

Minutes of Fairgrounds Meeting December 21, 2023

Present: Jerry, Steve, Greg D. Andy, Rob, Kathy, Hannah, Jackie, Elaine, Howard

Absent: Sean, Greg L. Deb

Guest: Regina (on Zoom), Don

- I. Minutes of 11/21/2023 Approved
- II. Consensus on size of softball field and siting the Basketball-Sports Court (BSC)
Regina present 2 versions of a proposal for the softball field and situating the BSC – Plan A and B
Highlights of the discussion that ensued.
 - 1) Although expansion of the softball field to 275 would allow for adult games, the downside is that it would overlap with the BB field and would require substantially greater earth movement and sloping. It was agreed that the 235 size is sufficient for girls' teams and would allow 2 games to be played simultaneously.
 - 2) The other major topic of discussion was the preference for the E-W orientation of the BSC.

Regina will work on another revised plan that reflects the changes discussed and get it to the committee by the end of next week 12/29. It will be distributed to the entire working group for e-mail consensus. The group agreed on project name of Fairgrounds Community Park.

The work involved in modifying the path of the walking trails will be included in the finished plan.

There will be a new color rendering of the plan available for the January 17 public meeting.

III. Preparation for the Jan 17 Public meeting

Each committee member will present a different aspect of the project and Regina will be present to answer questions.

- 1) Pollinator garden
- 2) Improved accessibility
- 3) Parking lot changes including paving and a gate
- 4) BSC placement
- 5) Design and placement of softball field/community space
- 6) Water and Electric
- 7) Signage
- 8) Cost/ Financing
- 9) Maintenance

There will be another meeting on January 11, 2024 to organize final preparations.

Meeting adjourned 8:15

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine

Special thanks to Kathy for the delicious cider and Ice-cream treat.