

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Ashley Wiertzema, Curt Londroche, Sarah Lansing, Evie Fox, Neil Crocker, Chris Loehr, Shawn Roberts, Patrick Hollister (Telecom), Kris Karlgaard, Mandy Steinberg, Adalia Speer, Reed Johnson

Guest Present: Tim Collins

#### 1. Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Evie offered a motion to approve the minutes from the March 8, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris and carried unanimously.

#### 3. Headwater Music Festival

Tim informed the committee on the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual music event that will be held July 20-23, 2023, in Wahpeton and Breckenridge. Tim explained the history and some information regarding this year's event. The mission is to invest in local musicians and give them a platform to perform. Tim invited everyone to like and share the Facebook page. They are looking for donations and/or volunteers. The past events have been well attended and each year the attendance has increased.

#### 4. Headwaters Day – Saturday, September 9, 2023, Planning

The committee discussed what events were in the park at last year's event, including the paid entertainment (Pikadily, DJ), vendors, volunteers, garbage's. The committee discussed some of the possible options for entertainment for this event (examples: laser tag, inflatables, axe throwing, comedian/magician, car show, local music, street dance). The committee members volunteered to contact the possible entertainment options regarding cost and availability, with some of the different ideas discussed.

\*Reed offered a motion to hire Double A DJ again this year to do the DJ and Master of Ceremony the event. The motion was seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

-Lori G. will contact Double A DJ.

-Lori G. will send out an email to businesses, churches, service groups and past vendors with an invite to participate.

-Lori G. will send out an email to possible volunteers (activities director and Valley Lake Boys Home).

#### 5. Highway 75 walk/bike path Banners- Update

-Banners were installed along the path. Lori G. sent out an email to the sponsors letting them know the banners were hung and encouraging them to go for a stroll on the path and check them out. The total number of sponsors was 27, with 28 in the years past. Total profit from this project is \$5,483.75.

-Chris Vedder informed the City Council and asked to pass along the following information to the committee; The Art Council did not get the grant for the banners. However, they will apply again in the fall.

#### 6. Safe Routes to School

##### Engineering Update

Neil updated the committee on the tree removal, contract with the concrete contractor, smart gate, and flashing beacons. Work will begin when school is out.

##### Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

#### 4. Other Business

a. MnDOT Grant Available- Active Transportation:

I. Jefferson Park:

The grant for new sidewalks was not selected for funding. There were 81 applications with a request for \$29.5 million, with only \$3.5 million available for the applications.

-Patrick stated that this is planned to be an annual grant opportunity and he encouraged the committee to reapply. He did make a few suggestions to strengthen the application, which include having a Bike and Pedestrian Plan (which he can help with), Park Plan, Comprehension Plan & Safe Routes to School Plan. These items should state the need for what you are applying for.

-There is another Transportation Alternative Grant (same grant used for Hwy 75 walk/bike path) coming this fall. However, there is a 20% match requirement.

-Neil reminded the committee that with federal and state grants there are other costs involved (engineering) and the support of the county is also needed. Due to the city not being able to be the fiscal agent, that needs to be the county.

b. Bicycle Friendly Communities

Patrick is going to email the Fergus Falls, MN Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan to the committee for reference.

5. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

See above.

b. Levee path

Letters went out to the owners adjacent to the levee system. Chris has had a few returned and most of the owners are not allowing their property to be opened for this matter.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates at this time.

Other

-Patrick asked the committee to fill out the two surveys that were emailed: one for MnDOT (20-year MN State Highway Investment Plan) and one for PartnerSHIP 4 Health (Local Food Systems Plan).

-Curtis handed out flyers regarding the Flea Market at Welles Memorial Park.

-Headwaters Day Queen Pageant is currently being planned

-OSPTI Bike/Walk to School is May 3<sup>rd</sup>

-OSPTI Walk/Run 5k is May 10<sup>th</sup>

- Family Community Center will be open summer hours (Monday through Thursday from 1-5pm)

Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am. Seconded by Kris and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, May 10, 2023, at 9:00 AM.