

## **Blair Square Committee**

### **Minutes**

**February 16, 2023**

**Room 200 and via zoom**

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Conley at 6:05 pm.

McGrath read the governor's Order suspending certain provisions of the Open Meeting Law

A roll call was taken:

Present were: K. Conley, H. Brockett and W. McGrath

Present on Zoom: G. Rice, E. Woodhouse, I. Daniels, R. Andreola, P. Barbieri, J. Keast, S. Lively

A motion was made by S. Lively, seconded by W. McGrath to approve the minutes of December 6, 2022. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

A discussion arose on the possible design of a rail car on the sides of the pavilion. After much discussion, it was agreed that R. Andreola would send the design drawings of the pavilion to P. Barbieri who would in turn send around his ideas to the committee. I. Daniels was concerned about keeping the history of the area intact.

The granite seating wall was discussed. Some folks like the design; others thought it should have been smooth like the drawings showed. R. Andreola made a presentation to the committee about what was actually on the bid documents and why the granite wall that is there was chosen. R. Andreola also told the committee what was being done to improve not only the look of the wall but its safety. It was agreed to wait awhile to see what the final area and wall look like before making any changes. P. Barbieri stated his objection to the acceptance of the unfinished blocks.

The next item on the agenda was the discussion of irrigation and sod. At the present time there is no money in the budget for irrigation and sod, only for hydro seeding. Some discussion arose on ways to raise money to use for the irrigation and sod. Some suggestions were: selling bricks, asking for donation, asking the contractor to do it for nothing and going to the town for more money. J. Keast told the committee that we had about 2 weeks before a decision needed to be made. The cost of irrigation and sod would be about \$20,000, there was about \$7,000 left in the budget. The committee agreed that irrigation and sod was the best option if we can find the money. It was suggested that J. Keast get a quote from another contractor.

A motion was made by S. Lively, seconded by W. McGrath to install irrigation and sod at the site. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

A motion was made by McGrath, seconded by S. Lively to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 pm. The motion was approved on a roll call vote.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Walter R. McGrath, Clerk