

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, March 08, 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)

Guest Present: Mary Jacklitch, Mary Ann Conrad

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 February 08, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Neil and carried unanimously.

3. Headwaters Day – Saturday, September 9, 2023, Planning CHI Foundation

Mary & Mary Ann with the St. Francis Foundation Board are looking to have a family-friendly event fundraiser showcasing the location, along with the new farm. They are inquiring about piggybacking with the Headwaters Day Event. They would plan the event for the afternoon (maybe noon to 6pm). Some ideas for the event could possibly include hayrides, pony rides, vendors, carnival rides, farmers market, etc. They have a board meeting on Monday and are looking to start the planning process.

The committee discussed the benefits of adding more things to do around the community on the day of this event.

*Neil offered a motion to approve and welcome the CHI Foundation to plan their event along with Headwaters Day 2023. The motion was seconded by Chris and carried unanimously.

Update from the Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce

With the changing of staffing in the future at the Chamber of Commerce Lori G. reached out to Lisa (Executive Vice President) to get some insight and clarification on some of the items that were handled by the Chamber in the past and what the future planning will look like.

-Lisa sent an email with the Chamber of Commerce boards discussion. The board has voted to not assume liability for parades in the future, but continue with doing advertising, flyers and any other marketing that has been done in the past several years. They will not be taking care of garbage. Also, depending on whether the ALC would be interested in receiving the \$2000 that was received in the past from the City of Breckenridge and given to the Chamber to be used in such items as the DJ and other entertainment. In the case the ALC would assume the funding to these such items, then the Chamber would not be placing ads in the newspaper or KBMW and would only use social media for advertising this event.

-Lori C. double checked with the League of Minnesota Cities (insurance) and the response is: if the city is sponsoring a parade, the city, city employees, officials and volunteers will be covered by the city's LMCIT liability coverage.

-The committee discussed what past events have entailed and what their hopeful plans are for the future.

*Shawn offered a motion to have the Active Living Committee receive the funds of \$2000 from the City of Breckenridge to be used for entertainment, advertising, and any other expenses accrued for Headwaters Day 2023. The motion was seconded by Neil and carried unanimously.

Lori G. will contact the Chamber and let them know what the committee has decided. She will compile a list for next month's meeting to get started on the specifics in the planning.

4. Highway 75 walk/bike path Banners- Update

An update from Auto Creations & Signs: Not sure when the banners will be in, the company that is making them, are still waiting for the material to come in.

5. Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update

Neil and Chris have met with Wilkin County regarding documentation and status of the project. Neil has sent the required information to MN Dot. Ti-Zack Concrete Inc. will be the contractor for the concrete work, and they have been contacted and have all the required paperwork. Beacons are on order. The gate for the circle drive is in the process of getting final quotes. Neil will be contacting Ulteig Engineering for some documentation that is needed to move forward.

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

4. Other Business

a. MnDOT Grant Available- Active Transportation:

I. Jefferson Park:

No updates currently. Grant will be awarded March 24th.

b. Bicycle Friendly Communities

Evie has begun looking into this, more information to come.

5. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

See above.

b. Levee path

Currently at a standstill, would first need funding for engineering.

c. Ideas from youth

There is continued conversation within the schools to the future of the greenhouse location and the growing of plants.

Other

-OSPTI Walk/Bike to school is May 3rd

-OSPTI 5k Fun Walk/Run is May 10th

-Evie had an idea of having an Easter Egg Hunt throughout town for people of all ages, maybe something for the Family Community Center to plan.

-The city has put out on social media for people interested in having a community garden plot available for rent. As of right now there has been no one to call in and get their name on the list.

-Curtis informed the committee that he is organizing and planning to have a flea market in Welles Memorial Park on the second weekend (Saturday and Sunday) of each month from May to September/October.

Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 10:14 am. Seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, April 12, 2023, at 9:00 AM.