

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 9, 2022, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Shawn Roberts, Lori Gefre, Reed Johnson, Patrick Hollister (Telecom), Chris Loehr, Curt Londroche, Sarah Lansing, Lori Conway, Evie Fox, Corinna Erickson, Adalia Spear, Mandy Steinberger, Kris Karlgaard, Bremen Abuhl (Guest)

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 12, 2022 meeting. The motion was seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

3. Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update

-Update from Brian Hiles, Ulteig engineering, "The project is again out for bids. Bid opening is scheduled for November 29 at 2:00pm."

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

4. Other Business

MnDOT Grant Available- Active Transportation:

Sarah has submitted two letters of intent, one for Jefferson Park sidewalks, and one for Bois de Sioux Adventure Area parking lot, lighting, trail extensions, etc. The full applications are due December 22. These will both need to have a resolution and city council approval (bring to December 5th meeting- Sarah and Shawn will present).

a. Jefferson Park: Response based on the letter of intent- meets all requirements and proceed with the full application.

-Sarah will need some help regarding the details and specific cost breakdowns. She will include the linking of this sidewalk path to the existing sidewalks in place throughout Breckenridge and the benefits of walking/bike paths in a community.

b. Bois de Sioux Adventure Area: Response based on letter of intent- Overall, we recommend you analyze your project to see if it meets the application funding minimum (\$50,000) without the addition of the parking lot. If the project does not meet the funding minimum, then it would be ineligible. Additionally, the Active Transportation program focuses on connecting destinations and serving a transportation need. This project may not meet that goal and may not be a good fit for the program. However, any applicant may submit a full application regardless of the recommendation in this letter.

-Sarah has left going forward with this grant in Scott's hands. There are lots of ways this grant money will be beneficial to areas of this project, but the numbers and information will need to come from Scott.

-The committee discussed the issue of crossing Minnesota Ave and the railroad tracks to get to this location safely. The discussion included changing the lines of traffic (example: taking out the center turn lane), tallying traffic on Minnesota Ave and how many people are entering this area, adding a sidewalk to the south side of Minnesota Ave, etc. Since this is a county highway the county would have to be the one to make the changes and/or be the one to apply for any grants regarding changes. Chris is going to meet with the county engineer and discuss this matter.

5. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

See above

b. Transportation Alternatives Grant

The letter of intent for this grant was due November 4th. There was not enough information and time to apply for this grant, this year. This should be a grant we look to apply for in the future.

-Chris is going to get more information from engineering firms regarding cost and design for paving the levees.

Other

-Breckenridge Tree Lighting & Holiday Event is November 28 from 5-7pm at the Family Community Center. There will be indoor and outdoor activities, including refreshments, music, crafts, games and bon fire. This event is free to the public and open to all.

-Family Community Center has weekly and monthly activities planned for November and December, with a special Christmas Party planned for December.

-Mandy is looking at getting outside storage.

-Future idea: new hockey area, made into basketball court for non-cold season

-The marketing banner is complete and looks good.

-Committee asked Adalia to bring some ideas for activities that youth would like to see added to the community as a whole and located at the FCC.

-Reed had a community member ask to add more pickleball courts. The current courts are getting used a lot and there are many of times there is not enough courts available.

Motion by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 am. Seconded by Chris and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, 2022, at 9:00 AM.