

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Active Living Committee was held on Wednesday, September 9th, 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, Shawn Roberts, Kris Karlgaard, Reed Johnson,

Attendees via teleconference – Deb Jacobs, Corinna Erickson, Tim Peterson

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 August 12th, 2020, meeting. The motion was seconded by Tim and carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School

The subcommittee (Neil, Joel, Corinna & Kris) have not met yet. Neil has been working on current city projects and has not had time to set up the meeting. Neil will get a meeting set up for fall/winter. Shawn asked Corinna to look over the SRTS Plan and make a list of the “must haves” for the school side of things. Lori will email out the Safe Routes to School Plan to the committee. If the committee has any ideas that should be discussed in the subcommittee meeting, they should email those suggestions to one of subcommittee members. Neil should double check with Nathan at MnDOT to see what the timeframe is for getting approval of any changes. Once the ALC agrees to the changes to the plan, the committee may want to get letters of support from the city, adjacent property owners, and the school to be included with the submission to MnDOT.

St. Mary’s School may have some suggestions on SRTS and with the ALC. Reed will visit with St. Mary’s School Principal Tom Haire and Tim Mohs (St. Mary’s School custodian) and see if they would want to join the ALC.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

Dog Park

Review Feedback from Wayne, Wahpeton Parks & Rec:

Wayne, Wahpeton Parks and Rec Director, gave the committee a really good list of items that they would repeat if they build another Dog Park. These items were several things that ALC had in mind already with this project including fencing, double-gate with hard surface entry, garbage cans and doggy waste station, seating, signage, shelter and water access.

Fence Quote:

Neil measured out the area for the future dog park and received an approximate quote from Dakota Fence for 550 foot of 5 foot high chain link fence with a 4 foot walk gate and 10 foot double drive gate. This would be \$19,000, depending on the layout and jobsite.

Notes from Webinar:

Lori listened to a webinar regarding off-leash dog park design trends and planning tips. The webinar had some really great tips, and there was a listing of potential funding sources included. This listing of funding sources would be a great thing for volunteers to work on.

Volunteers:

Lori has sent out an email with information the ALC has decided on for the dog park along with an invitation to the October 14th ALC meeting.

Fundraising:

-With the fencing costing around \$19,000, a doggy waste station costing around \$500, benches and/or picnic tables, garbage, signage, etc. the committee has decided that a good goal amount for this project should be \$30,000.

-A logo needs to be decided. So, all of the upcoming correspondence of the new dog park needs to look the same. Lori will take a photo of the Wahpeton sign and the logo she made up and email to the committee and ask for input.

-Lori will start a narrative for the GoFundMe account and bring to the committee next meeting

-Once a logo is established, Lori will start making a flyer to promote fundraising for this project which will include information regarding the GoFundMe site and address to City Hall for check donations. This flyer will be sent out in an email to Breckenridge business listing and area service groups and the email should include donations of funding and/or services. The email should also ask the business to print out the flyer and hang it up in their business. Other places to promote fundraising will be Facebook, Breckenridge Public Utilities newsletter, and website.

-Due to receiving funds, Lori will check to see if there needs to be a resolution or something brought to the City Council for approval.

Signage & Rules:

Nothing at this time

Other Business

-Kris informed the committee that NDSCS Homecoming parade has been cancelled

-Committee was informed that there are now 3 full sets (2 paddles and 4 balls per set) for Pickleball available at City Hall for free rental

-Lori informed the committee that the discs for Frisbee golf have been rented out a few times over the summer. Committee discussed to maybe have signage at both the Disc golf and pickleball with information regarding the free rental available through City Hall.

Motion by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 a.m. Seconded by Kris and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.