

Breckenridge Active Living Committee was held on Wednesday, October 13th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Shawn Roberts, Tim Peterson, Corinna Erickson, Chris Loehr, Lori Gefre, Neil Crocker, Reed Johnson, Patrick Hollister, Audra Anderson, Kris Karlgaard, Becky Tripp, Curt Londeroche

Guests Present: Craig Peterson, Scott Nicholson

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 September 8th, 2021, meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris and carried unanimously.

Vote Yes Committee Presentation

Craig Peterson, Breckenridge High School Principal, and Scott Nicholson, Vote YesX3 Committee Member, presented to the committee regarding the 2021 Referendum.

-3 Questions on ballot: Q1. Renew & Increase Operating Levy- Operations, staffing and technology (most important to get a yes vote); Q2. New PreK-12 Facility; Q3. Ice Arena (multi-purpose arena with a seasonal ice sheet to be connected to the new PreK-12 Facility)

-Funding: Lowest interest rate in 30 years and current Ag to School Credit (this is state funding that would fund 49% of new building)

-Tax Impact: tax calculator available on referendum website

-Current and past enrollment: enrollment is steady

-Location: undecided

-Voting options: Election Day is November 2nd from 10am-8pm at Breckenridge High School; Early/Absentee is available at Breckenridge Elementary School at District Office

-Questions or for more information: Contact Superintendent Brad Strand or referendum website is www.breckenridgereferendum2021.org

Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update

Update from Neil: "Brian sent to Nathan Gannon (State MN DOT) for final approval yesterday (10/7/21). Once Nathan approves, Ulteig Eng. will start work on the plans and spec. including surveying and staking sheets. That will be completed this winter and will go out for bids late winter/early spring. Construction start date will be determined as part of the bid award. "

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

1. Dog Park

Bench Donation:

Lori sent an email to Tony to get an update; still waiting for a reply.

Direction Signs- PartnerSHIP 4 Health:

Neil is still in the works of finding the street light poles to put this signage on. Once the poles have been selected, Lori will get the artwork done and get the signs made.

Headwaters Day 2021- Overview:

The weather was good and there was a great turnout for the parade and activities in Welles Memorial Park.

-Parade: Curt informed the committee that he visited with most of the parade participants and the consensus seemed to be "If it's not broke, don't fix it". There was also discussion about the WB Chamber

of Commerce not holding the insurance for the parades in the future. Lori will ask Renae to check with the League of MN Cities to get details on what is all needed to hold this insurance for the future. Kris informed the committee that the route will need to be different in the future. There was too much congestion on several streets.

-The committee would like to keep Headwaters Day on the monthly agenda.

New Project- Ideas or Needs for Breckenridge:

-Chris informed the committee that there may be a group to present to this committee in the near future regarding adding a mountain bike trail to Breckenridge. More information to come.

-There are several things on the current list that have to do with the Family Community Center (adding a kitchen to the facility), Skate Park (continuing the stages) and additional amenities in that general location (adding a basketball court and park). Lori will contact Char Schuler regarding the current status and past/original information on the Skate Park.

Other Business:

-PartnerSHIP 4 Health has a Community Leadership Team meeting on Wednesday, October 20th, and the Active Living Committee is on the agenda. Shawn will be giving an update on what the ALC has been doing lately.

-Patrick suggested to the committee that depending on what happens with the Breckenridge School Referendum, the ALC should have some items of importance to be incorporated in with the project (example: as bicycle and pedestrian friendly as possible, bike racks, and walking path). These items should then be presented as soon as possible.

-Breckenridge School will again have a Veterans Day program on November 11th; watch for details.

Motion by Kris to adjourn the meeting at 9:59 am. Seconded by Reed. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, November 10th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.