

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Active Living Committee was held on Wednesday, October 14th, 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, Evie Fox, Neil Crocker, Renae Smith, Audra Anderson (Daily News), Amy Welch (Dog Park Volunteer)

Attendees via teleconference – Deb Jacobs, Corinna Erickson

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 9th, 2020, meeting. The motion was seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

Dog Park

Public Works Committee & City Council Overview:

Public Works Committee met on 9/15/20 and discussed the location, maintenance and cost of having a dog park in Breckenridge. The committee motioned to table this in order to allow consideration by City Council for a new location.

City Council met on 10/5/20, with Shawn presenting on behalf of ALC, and discussed cost/fundraising, volunteers, fencing, lighting, and location. The council moved to proceed with planning and fundraising of the dog park AND moved to have the ALC decide on the final location between Welles Memorial Park and Family Community Center.

Location:

The two locations that were approved by City Council were discussed in terms of lighting, shade, central and walkable location, barking, nearby residents/businesses, flooding concerns, Wilkin County Fair, safety, and disc golf concerns. The committee unanimously decided on the Family Community Center location.

Logo:

The committee discussed the three options and would like option #2, blue color with WELCOME on bone. Lori will make the “B” and “D” not touch and spread out “Breckenridge”.

Fundraising:

Lori will set up the GoFundMe page for this project with the discussed goal of \$30,000.

Lori will email out the flyer, with updates, to the Breckenridge businesses and ask them to share the email with their co-workers and also print out the flyer to hang at their businesses.

Lori will share GoFundMe link on social media and city website.

Renae has started looking into some of the funding sources from Playcore; some do not apply to this project.

Amy and her husband own a company called Groom and Go (mobile dog grooming business). She offered to hand out flyers to their customers (they see 30+ dog owners per week). Lori will make some flyers to be handed out.

Signage & Rules:

Due to lack of timing, this was not discussed.

Safe Routes to School

Neil, Kris and Corinna meet to discuss the current Safe Routes to School plan. There are some residents that have homes along the routes that are having some issues with removal of trees and adding sidewalks. Also, Breckenridge Public Works department is concerned about snow removal along Beede Ave with the addition of a sidewalk. At this meeting they discussed each item on the current plan. These are the items with the proposed changes:

Proposed Changes

- Remove part of the street and turn it into a 6-foot wide sidewalk at:
 - North side of Beede Ave from 11th-13th Street
 - South side of Hall Ave from 11th-13th Street (replace current walk/bike lane)
 - South side of Douglas Ave from 10th-13th Street

* This will help us avoid having to remove trees
- Stop sidewalk on Beede Ave going east right to the east of the vehicle entrance to the football parking lot
- Add pairs of push button crossing flashing signs at (in order of importance):
 - Hall Ave and 11th Street
 - Minnesota Ave and 8th Street
 - Mendenhall Ave and 5th Street (Highway 75)
 - Beede Ave and 11th Street
 - Beede Ave and 10th Street

Kept from original plan

- Widen sidewalk on 8th Street from Beede to Hall Ave to 10ft to 12ft wide, depending on school (May have to remove a few trees)
- Remove utilities from corner of 8th and Hall Ave and replace with outdoor lighting to school building
- Add 6 foot wide sidewalk on the south side of Hall Ave from middle of 10th through 11th Street
- Flashing, movable speed signs – 2 signs to be moved throughout this project
- Add ADA ramp on North side of road at Beede Ave and 10th Street
- Add Gate Closure for the east entrance of the circle drive along Beede Ave (automatic gate will be determined on funding) and add “Do Not Enter” signage to the west entrance
- Add sidewalks to all 4 sides of the block of the Breckenridge Family Aquatic Center

The committee reviewed the above options. Neil is waiting to hear back from Nathan with MnDOT to see if the above items still qualify with the current grant regulations. Neil will let the committee know once he gets a response.

Other Business

Next ALC meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 11th which falls on Veterans Day. Due to the holiday, the committee has decided to meet on Wednesday, November 18th at 9:00 am.

Motion by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 10:26 a.m. Seconded by Kris and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, November 18th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.