

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Shawn Roberts, Lori Gefre, Reed Johnson, Curt Londroche, Chris Loehr, Evie Fox, Becky Tripp, Sarah Lansing, Corinna Erickson, Lori Conway (Telecom), Rick Schara, Nick Edner & Patrick Hollister (Telecom)

Guests Present: James Vissers (Daily News Reporter)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Reed offered a motion to approve the minutes from the October 11, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

3. PartnerSHIP 4 Health Trail Study

-Patrick explained to the committee on the highlights regarding the proposed contract that will go to city council on November 20, 2023. *Work deadline is September 30, 2024 *City would hire a consultant *City would assemble an advisory committee *City would need to provide a space for committee and public meetings. Patrick will attend the city council meeting to explain the study and answer questions.

-If/when the city council approves this study, PartnerSHIP 4 Health will submit the signed agreement to Minnesota Department of Health for their approval (should take 7-10 days).

-Advisory committee should meet starting in January.

-This study should look at as much detail as possible for the \$10,000. Some recommendations include infrastructure, sidewalk, and street changes. The study should answer, what kind of improvements should/could be made to make things safer and more bike/pedestrian friendly (example: separate trail, shared use lane)? This could also include items such as cost, funding sources, but is more of a concept plan.

4. Safe Routes to School

a. Engineering Update

-Chris informed the committee that the work is complete, and all the beacons and the gate are in working order. The contractor is working on the final paperwork to be submitted for final payment.

-It was overlooked with the gate not allowing access to the handicap parking spots. There are plans in the works to add a handicap parking spot.

-Shawn thanked everyone for getting this project across the finish line. It has been a project that has been in the works for a long time, and it is great to have it completed.

b. Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates currently.

5. Other Business

a. Bicycle Friendly Communities

No updates currently.

6. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

No updates currently.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

d. Other

-The committee discussed ways in which we could help with funding for start-up projects, advertising, and manpower for different organizations/groups that are looking to add or make improvements to the community. Committee members discussed having an application for the organizations/groups seeking the ALC assistance. Members should bring ideas and examples of applications and questions to next month's meeting.

-If the ALC plans to fund projects there will need to be a fundraising plan to replenish the balance. Ideas were discussed such as the Power of 100 event and selling merchandise.

Other

-Lori G. explained that Char Schuler with the Twin Town Skatepark reached out to see if the ALC would be interested in adding "skatepark" way-finding signs to the already existing signs. PartnerSHIP 4 Health may be able to help with the funding. Patrick asked Lori G. to email him some information on what was done and what is being proposed. PartnerSHIP 4 Health maybe able to assist in funding.

-Breckenridge Tree Lighting & Holiday Event will be on Monday, November 27th at the Family Community Center from 5-7pm. There will be bonfire, smores, Santa, hot coco bar, hayrides, etc.

-OSPTI has the Richland Wilkin Community Foundation Soup Day fundraiser today from 11am-1pm.

-Rick asked the committee how we felt the Welcome Week partnership went for the Headwaters Day Event. The committee had some discussion, and the discussion can continue after the meeting.

Motion by Chris to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 am. Seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 9:00 AM.