

Blair Square Committee

Minutes

August 29, 2019

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 7:30 pm.

Present: K. Conley, G. Rice, M. Ellis, M. Ahronian, H. Brockett, W. McGrath

Absent: J. Errickson, S. Lively, P. Barbieri

McGrath gave a brief overview of the walk-through at Blair Square.

K. Conley suggested we go around the room and get each person's idea of how the area should be used and what facilities should be located there.

W. McGrath – Leave area pretty much as is with some added open space. If bathrooms should be small buildings, thinks the caboose is too large for the area.

M. Ellis – Have amphitheater, bathrooms, no food trucks and leave the trees.

G. Rice – Better landscaping, keep flexibility for the area, keep the trees.

H. Brockett – Move the trail for added open space, leave the trees, keep current interest, bathrooms, some small modifications.

M. Ahronian – Keep simple, No amphitheater interferes with the trail, relocate the trail to one side, wants bathrooms, farmer's market have not worked in the past and take away from the local farm stands, and more area near Vine Street.

K. Conley – Relocate the trail, park food trucks on the street, no caboose, bricks instead of paved area, larger pavilion for eating and shade, Keep trees, town green.

K. Conley requested McGrath ask Inge Daniels what her design and use was for the amphitheater.

We are waiting for the Federal grant for the area behind Casey's. We need a design of the drainage etc. and we need the easement. Grant approval should be soon.

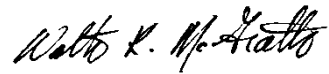
*M. Ahronian made a motion, seconded by M. Ellis to have bathrooms (composting type if possible) along with some type of pavilion and suggested that maybe relocate the caboose elsewhere on the trail if the Rail Trail Committee wanted it. Motion approved.*

Mark wanted to make sure that the minutes reflect that the committee was in favor of moving the trail at Blair Square to provide for more open space.

A motion was made by M. Ahronian, seconded by G. Rice to accept the minutes of the June 17, 2019 meeting. Motion approved.

A motion was made by W. McGrath, seconded by K. Conley to adjourn the meeting at 8:35 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