

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Shawn Roberts, Lori Gefre, Reed Johnson, Curt Londroche, Chris Loehr, Evie Fox, Becky Tripp, Mandy Steinberger, Neil Crocker, Lori Conway, Adalia Spear, Nick Edner & Patrick Hollister (Telecom)

Guests Present: Jordan Evenson (WB Area Chamber of Commerce), James Vissers (Daily News Reporter)

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 September 13, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Becky and carried unanimously.

3. PartnerSHIP 4 Health Trail Study

Patrick informed the committee that the fiscal year for PartnerSHIP 4 Health is November 1st – October 31st. Therefore, there can be no official action until after November 1st. If the committee would like to continue with this trail study the first step would be to bring it to the city council to initiate the study. Patrick will provide Lori C. with a memo and drafted agreement to bring to the November 20th City Council meeting. At the meeting Patrick will discuss the trail study and ask the city into an agreement with PartnerSHIP 4 Health. The next step going forward, if the council approves, would be to send out for RFP to engineering firms.

4. Safe Routes to School

a. Engineering Update

-Lori C. updated the committee on the financial portion of the project. The city was prepared and told their portion (besides in-kind services) would cost \$79,860. The city did put \$140,000 in reserves for this project (just in case). Currently, the project has used up the full reserved amount, plus an additional \$25,000, with more bills coming in. There have been several unforeseen expenses from the last minutes changes from the MN DOT new regulations (from when the plan was first approved). Lori C. stated that going forward the city's budget cannot take this unforeseen financial hit.

-Neil informed the committee that 3 of the 4 flashing beacons have been installed. There are some issues with a control box on the final beacon. The replacement part has been ordered and this should be completed soon. Also, he is currently working on the installation along with the communication for the smart gate. This should also be completed soon.

b. Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates currently.

5. Other Business

a. Bicycle Friendly Communities

The committee discussed the several events around town and how there has been some extra walking and biking happening.

6. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

No updates currently.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

Adalia informed the committee that the Student Council and DECA need to do service projects and need volunteer hours. So, if there is a need to contact her, the superintendent or Jordan Christensen.

d. Other

The Committee looked over the list of needs/wants for Breckenridge (the list came from residents) and discussed how many of the items are infrastructure and would not be feasible to have this committee complete. The discussion switched to having groups or representatives come to a meeting and have this committee help with raising the funding needed, with a possibility of a donation/partnership with the ALC. With this idea there would need to be an annual/on-going fundraiser to help with funding the projects in need. More discussion is needed.

-Adalia suggested a possible call-a-thon. The football and volleyball teams did this and made around \$30,000. They did have a company assist, but it was very successful.

Other

- Twin Town Ambassadors/Chamber of Commerce – Mix & Mingle (Business After Hours) on Thursday, October 12th from 5-7:30 at Wahpeton Event Center
- Breckenridge Tree Lighting & Holiday Event on Monday, November 27th from 5-7 at Breckenridge Family Community Center
- PartnerSHIP 4 Health Community Leadership Team Meeting (via Microsoft Teams) on Wednesday, October 18th from 9-10:30am with Shawn as a guest speaker for Active Living Committee for an update on what is going on in Breckenridge at 10am
- Lori G. updates the City of Breckenridge website often with “Local Happenings” in the community.
- Jordan stated there were several things she learned at the meeting that was not aware of were even available in the community. The suggestion was to promote more of what Breckenridge has to offer.

Motion by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 10:07 am. Seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, November 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM.