

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Active Living Committee was held on Wednesday, February 10th, 2021, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers and via teleconference as authorized under MN Statute 13D.021 due to the declared state of emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Shawn Roberts, Kris Karlgaard, Reed Johnson, Neil Crocker, Chris Loehr, Evie Fox, Brian Hiles & Justin Sirjord (Ulteig Engineers)

Attendees via teleconference – Corinna Erickson, Tim Peterson, Patrick Hollister, Mallory Jarvi, Ana Monson

Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

Approval of Minutes: Reed offered a motion to approve the minutes from the January 13th, 2021, meetings. The motion was seconded by Neil and carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update

Brian Hiles and Justin Sirjord from Ulteig Engineers joined the meeting to meet the committee. They will meet with Neil, drive the route, and go over the project details. Ulteig's projected timeline for the project:

- Reviewing current project and going through some of the details to be submitted for approval
- Environment Process, working with MN DOT and DOT
- Surveying
- Public Meeting/Open House in late summer/early fall for committee and public feedback (drawings and designs to be on display, Ulteig will be available for questions and feedback)
- Final design
- Going out for bids (February 2022)
- Project start - end of school year (June 2022)
- Project finish - before school year begins (Sept 2022)

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

- Corinna informed the committee of the winter walk/bike to school events a few weeks ago and there was a very good turnout; a few kids even biked to school.
- Mallory informed the committee that she has met and is working with both schools on getting bike racks with a possible grant.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

1. Dog Park

Fundraising:

Total funds raised is \$35,348; no changes since last month.

Signage & Rules:

Committee reviewed the in-ground personalized plaque for the large donation received from Dr. Vartan & Dr. Lucy Malkasian. The committee was in favor of the plaque.

Committee discussed the ages for the dog handler and when accompanied by an adult/supervisor. The committee decided the age of 14 is an acceptable age. Lori will change the wording on the sign and get pricing from Auto Creation and Signs for all the signage needed.

Bike Rack- PartnerSHIP 4 Health

Lori submitted a Funding Request Form to PartnerSHIP 4 Health for a bike rack. The funding was approved for a blue 8-bike "wave" bike rack in the amount of \$450; city staff will need to pick up the bike rack from Lake Park, MN, and install.

Direction Signs- PartnerSHIP 4 Health:

Lori checked with Auto Creation and Signs on the cost of the direction signs in the photos attached in the packet. The signs are \$35 each with a \$20 design on each sign. The locations of the signs are still being discussed. Some of the locations would be on county roads (Minnesota Ave and Highway 75). So, there needs to be some discussion with Wilkin County.

Committee liked the idea of these signs for Pickleball, Disc Golf, Pool and Dog Park. This is something that can be easily added to (example: parks, Chahinkapa Zoo, golf course, etc.).

Headwaters Day 2021:

Lisa Kunkel, Executive Director at Wahpeton Breckenridge Area Chamber of Commerce, contacted Lori & Shawn about getting a committee together to start getting things together for Headwaters Day 2021. The committee discussed putting out a post on social media and in the Public Utilities newsletter to solicit interest from residents, service/church groups and businesses that are interested in being on a committee to help organize this event. Lori will call Lisa and work out the details.

Donation- Southern Valley Health Watch:

A check was received for \$3,354.71 from Southern Valley Health Watch. This donation was from remaining funds after their disbandment. The committee discussed the funds being used for health and wellness.

Highway 75 Walk/Bike Path Banner Update:

Lori mailed out invoices to the 5 businesses that only paid for one year of sponsorship. The deadline to submit payment is February 15th. If the payments are not received by then, Lori will call and double check on their sponsorship before the banners are taken down.

Other Business:

Neil informed the committee that the Minnesota DNR contacted him regarding adding fishing platforms in Breckenridge. There are grant opportunities for this. Neil will keep the committee updated.

Motion by Kris to adjourn the meeting at 10:04 a.m. Seconded by Reed and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 10th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.