Sargent** [dc 1936 at age 68] and **Mrs. R.J. Palen** [dc 1927 at age 82].

April 9, 1913: The Rotary Club voted unanimously on motion of **Paul A.F. Walter** [dc 1966 at age 92]...to get off the marks early in the Second War Loan drive, buying a \$500 treasury bond.

Recent Burials

While there have been no interments this year, arrangements are being made for the following:

- ◆ Jonathan Byron Carr, died April 24, 2003, at age 61. His daughter, Catherine, recently purchased a cremains plot for her father.
- ◆ Patrick B. New, died Aug. 29, 2011, at age 48. His wife, Jennifer Brooks, is making arrangements for burial with his grandparents, Aaron & Elizabeth Margulis.
- ◆ Constance Barker Eddy Sproul, died Feb. 11, 2013, and Dandridge Sproul will be buried together in a plot she purchased in 2007 to be near the grave of her daughter, Beth Eddy.
- ◆ Jean MacGillivray Seth, died Jan. 19, 2013, at age 90.
See: www.santafenewmexican.com/Local%20News/012413Seth

Donations to Fairview's Building and Maintenance Fund (Nov. 2012-Mar. 2013)

In memory of Jean MacGillivray Seth

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Harris/Harriett Barber
M/M Thomas B. Catron
Marilyn & Joe Hughey
Willard J. Lewis
Rachel Michaelsen
M/M James Moore
Henry Pick

Barbara & Albert Simms

In memory of Carolyn Berleth and Sons

Patricia Lee Witthauer

In memory of Frances Cross

Victor Ortega

In memory of Benedict Kahn

Burton and Betty Ann Kahn

In memory of John N. and Lydia Stump

John Stump

In memory of A.J. Abbott

Carolyn Smith

In memory of Edna & John Walter

Clara & Paul A.F. Walter

Robert & Janet Guarini

In memory of the Comstock Family

Carl Myers

In memory of Tom & Edith Broome

George Broome

In memory of W.H. Livingston

Lois & Mary Brown

In memory of the Marsh family

Al & Donald Bullick

In memory of Sam Paul

Stephen Wassner

In memory of Marian Meyer

George Donoho Bayless

Other:

William & Joanne Kersting

Albert & Elizabeth Clancy

Thee Keros

Nancy Pinkett Hyer

Taylor & Elva June McConnell

Jean Eddy

Fletcher Catron

John & Gloria Silver

Peter & Elinor Bickley

Howard & Ethel Groff

Dorothy Street

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Remember Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association in your giving plan. The FCPA is a 501(c)(3) organization run by an all-volunteer board that is dedicated to maintaining and preserving the cemetery as an important and accessible historical resource at the local, state and national level.

To contribute to the Building/Maintenance Fund mail checks to PO Box 5958, Santa Fe, NM, 87502, made out to “**Fairview Cemetery Preservation Association.**” To contribute to the Prairie Dog Barrier Fund, write checks to the **FCPA Prairie Dog Barrier Fund** and mail to the Association at PO Box 5958.

An account has been established at the **Santa Fe Community Foundation**, which can accept both checks and securities. Income from the fund helps pay for routine maintenance. Checks made to the “**Santa Fe Community Foundation**” should be annotated “Fairview Cemetery Endowment” and mailed to:

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To contribute securities to the endowment fund at the Santa Fe Community Foundation, contact: Christa Coggins, Vice President for Community Philanthropy, at 505-988-9715, ext. 7002

Securities may also be sent to our investment account at Raymond James and Associates. Contact John Adams at 505-982-1904 for 1-800-233-4108 for details.