

## Active Living Committee

April 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 9 AM

Members Present: Ann Trebesch, Carrie McDermott, Julie Ernst, Deb Jacobs, Patrick Hollister, Renae Marthaler, Evie Fox, Steve Neppel, Shawn Roberts, Reed Johnson, Lori Gefre, Kris Karlgaard, Joel Hoistad, and Neil Crocker.

### Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Introductions were made and new members Julie Ernst and Deb Jacobs were welcomed to the committee.

Approval of Minutes: Reed offered a motion to approve the minutes, with the switch of names from Brett Summerville to Dylan Summerville, from the March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018, meeting. The motion was seconded by Kris and carried unanimously.

### Highway 75 Bike/Pedestrian Path Update:

#### a. Recognition Board

City Public Works department will be constructing the 4'X3' sign. The materials have started to arrive. The crew will have the sign installed by June. Joel met with Dylan Summerville again regarding the designated area for parking on northwest corner of Diversion Properties parking lot. Dylan has plans to pave the parking lot and will continue to work with the City in regards to placement for trail parking, recognition board, etc.

#### b. Lighting

Renae informed the committee that she submitted the MN Outdoor Recreation Grant for lighting along the trail. They have already contacted her to let her know that the grant application was rejected due to the trail not being internal to a park.

Renae then submitted the Otto Bremer Grant on Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup> for the lighting along the trail (estimated total cost \$200,000, grant amount requested approximately \$100,000). Grant recipients will be notified in August 2018.

#### c. Ribbon Cutting

There was a lot of discussion on timing for Ribbon Cutting. We don't want people to think the trail isn't open but with the unfavorable weather, we want to make sure that we have a chance to install the signs and benches and that grass is growing. There was discussion to have the bike fleet and three-wheeled bikes available for people to use and to advertise them for future rental opportunities. This event could be made into a Community Walk/Bike Event. A date for the event will be set at the May 9<sup>th</sup> Active Living Committee meeting.

#### i. Bike Rodeo

After much discussion, the consensus was to have the Annual Bike Rodeo in conjunction with National Walk/Bike to School Day, scheduled for Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

There was discussion of having bike stations in Breckenridge. This would be where you could rent/use a bike to explore and return it to the kiosk.

Items for Spring: Placement of benches, plaques, mile markers, Message Board, and doggy waste stations; newspaper article and ribbon cutting (program)

Items on hold: Lighting

### New Project

#### a. Survey Results

The survey results and comments were compiled. There was a total of 228 surveys returned (paper and online). The City Public Works Committee went over the results at their last meeting. The City has allocated \$15,000 per year for parks in the budget. There is a lot of work that needs to be done to bring each of the parks up to ADA compliance. The City plans to start upgrades a little at a time; Kids Corner will have first priority. Plans are to take out current edging and replace it, and to replace pea rock with tire or wood material. Neil stated that any service groups, organizations or individuals that would be willing to help with painting, staining, or maintenance of parks should contact the city. The City has ordered 5 doggy waste stations; they will be placed at Welles Memorial Park, Ox Cart Trail Park, Jefferson Park and two along the Hwy 75 path.

A thank you should go out to the participants to thank them for their time with this survey. Renae will put together a response for what the City plans to do; this will be included with the final results. Lori will post the City response and results on the City website and link on Facebook. Lori will also include information in the May Public Utilities newsletter. Carrie will include this information in the Daily News article for tomorrow's paper.

The Active Living Committee will use these results in the future to team up with the City to make improvements throughout the City.

### Brochure

Lori thanked Neil and Steve for their help with the mileage for the paths. Committee suggested to add the photos of the bike fleet to the back of the brochure. Also, the committee discussed the map on the front is small and hard to read. Lori explained that the map is at the largest possible without distorting the image. So, a line will be added below the photo "For a larger viewing of map visit [www.breckenridgemn.net](http://www.breckenridgemn.net)".

Lori will make those corrections and email to committee for final approval. Then the brochures can be printed and distributed to Library, Senior Center, Family Community Center, and City Hall lobby.

### Other Business

~Joel informed the committee that he has received a map for a mini-golf course to be placed by the Breckenridge Family Community Center. The example he received would cost \$250,000 for construction. Since this is way out of our price range, Joel will work with other city staff to look for items to be added to FCC area.

~ Relay for Life is this Saturday, April 14<sup>th</sup> and Breckenridge Police Department will have the rock wall there from 5-7pm.

~OSPTI Walk/Run 5k is Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup> and their route will be the new Hwy 75 path

~ Southern Valley Health Watch Annual Wild Life walk will be in conjunction with Blue Goose Days, June 2<sup>nd</sup>; Annual Bike Ride in July; Annual Poker Walk in August

Meeting was adjourned at 10:09 AM. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2018 – 9:00 AM at City Hall.