

## AD HOC COMMITTEE - CLAREMONT AMTRAK STOP

Minutes for 3/10/2015

Call to order: 6:13 PM

Attendees: Charlene Lovett, Scott Magnuson, Carolyn Towle, Raymond Gagnon

Absent: James Reed

1. Update by Scott Magnuson on recent Amtrak rail excursion to Springfield Massachusetts.
2. Holiday decorations being taken down by chair.
3. Concern regarding Snow being piled at Jct and the impact this will have in the Spring – i.e. Mud Season.
  - a. Chair will identify if this is City snow or Lambert property snow.
4. Efforts continue to reach out and meet with Jct property owners. Chair will request a meeting with some business owners.
5. Committee discussion re: Train/Bike event at Claremont Junction. Common Man is sold out for the weekend, consensus we explore an alternative date.
  - a. Suggested dates are: July 17/18; July 24/25; Aug 21/22. Note: Common Man will only be able to guarantee a block of rooms for a specific period of time.
  - b. Role of Parks & Recreation – need confirmation from Parks & Rec regarding their participation i.e. sponsorship, transportation support and use of center facilities such as showers.
6. Landscaping Jct Area:
  - a. Explore possible donations – Carolyn volunteered to approach local landscape vendors.
  - b. Lambert Businesses (Dealership & Bike Shop) will supply materials if committee provides the labor.
  - c. Chair Charlene met with young professionals group regarding their willingness to volunteer labor, which they responded in the affirmative.
7. Next meeting is March 24 – committee felt we should explore possibly meeting with the manager of the Bike shop as well as other abutting businesses & property owners.
8. Chair informed committee of the following

- a. The Rail Case Study of Claremont has been printed in the E-Ticker News.
  - b. The Common Man Restaurant & Inn link has been added to Amtrak's Great American Stations web site.
  - c. The Great American Stations Web Site is willing to add additional links of area entities.
9. Committee discussion focused on exploring how we should reach out to Enterprise car rental and find out what are the rental procedures. Ray Gagnon volunteered to reach out and meet with Enterprise Car Rental on Washington. St.

6:55 PM Motion made by Carolyn Towle to adjourn, seconded by Scott Magnuson – unanimous concurrence – meeting adjourned – next meeting March 24, 2015.

Respectfully submitted,

Raymond Gagnon, Acting scribe.