

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, December 13, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Shawn Roberts, Lori Gefre, Reed Johnson, Curt Londroche, Chris Loehr, Neil Crocker, Evie Fox, Sarah Lansing, Jordan Evenson, Ashley Wiertzema & Patrick Hollister (Telecom)

Guests Present: Shalyn Reiff (Wilkin County Health & Human Services)

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 November 8, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

3. PartnerSHIP 4 Health Trail Study

-Patrick informed the committee that the agreement had been signed. The next step would be for the city to determine the members of the advisory committee, which should include MnDot, Wilkin County, and the Army Corps of Engineers and anyone else that has direct input to this project. Then recruit a consultant and schedule a kick-off meeting in January.

-Neil informed the committee that he has been in contact with Ulteig Engineering, and they have agreed to be the consultant. Neil has been in contact with the Army Corp of Engineers and Michelle Prosser will be the contact. Most of the areas are in, or around, the levee system. So, the Army Corp of Engineers will have a big say in what can happen in the areas to be addressed. Neil and Chris will see if they can get a meeting together before the project moves forward. There is no need to include the engineers and spend the money unless there is support from the Corp.

4. Other Business

a. Member application

Shawn brought in an example of a membership form, which included name, address, phone, email address, and a list of special interest areas. The committee discussed the form, and the members should complete it and turn it into Shawn. Shawn will make the discusses updates and have for the next meeting.

-This application/form can be used to help in deciding on subcommittees, future projects, and needs for each listing.

-Within the listing there may be some opportunities to have new members that would be interested in joining this committee.

*Shawn offered a motion to have a maximum number of members set to 19. The motion was seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

b. Subcommittee

No updates currently.

c. Funding

i. Fundraising

For future projects and/or donations there needs to be fundraising done by this committee. So, there is no need to receive funding from the city. Committee members discussed a few ideas (example: Jail and Bail, Power of 100 and grant opportunities). However, most of the time for grants there needs to be a specific purpose for money.

-Shayln and Ashley explained that this year they currently do not have funding to have the Mental Health Scavenger Hunt they planned to do again this year in May. The committee discussed how this could be something the committee could be of assistance to in the future (example: marketing ideas, funding, volunteer suggestions).

ii. Grant applications

The committee needs to have a plan and structure going forward. Committee members should send their ideas for the agenda packet to Lori G. or bring them to the next meeting.

5. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

No updates currently.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

d. Bicycle Friendly Communities

No updates currently.

Other

-The committee discussed not holding a meeting in January.

*Chris offered a motion to not have a meeting in January. The motion was seconded by Neil and carried unanimously.

Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 am. Seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, February 14, 2024, at 9:00 AM.