

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Active Living Committee was held on Wednesday, May 12th, 2021, 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: Shawn Roberts, Reed Johnson, Neil Crocker, Chris Loehr, Lori Gefre, Evie Fox, Corinna Erickson

Attendees via teleconference –Tim Peterson, Patrick Hollister, Audra Anderson

Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Evie offered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 14th, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update

The proposed changes to the existing scaled back plan were approved by Nathan Gannon from MnDOT. The new plan still meets the intent of the Transportation Alternative Grant and can move forward. This went to the Public Works Committee and has been approved to move forward to the Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, May 13th. If and/or when the Finance Committee approves, it will then move forward to City Council for approval.

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

1. Dog Park

Fundraising:

Total funds raised is \$35,418; a few donations have come in since last month. This will be continued to be added to the Public Utilities newsletter and social media.

Bike Rack- PartnerSHIP 4 Health:

Bike rack was picked up and is currently at the site.

The paperwork was submitted to PartnerSHIP 4 Health and the reimbursement has been received.

Thank you to PartnerSHIP 4 Health for the grant to make this available.

Fencing:

-Century Fence Company is scheduled to start over the weekend or early next week. All the fencing and gates should be completed by the end of next week.

-Pet waste stations have been ordered and will be here by end of next week.

-The new park should be up and ready for use by the end of next week.

-Ribbon Cutting Ceremony set for Wednesday, June 9th at 10am. Lori will invite Chamber of Commerce, Dr. Vartan and Dr. Lucy Malkasian, Mayor Wilson, Daily News, and residents via radio and social media.

-Tim inquired about adding the Breckenridge Dog Park to the City of Breckenridge website, under Parks. Lori will work on getting that added to the website this week.

Direction Signs- PartnerSHIP 4 Health:

With the proposed locations for signage on various County/State Highways, approval will be needed. Neil has been in contact with the person from the County/State Highway and is waiting for an update/approval. Any signage that is placed in the right-of-way needs to get approval, whether the signage is placed on an existing pole or a new pole.

Headwaters Day 2021:

-Lori emailed out the information and invited the schools to plan an event or fundraiser for this day. Diane Cordes, Breckenridge School Superintendent, emailed back stating "We will start making plans". Corinna did state that most of the planning was regarding the parade. Lori will email out the information to Corinna to forward onto Chad Fredericksen, Activities Director, to make sure all of the booster clubs are aware as well.

-Lori will email out the information to the Breckenridge businesses, churches and service groups that she has emails for.

-Lori will put together a vendor form.

-In 2019, Valley Christian Church was the "plan B" location, due to the wet conditions in Welles Memorial Park. Shawn informed the committee that there is a new pastor coming to that church and we may want to make contact with him when it gets closer to see if this can be our 2021 alternate location.

Other Business:

-CHI St. Francis will be adding community gardens in raised boxes around their campus. They are looking for groups or individuals to help with watering, weeding, etc. Tim will send the committee more information on this.

-Blue Goose Days is June 4th, 5th and 6th

-National Night Out is August 3rd

-Mainly Marathons just had an event starting in Welles Memorial Park and looped into Wahpeton. This event is 8 races (marathon, half-marathon, 10k or 5k), in 8 days, in 8 states. This was their 2nd Annual event in Breckenridge/Wahpeton. Committee members suggested helping get the word out more, if they come back next year.

Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 9:31am. Seconded by Reed. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, June 9th, 2021 at 9:00 AM, with the Dog Park Ribbon Cutting to follow.