

Blair Square Committee

March 11, 2019

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Errickson at 6:02 pm.

Present: J. Errickson, P. Barbieri, S. Lively, G. Rice, M. Ellis, H. Brockett, K. Conley

Absent: M. Ahronian

Guests: Inge Daniels

The committee noted that the grant application had been filed. P. Barbieri suggested that we get the selectmen to sponsor an article at town meeting for \$109,000 in the event that the grant was not approved. It was also suggested that J. Errickson contact CPC (Community Preservation Committee) about the grant. A motion was made by P. Barbieri, seconded by S. Lively to have the selectmen sponsor the article for \$109,000. Motion approved.

Inge Daniels was introduced to the committee and she made a presentation on the work that she had done on the Blair Square area. The concept was to allow groups to hold events there as well as to have the trail remain accessible and to have some open green space. One area would have some stadium type seating as well as a flat open area for other uses. There was a space for the Veteran's Memorial and also paths for access from several locations. The drawing that Inge showed the committee was from Central Street to area about 1000 feet short of Exchange Street. Inge also showed the committee a presentation on her laptop that showed some actual pictures of what some of the places might look like, including fitness stations. Inge also showed the committee a drawing of what the Veteran's Memorial might look like. W. McGrath explained that although the drawing was similar to what the Veterans had it wasn't quite the same. W. McGrath would bring the Veterans drawing to the next meeting. There were some good discussions around the drawing and some other concepts that might be considered.

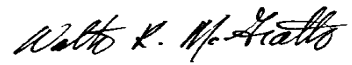
The committee also discussed who would be maintaining the area after completion such as trash removal, grass cutting etc. Bathrooms and Port-A Toilets was also discussed. The committee suggested that we have Beals + Thomas attend the next meeting along with Inge Daniels so that we could have further discussion on the concept as well as have Beals + Thomas begin the process of engineering the site. P. Barbieri will contact Beals + Thomas about the next meeting. It was suggested that Inge bring the matrix to the next meeting so that the committee could see what the priorities were from the community.

A motion was made by S. Lively, seconded by P. Barbieri to accept the minutes of January 23, 2019. Motion approved.

The next meeting of the committee will be April 10, 2019 at 6 pm

A motion was made by S. Lively, seconded by P. Barbieri to adjourn the meeting at 7:29 pm. Motion approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Walter R. McGrath".

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk