

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Active Living Committee was held on Wednesday, August 12, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers and via teleconference as authorized under MN Statute 13D.021 due to the declared state of emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Corinna Erickson, Shawn Roberts, Kris Karlgaard, Neil Crocker, Reed Johnson, Joel Hoistad, Paige Rudick (Daily News), Lisa Kunkel (Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce)

Attendees via teleconference – Deb Jacobs, Tim Peterson, Patrick Hollister, Evie Fox

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 July 8th, 2020, meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris and carried unanimously.

Lisa with Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce joined the meeting to discuss 2020 Headwaters Day. In the past the Chamber has taken care of the free movie at Cinema 6, parade and pancake feed. None of these events will be able to take place this year due to COVID-19. The safety and health of the community needs to come first. It is a hard decision to not hold the event, because so much can and is happening in Wahpeton (North Dakota). The committee, along with Lisa, would like to have more activities in 2021. Headwaters Day will be added to the November agenda. The committee and Chamber will work on inviting groups, clubs, churches, etc. to mark their calendars and come up with some ideas (activity, fundraiser, raffle, etc.) to be a part of 2021 Headwaters Day. This timeframe should give them some time to work on projects for raffles (example: playhouse/shed, quilts).

Safe Routes to School

The final plans, and changes, need to be decided for this project. The final plan needs to be brought to Nathan at MnDot, for approval. Neil would like a sub-committee to come up with a comprehensive plan with the changes to the original plan. The sub-committee will be Neil, Joel, Corinna and Kris. They will meet and put together the items for the plan. They will bring this plan back to the committee for review and approval.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

Dog Park

The committee discussed the feedback regarding location and items they would like to see in the park. The committee discussed the different locations that were suggested. Items of importance to see in the location were walkable distance (central location), traffic concerns, accessibility, parking, water access, shelter/trees, benches/seating, distance away from playground (potential smell) and potential maintenance concerns (mowing, weeds, etc.). There was a consensus that the best location might be along Beede Avenue just south of the Family Community Center, west of the Twin Town Skatepark and east of Veterans Park. Neil will get pricing on fencing. Lori will contact Wayne Beyer regarding the dos and don'ts on the current Wahpeton Dog Park and any other suggestions he may have. Lori will contact the people interested in volunteering for this project and invite them to the October meeting.

Other Business

Patrick inquired about the installation of the Bike FIXIT station. The committee was informed that the Public Works Department will be installing it today. Patrick reminded city staff to return the paperwork for reimbursement and needing a photo to complete the grant. Neil will take care of the paperwork and Lori will make a flyer and email to Patrick. This flyer will be also used to promote on website and social media to inform the community of this great addition.

Motion by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 a.m. Seconded by Neil and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, September 9th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.