

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, March 9th, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Shawn Roberts, Lori Gefre, Reed Johnson, Patrick Hollister (Telecom), Kris Karlgaard, Becky Tripp, Curt Londroche, Sarah Lansing, Neil Crocker, Chris Loehr, Corrina Erickson

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes: Reed offered a motion to approve the minutes from the February 9th, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Becky and carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update

-Neil informed the committee that he received an email with the preliminary plans and specs. There are three items that need attention. Chris and Neil are going over the items. One of the items is regarding the trees on the west side of the school; two of the 6 trees that are in question are memorials. Neil is going to send the information to Corrina to have the school make a decision on how they want to proceed with that area.

- Once the plans are finalized, this project will go out for bids.

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

1. Dog Park

Bench Donation:

This is still in the works and more information should come in the next couple of weeks.

Accessories- Update:

-Neil and Lori met with local dog enthusiasts (Mary Morris, Amy Welch and Lisa Hill) on February 16th. During this meeting the different types and styles of accessories were discussed. There was good information received; Make sure items are secured down (tipping and stealing); No community bowl for drinking (spread disease); Running is important (keep large area open); Don't place anything too close to the fence (jumping over); Don't place seating outside of fence (people will leave their animals unattended); Dogs love- tunnels, climbing, hoops, stepping clusters; Dogs won't use unless trained- weaves and jumps.

-An order was placed on February 18th for a dog bridge with stairs and ramp. This is estimated to ship mid-April.

-Neil is going to make stepping paws. The cost to order is approximately \$850. The cost for materials to make will be less than \$300. There may be a class at the high school that can utilize this as a project. Corrina is going to look into which class would be most appropriate and get them in touch with Neil. This is another example of when having a student attend the meeting would be an asset. Shawn will check to see if this is possible.

Headwaters Day, Saturday, September 10th, 2022- Planning:

Breckenridge City Council passed a resolution establishing "Headwaters Day" as an official activity of the city.

1. Ideas & Examples for Planning

Contact Information- Booster Clubs:

Lori emailed the school to get the contact information for the booster clubs. That way, we could contact them individually/directly due to difficult planning with the timing of the event being so close to the beginning of the school year. The only response that was received back was from Chad saying the football booster club would be willing to help serve breakfast again if that is an option.

-The committee discussed maybe meeting with school officials (public and St. Mary's) to see how they can get informed on opportunities to be more involved in the community.

Chamber Update:

-Lisa has a conflict each month to attend this meeting (one she is a voting member and the other is for the DMV).

-A contract was signed with PiKadily face painting and she has not heard back regarding the car show.

Miss Headwaters Pageant

Curtis has had years of experience in the past with pageants and he is looking to include this in Headwaters Day. He would be looking for a committee of 6 people and 6-8 participants in the pageant.

1. Parade Route- Update

No updates at this time.

Other Business:

1. Highway 75 Banner Sponsorship- Update

-All businesses renewed for the 2022-2023. Total profit was over \$5239.21.

-The banners are still in really good shape after two years. They are showing a little fading, but not enough to be replaced. This will need to be looked at for the following year; put on the agenda for December or January.

2. AARP Community Challenge Grant

Ashley Wiertzema from Wilkin County Health and Human Services has started writing this grant. This grant is due March 22nd. The grant is being written to waive vendor fees for food trucks, incentive for volunteers 50 and over, and advertisement package.

-Mainly Marathons will be hosting a 5k, 10k, 50k, Half & Full Marathon in Breckenridge/Wahpeton on May 19th and 20th. For more information or to sign up visit the website at mainlymarathons.com.

Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 10:13 am. Seconded by Kris. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, April 13th, 2022 at 9:00 AM.