

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE CITY PLANNING COMMISSION  
March 3, 1959

Meeting called to order by Chairman Robert Stanhurst.

Members present: Messrs. Bullock, McVay, Molino, Stanhurst and Townsend. Ex-officio member, City Engineer H.E. Echols. Others present Councilman Goetz, Mrs. Clark of the Humboldt Times, and Messrs. Hartwig, Fortier, Bankus, Davis, Weir, Nelson, Jagers, Thompson, Land, Corner, Mackey, and Mrs. Norman Yock, Ruth Sugg, Mildred Popken, Nellie Jagers, Cleo Mackey, Bonnie Mackey.

Minutes of the Special meeting of the Planning Commission held February 17, read and approved with the correction of one name from Lonnie Mackey to Bonnie Mackey.

Hartwig Memorial Cemetery:

Mr. Hartwig presented a map of his proposed cemetery and explained the endowment phase of his plan. He said his plan involving water system, roads and beautification would amount to \$25,000.

City Engineer Echols pointed out that some of the lots showed no dimensions and that the roadway as shown was only 14' wide and very crooked. He recommended further time to study proposed site.

Mr. Bankus gave a resume of the legal status of the present road to the proposed site. He said the property on which said road was located was sold in 1945 but that he had retained a 65 foot easement for an access road and that it was not ever a public road as county records will show. People now using this road, do so only by his permission and that he could close it with 24 hour notice.

Mr. Weir from the Weir Funeral Home in Crescent City was asked to give his opinion as to whether or not all germs could be eliminated by embalming. Answer: Was not an expert but it was his opinion that smallpox, rabies, anthrax and some other germs would not be killed.

Mr. Jagers asked Mr. Hartwig what kind of cement mixture would be used. Mr. Hartwig refused to answer.

Mr. McVay said the point at issue was between Mr. Bankus and Mr. Hartwig.

Mr. Molino said he had no objection to the road if Mr. Hartwig maintains it himself.

Mr. Echols said that in his opinion if the road as shown was accepted by the city for public use, it would be up to the city to maintain it.

PETITION of 103 names presented:

A petition requesting zoning change and especially requesting that a cemetery be not located in this area was presented by a group of property owners and read by the secretary. This request was substantiated by the signatures of business people. Chairman Stanhurst requested the secretary to read sections #12 and #13 of Ordinance #35 which briefed the group on the procedure,

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duties and power of the planning commission. Discussion followed and the sections were again read.

Mr. Stanhurst pointed out that the proper procedure had not been followed. Mr. Echols should have had time to study the plans and make a written recommendation for or against the plan before being presented to the commission. He also said he thought it would be a good idea for the city attorney to give his opinion on such a controversial matter.

Mr. Fortier asked if it would be possible for the commission to pass on the matter subject to the changes recommended by Mr. Echols. He added that no one's rights were in jeopardy.

Mr. Jagers voicing the opposition disagreed.

Mr. Townsend said any changes should be in writing.

Motion was made by Mr. Molino, seconded by Mr. Townsend that the Planning Commission accept the plans of Mr. Hartwig for a memorial cemetery subject to the changes as recommended by Mr. Echols, namely lot sizes-- dimensions and street. Unan. passed.

Question: Is this final?

Answer: No, only as far as the Commission is concerned.

Question: Might there be a question of zoning?

Answer: No, zone is agricultural and open to other uses.

Question: Then we have nothing to say in the matter?

Answer: The County court may be able to help.

Motion was made by Mr. Molino, seconded by Mr. Townsend that meeting adjourn.

Gladys Kanick, Secy.