

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 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, Audra Anderson

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 January 12th, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris and carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update

Update from Brian: "I hope to have a plan set done for city review by the end of this week. I will send the plans to Neil for review as soon as they are ready for review."

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

1. Dog Park

Bench Donation:

No update on bench.

-A meeting will be taking place on Wednesday the 16th with Lori, Neil, Mary Morris, Amy Welch, and Lisa Hill for the purchase of accessories for the dog park. This meeting will be to visit with the local dog enthusiasts to see if they have any suggestions on "do's or don'ts" for purchasing.

Direction Signs- PartnerSHIP 4 Health:

Signs are in and Neil will be working on the brackets for the signs to be fastened to. They will be installed when the weather warms up.

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

1. Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce- Board Meeting update

-The committee invited someone from the Chamber of Commerce to come to the February meeting. In response to the invite, the Chamber invited ALC members to attend the January Board meeting.

-Kris, Lori and Curtis attended the meeting on January 19th. At this meeting, the board explained their stance on hosting/organizing events; they will not be hosting events alone. They will work in conjunction with a group/organization to help support these functions.

-The ALC is welcomed and encouraged to plan activities, reach out to groups, and make any additions to this event. Chamber will help with advertising, marketing, parade and breakfast.

-A member of the board welcomed someone from the ALC to become a member of the Chamber Ambassadors and/or Chamber Board Member. They also inquired if the ALC is accepting new members.

2. Parade Insurance

There was discussion that the Chamber of Commerce may not be holding the insurance for parades, due to cost. So, Renae contacted the League of Minnesota Cities regarding clarification to insurance and liability for the city on parades.

-The response from the League of Minnesota is: There is no exclusion in the city's coverage related to parades. If the city takes over the sponsorship and organization of the event, the city will have liability (general and auto) coverage for the parade, nothing else needs to be done and there is no extra charge.

-The committee was questioning when the city does not sponsor the parade (example: Blue Goose Days and NDSCS), what are the liabilities for the city. Reed was going to visit with Renae and/or Jason on this.

-The committee was questioning if something has to go through City Council to make Headwaters Day an official event sponsored by the City of Breckenridge.

-Kris expressed some issues in the past with traffic flow and “bottlenecking” by the entrance to Welles Memorial Park. Kris asked Curtis to take a drive with him to get his advice to how to change the route to flow better.

3. Ideas & Examples for Planning

-Committee discussed having a listing of the different areas of the event (example: volunteers, vendors, food vendors, entertainment, parade, etc.) and having a person or “group” in charge of that specific area. Committee would like to invite service groups to attend the meeting and get to know what their goals are and see if there are any events or ways they can be of assistance with different events throughout the year. Lori will get a listing together of the local service groups and church groups.

-Committee also discussed getting a listing of the different booster clubs and contact information so we can contact them directly, instead of going through the school. It seemed that emailing the activity director and then forwarding it along to the different clubs was not as effective as hoped. Lori will contact the school to see if this listing is available.

Other Business:

1. Highway 75 Banner Sponsorship- Update

-There were three businesses that didn't pay for the full three year sponsorship. Lori mailed and emailed out an invoice for the \$50 sponsorship; one has returned payment. We are waiting on the other two. If there is no communication by mid-February, Lori will contact the two businesses to check on the status of renewal.

-The banners are currently down because of the Christmas decorations. Neil is going to take a look at the current condition of the banners to see if they will need to be replaced in March 2023 or if we can continue with the \$50 per year sponsorship.

-This was a good money making project; total profit was over \$5100.

2. AARP Community Challenge Grant

Chamber of Commerce forwarded information regarding a matching grant. The deadline for this grant is March 22nd. Becky had an idea to possibly write this grant for Headwaters Day. Lori is going to forward the email to her to look into it.

-Curtis brought some information on community grant programs that are available through Red River Communication.

-Kris informed the committee that there will be no Father Daughter Dance in February this year. Shawn asked if maybe there could be a different date for it this year; Kris was going to keep that in mind.

Motion by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 am. Seconded by Becky. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 9th, 2022 at 9:00 AM.