

Active Living Committee
January 9th, 2019 9 AM

Members Present: Evie Fox, Deb Jacobson, Shawn Roberts, Lori Gefre, Neil Crocker, Steve Neppl, Corrina Erickson, Julie Ernst, Patrick Hollister and Scott Schwandt (MN GreenCorps Member- PartnerSHIP 4 Health)

Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Approval of Minutes: Steve offered a motion to approve the minutes from the October 10, 2018, meeting. The motion was seconded by Shawn and carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School Update:

~Lori informed the committee that Renae applied for Transportation Alternatives & SRTS Joint Solicitation Grant to request funds to help pay the local share that is required for the SRTS project. The request was for \$176,868. Patrick informed the committee of a tentative date of February 7th for someone from ALC to come and present to MnDOT and West Central Initiative District 4 committee members about our need for the grant. Patrick also informed the committee that there are 7 or 8 other applications for new construction work and only one other (Parkers Prairie) with the request of matching funds. There is a total of \$750,000 to be awarded. The committee should make a decision that day to where the funds will be awarded. The information and committee's recommendations will then go to the state and federal levels for final approval. The final approval should take about a month.

~Steve suggested a change on the proposed schedule that the Project Memorandum be moved from January 2021 start to June 2019, with a completion date of June 2020. He explained that with the Project Memorandum there are a lot of contacts that need to be made (Environmental, Historic, US Corp of Engineering, Fish & Wildlife, right-of-way, etc.) and this can take some time.

~Lori will make a flyer with the map and information to send out to the committee members as well as to publish on our website and Facebook. We will need to have some communication with land owners that will be directly affected by this project (tree removal, addition of sidewalk on their property) in the coming months. Neil also inquired about the city crews starting some tree removal this spring/summer that is needed for this project.

~Shawn will be putting together an article with background, current and future information on the SRTS grant. She will send this information to the Daily News as soon as possible. This information should be shared on social media and website.

~Shawn will get information out on the radio in May.

Ideas/Needs for Breckenridge:

Open discussion on ideas on what the ALC should focus on in the upcoming months.

~Patrick emailed out a list of DNR Parks and Trails Grants that are available. He suggested that a possible use for a grant might be for a trail loop to Wahpeton on the Northside of town near the hospital.

~Trail connecting 11th Street by/along the diversion; Neil stated that some of that is city property and he would have to do some checking.

~Pickle ball and Tennis courts: In capital outlay budget 2019

~Paths connecting the fields and concession building at Jefferson Park

~Pope Street Park or Dog Park: Neil stated that the recycling and leaf site will be moved to here from the corner of 5th Street and Wisconsin Ave. There is a boat landing and dock here.

~Fishing along and on the river is very popular all year. Is there a map or areas that could be beneficial to the fisherman?

~Dog Park: In capital outlay budget 2019

~What about the south side of Breckenridge? Is there anything that could be done or added?: Kids Corner Park was updated last year.

Other Business

~Southern Valley Health Watch has not met over the holidays and has nothing to update as this time.

~Patrick & Scott want to help with Bike Rodeo this year. Shawn stated that any help would be appreciated, and if they could get a girls and boys bike for a grand prize drawing, that would help a lot. Normally this event is held in conjunction with spring Walk/Bike to School day. In the years past, they have had helmet give-a-ways, bicycle inspections, bicycle obstacle course, Breckenridge Police Department bring and man the rock wall, and more.

~Winter Walk/Bike to School day is February 6th.

~Committee members were questioning why the Family Community Center was only open until 6pm. There was discussion about how and why to possibly extend the hours. This is the only outdoor place for activity in Breckenridge during the winter, and it would be nice to have the hours extended, even if it is only during the week.

~Thank you to OSPTI for hosting this meeting

Motion by Steve to adjourn the meeting at 10:18 a.m. Seconded by Neil and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, February 13th, 2019, at 9:00 AM at City Hall.