

DRAFT Group Meeting Notes DRAFT
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RE: Dumpster Location for Firehouse Restaurant

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The group met at 10 a.m. in the east NRA lot. Geordie Vining began the meeting by outlining plans to apply for a grant to upgrade the two gravel access pathways with brick, benches and plantings.

The discussion then focused on the dumpster location for the new restaurant, in efforts to get as much of this "ironed out" as possible before Thursday (2/12) evening's NRA public hearing at 6 p.m. in City Hall. Mary Lou asked Kathleen to give a brief overview of the past 6 months. The group then reviewed the current remaining options, with the following decisions in descending order of preference:

(1 = unacceptable, 2= acceptable, 3= preferred)

1. **Unacceptable:** Place dumpster in the "old Ciro's" location.

2. **Acceptable:** Place dumpster in the area of land between the brick pathway and the paved lot behind the McFarland building, where it will be partially camouflaged by trees.
 This spot will be to the right of, and as close as we can get, to the "green X" on the map (*attached*).
 (The exact spot will be determined by the outcome of the survey, as the NRA portion of that triangle of land needs to be big enough to accommodate an enclosed dumpster).

3. **Preferable A:** Place dumpster adjacent to the brick shed on Railroad Ave, Ask Mr. McFarland again if he will be amenable to a trade, where we use one of his parking spaces to access the dumpster, and in turn, the NRA/Waterfront Trust will "carve out" two parking spaces to give to him.

- Preferable B:** Same as above, but instead of placing a new dumpster, enlarge the existing brick shed.

Even though solution # 3 is preferred, Mr. McFarland has already been approached repeatedly and has declined our offer of a trade of parking spaces. The group then decided that we should proceed with Acceptable Solution #2, and hope that Mr. McFarland may reconsider these choices as we proceed with dumpster plans.