

Blair Square Committee

November 26, 2018

Minutes

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Vice-Chairman Barbieri.

Present: P. Barbieri, W. McGrath, S. Lively, G. Rice, M. Ellis, H. Brockett also Mr. Atkins and his wife (abutters to the trail).

Absent: M. Ahronian, J. Errickson

Minutes:

A motion was made by Mr. Lively, seconded by Ms. Rice to accept the minutes of November 5, 2018. Motion approved.

Old Business:

A discussion arose on the area behind Casey's and how we might be able to connect to the existing drainage system. Mr. Barbieri presented 2 drawings one with straight parking and the other with diagonal parking. It would appear that the diagonal parking is more appropriate. The street would be one-way from Central to Church streets.

Ms. Rice mentioned there is another grant available that needs to be filed by February. It was agreed that the committee should take advantage of this grant.

Mr. Barbieri was going to get back with GLM to get a drawing that would include elevations and drainage; also we would like to see the trail location as well as buffer areas on either side to allow for aesthetic plantings and safety treatments such as fences.

New Business:

There was a discussion about the possible uses for the area around Blair Square. Possible bathrooms utilizing the caboose and perhaps a bike shop. Mr. McGrath mentioned that the Veterans would like a monument somewhere close to the road so that it could be seen as well as used for ceremonies. Mr. Brockett mentioned that he would like to see an area further down the trail that would be used as a quiet area where Veterans or anyone could go to sit and reflect. Barbieri mentioned the possibility of having a cement foundation so that a stage or picnic area could be set up. Ms. Rice wanted to ensure that no matter what was planned for the site, that the activities of the Friends of the Rail Trail would not be impacted.

It was agreed that we needed to get someone to make a design of the area with our ideas so that we would have something to show to the public for comment.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the committee will be December 18, 2018 at 6 pm in town hall.

Adjournment:

A motion was made by Mr. McGrath, seconded by Ms. Rice to adjourn the meeting at 7 pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Walter R. McGrath". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk