

Blair Square Committee

Minutes

November 19, 2019

The meeting was called to order at 6:15 pm by chairman Conley.

Present: K. Conley, G. Rice, M. Ellis, P. Barbieri, H. Brockett, W. McGrath, I. Daniels, R. Harrold

Absent: M. Ahronian, S. Lively

Ms. Harrold and MS Daniels showed us two concepts for the layout at Blair Square. One with the trail being moved to the South and the other with the trail being moved to the North.

Both drawings showed a brick area near Central Street, a restroom pad, and a small stage area. M. Ellis suggested that the bathroom pad be relocated further down the trail. Ms. Daniels stated that it was placed near Vine street for easy access for cleaning and if left where it is it would be handicap accessible. . Some concerns were raised about the amount of shade in the open area and over the trail near Central Street.

Mr. Brockett showed the group a drawing of a prefab building that could be used for bathrooms or other purposes. More discussion arose on some type of area with a cover either a tarp or a solid roof.

Mr. Conley suggested we go around the table for comments on the drawings.

Ms. Ellis likes the trail on the North side and some type of wall for seating near the trail. She likes the bathrooms further down the trail and would like some type of solid building with a roof.

Ms. Rice like the trail on the North side doesn't want a lot of walls in the open space area. She would prefer the bathrooms be located in a parking space rather than in the lawn area.

Mr. Barbieri was concerned on the amount of open space. He had some operational questions about the area when used for functions.

Mr. Brockett like the trail on the North side. He would like some type of structure with a roof where people could sit. Maybe a small wall near the trail for seating.

Mr. McGrath like the trial on the North side. Was concerned about how much would be covered by the bricks. He also questioned the trees near Central Street. Overall he liked the concept.

Mr. Conley doesn't like the tarp type covering for the shade, concerned about hurricanes and other storms. He would like a building with a roof with some table and chairs.

After some more discussion, it was agreed that we needed a site visit to mark out different areas so that we could determine the size of some of the items under discussion. Mr. Conley said that he would come up with a date for this, probably a Saturday.

Mr. Barbieri said that we are waiting for final drawings from GLM for the area behind Casey's. The easement needs one more signature. The grant has been approved.

Mr. Conley suggested we set a timeline for the Blair Square portion to get to town meeting with a funding amount.

After some discussion it was suggested that we try to get the final drawings before the select board in mid- January, hold public meetings in February and get cost estimates for the May town meeting.

A motion was made by McGrath, seconded by Barbieri to adjourn at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk