Heart of the Lakes & Heartland Trail Connection to Vergas Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, April 3, 2023

10:00 am

Teams

Present: Patrick Hollister, Blaine Green, Jillian Reiner, Kevin Fellbaum, Steph Hogan, Mary Safgren, Paul Pinke and Clerk- Treasurer Julie Lammers. Absent: Deb Sjostrom, Jay Norby and Jill Shipman.

Call to Order

Jillian Reiner called the meeting to order.

Additions and Deletions

None.

Trail Plans

Jillian reviewed routes to both Heart of the Lakes and Heartland trails.

Open Houses

The Cities of Vergas and Frazee are working on bike and pedestrian trail plans this year!

Vergas is planning to connect to both the Heartland Trail at Frazee and the Heart of the Lakes Trail (the new trail from Pelican Rapids to Maplewood State Park to Perham). Frazee is planning a trail to connect the town to the new Wannigan Park.

You are invited to two Open Houses to view progress on these plans and provide input:

- Vergas Event Center on Thursday, May 18 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm
- Frazee Event Center on Tuesday, May 23 from 6:00pm to 8:00pm

Both Open Houses will feature the following:

- Presentation regarding plans to connect Frazee to Wannigan Park by trail.
- Presentation regarding plans to connect Vergas to the Heartland Trail at Frazee and the Heart of the Lakes Trail.
- Update on the status of Wannigan Park planning and development.
- Opportunity for you to provide input on all the above!

The above information will be presented twice at each Open House, once at 6:15pm, and again at 7:15pm.

Both Open Houses are family-friendly events, and we welcome you to bring the kids!

At the Frazee Open House, a free, light supper will be provided courtesy of the Frazee Community Development Corporation.

Please join us for either Open House, or both!

For more information, please contact Patrick Hollister at patrick.hollister@claycountymn.gov or 218-329-1809.

Next Meeting Dates and Times

Tuesday, May 9, 2023 at 10:00 am on Teams. Meeting

Adjourned at 11:00 am.

Julie Lammers City Clerk-Treasurer City of Vergas

Follow up actions:

Widseth will provide information (maps) regarding trail routes considered.

Recommendations to Council:

None.