

Active Living Committee
September 12th, 2018 9 AM

Members Present: Ann Trebesch, Evie Fox, Deb Jacobs, Renae Marthaler, Shawn Roberts, Reed Johnson, Lori Gefre, Kris Karlgaard, Neil Crocker, and Julie Ernst

Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM

Approval of Minutes: Ann offered a motion to approve the minutes from the July 11, 2018, meeting. The motion was seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

Highway 75 Bike/Pedestrian Path Update:

Now that the shoulder work is completed, the City will tentatively install the benches, plaques and signage yet this fall, weather permitting.

The committee discussed the amount of usage on the path. The path is being used all times of day/night and all age groups. This is great to see.

Neil has filed a permit with the State of MN for adding another street light around the pedestrian crosswalk on Highway 75 on the west side, by the triangle, for a better visual of the pedestrians. The beacon is currently too bright at night to see pedestrians. However, the light needs to be that bright for daylight hours. The new installation of a street light will be directed towards the path and pedestrians. Once the permit is approved, the light will be installed.

a. Lighting:

Otto Bremer Trust grant was awarded for \$115,000 to provide trail lighting along the path. The City will provide an additional \$75,000 to help cover the expected material costs. Neil is working on getting comparable quotes for the lighting poles/fixtures. The City will also install the poles and wires as in kind services for this project. Hopefully, the work can be done yet this fall, depending on quotes and weather.

Once the lighting is installed, we will plan to contact the newspaper for a possible article.

Safe Routes to School:

The West Central Initiative and MnDOT Grant in the amount of \$225,000 was awarded for the Safe Routes to School project in 2022. There will be additional local contribution needed for the amount remaining of approximately \$197,000. The city has allocated \$100,000 from capital outlay fund in 2018 budget. Remaining balance is approximately \$97,000 (maybe less with tree replacement and removal being done through the city); there is a possibility of grant opportunities as time allows (example: radar speed signs).

Nothing pressing at this time. Watch for possible grant opportunities. Project will get in motion January 2021 starting with selecting a project manager and environmental project reviews.

Other Business

-National Night Out was held on August 8th. Ann ran the booth for ALC. She informed the committee that people were taking brochures, and there was good attendance at the booth.

- Headwaters Day was held on September 8th. Shawn informed the committee that there seemed to be less participation as compared to the past in the parade as well as in the activities at Welles Memorial Park. Headwaters Day is a "Breckenridge Community Appreciation Event," and perhaps the ALC and City

could help with organizing and inviting groups and businesses to be a part of this event next year. Lori will contact Wanda, Wahpeton Breckenridge Chamber of Commerce, to see how we can help for 2019 event.

-Kids' Corner park update: pea rock is removed, city crew started putting in new boarder yesterday and wood chips will be delivered and installed hopefully this fall, weather permitting.

-Ann mentioned to Neil that he may want to contact Colette Barton at United Way Richland/Wilkin regarding "Day of Caring". This might be an opportunity for some city projects (painting, manual labor, etc.). In past years, they were looking for projects for all of the volunteers.

-CHI St. Francis Annual 5k Walk/Run is tonight, September 12th; registration is at 5:30 & race begins at 6

-NDSCS Homecoming is September 24-29th; opportunity to use ALC three-wheeled bikes in parade

-OSPTI is sponsoring National Walk/Bike to School on October 10th

-United Way and OSPTI hosting Soup Kitchen again this year at OSPTI Training Center, watch for flyer

-Southern Valley Health Watch Soup Walk is on October 4th with registration from 5:30-6pm

- Renae informed the committee of the items in the tentative 2019 budget for parks - additional campsites and hookups in Welles Memorial Park, Dog Park, and resurfacing of tennis court/pickle ball. These will not be finalized until 2019 budget is finalized

-Lori will make a listing with past ideas brought to the committee and possible fundraisers for ALC. This listing will be included in next agenda packet for further discussion.

Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 9:58 a.m. Seconded by Kris and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, October 10th, 2018, at 9:00 AM at City Hall.