

CLAREMONT JCT COMMITTEE



Claremont Jct Committee

Minutes – March 31, 2015

6:01 pm – Chair called meeting to order

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

Absent: James Reed

1. Motion made by Carolyn Towle, 2nd by Scott Magnuson to accept the minutes of 3/10/15. Unanimous concurrence by committee.
2. Motion made by R. Gagnon, 2nd by Carolyn Towle to accept the minutes of 3/24 with corrections to date (typo – change from April 31 to March 31). Motion passes 3-0, with Scott Magnuson abstaining.
3. Bike & Rails weekend – date is finalized as July 25. Claremont Parks & Recreation will provide their shuttle bus, as well as offer the use of their facilities for participants, the Bike Shop is on board and finalizing routes, Common Man will block a number of rooms for participants. The committee has agreed that the month of April will be utilized for marketing purposes.
 - a. R. Gagnon has volunteered to look into the use of social media to publicize the event as well as the efforts of the Claremont Jct/Rail Committee.
 - i. Will contact city officials relative to any constraints that may exist from the municipalities perspective,
 - ii. Reach out to community members knowledgeable about the use of social media for advice on how best to proceed.
4. Concern was expressed by Scott Magnuson that he has been approached by several members of the general public as to their inability to access the minutes of the committee. Apparently,

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some of the more recent minutes have been unavailable. Chair agreed to contact the city & request that they be added to the committee website.

5. Committee – as a body – moved the meeting to the Claremont Jct in order to best assess landscaping improvements/recommendations. Charlene Lovett informed the committee that she intends to check with abutting landowners at the Junction regarding our plans – including our thoughts on landscape improvements at the Jct. Our collective suggestions would be shared with businesses abutting the Amtrak Stop.
 - a. Committee felt that a pre-meeting site visit before meeting with a local landscaper might be useful and entail less of an intrusion on the landscaper who has agreed to provide pro-bono assistance.
 - b. Committee also agreed that since Lambert Auto has agreed to funding these improvements – an outline of suggested actions be presented to them for their consideration.
 - c. Related to the landscaping plans, the issue of snow removal and locating a large pile on the easterly side of the lot should also be addressed. The contract for both the Car Dealership/Bike Shop parking and the Amtrak platform is the same person and the snow is co-mingled and left in the yard. Concern was that this is unsightly, may cause some mobility problems during mud-season as well as cause some hesitancy by travelers choosing to leave their vehicle at the Jct. Charlene agreed to bring this to Amtrak's attention as it is their contract.
 - d. The committee walked the site and identified a number of suggestions & questions to go over with the local landscaper relative to cost and topographical appropriateness.

7:08 PM – a motion to adjourn was made by Scott Magnuson, 2nd by Carolyn Towle to adjourn – all in attendance concurred and the meeting was terminated.

Respectfully submitted:
Raymond Gagnon,
Acting scribe.