

Community Action Plan Leadership Committee
Monday, January 29, 2024 at 7:00 PM

Attendees: Jim Sloan, Julie Samuelson, Brian Scholin, Jill Frith, Mike Gainor, Tabitha Pickett, Denny Naughton and Becky Schueller

1. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order at 7:00 PM by Chairman Sloan.

2. APPROVE MINUTES

No minutes available.

3. OLD BUSINESS

3.1 Flower Baskets

- The City plans to continue with the original 8 baskets on Main St/3rd Avenue.
- Brock Bloomquist (Parks & Rec Director) is interested in expanding the baskets to park signage across town as well.
- A motion was made by Samuelson to allow the Parks & Rec staff to proceed with this project and ask that he let us know what is needed from this team moving forward. Seconded by Gainor. Motion passed.

3.2 Dog Park

- The park is operational. Signage is in place.
- Parks & Rec will likely be planning a grand opening in the spring.
- A motion by Samuelson to move this project to the Parks & Rec committee and consider our role in the project completed. Seconded by Frith. Motion passed.

3.3 Pine Entertainment & Recreation Center

- Following conversations with school board members and others, this committee began looking at alternative spaces
- A suggestion was made to consider a smaller footprint for a Recreation Center space. One such location is the SW corner field of the softball complex.
 - Julie Samuelson suggested that this idea should really be presented to the Parks & Recreation committee before getting too far into the planning.
- The Armory and Civic Center have also been suggested as partners to consider, but Frith says parking would be a challenge.
- Frith noted that the existing facility in Hinckley - Meshawkwa Community Center - would be an ideal layout for us to consider.
- Frith also noted that Welia continues to show interest, but wants us to be further along in the planning process.

3.4 Trails

- This subcommittee includes: Tim Lee, Cathy Clune, Brian Scholin, and Jim Sloan
- Sloan shared that there is now a preliminary engineering plan for a trail extension from Robinson Park to connect south to the high school trail area.
- The Halverstad property appears to be the stumbling block to completing this trail as they won't sell the needed property for a reasonable cost.

- For the time being, the focus will be on the section from Pine Terrace (manufactured home park) and north to Robinson Park.
- Sloan is working with the City of Pine City to complete a MNDOT trail grant application that is due on February 1st.

3.5 3rd Avenue Access

- Naughton was in attendance at the meeting and inquired on whether or not there was an update on this project.
- Nothing has been presented to City Council regarding this project.
- No new information as this sub-committee was not represented at today's meeting.

4. **Next Steps for the CAP**

- With changes at City Hall in staffing, there is not currently a Community Development Director. Tabitha Pickett will be our point of contact for the time being and assist with getting our agendas and minutes to the City website.
- Sub committees will need to do their own work on tasks and come to future meetings prepared with updates to share - or provide them in advance to Becky
- Brian suggested that we consider hosting another meeting for community member involvement to gather new volunteers.
- Review the list of original ideas and see if there are new volunteers that would help move forward something from the list.

Next meeting: Monday, February 26th at 5:00 PM

Motion to adjourn at 7:59 PM by Samuelson, second by Gainor. Motion carried.