

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

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Curt Londroche, Chris Loehr, Sarah Lansing, Becky Tripp, Kris Karlgaard, Corinna Erickson, & Patrick Hollister (Telecom)

Guests Present: Jordan Evenson (WB Area Chamber of Commerce), Troy Wright (Assistant County Engineer)

1. Call to Order

Lori G. called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Chris offered a motion to approve the minutes from the August 9, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah and carried unanimously.

3. PartnerSHIP 4 Health Trail Study

Patrick informed the committee that the PartnerSHIP 4 Health Trail Study is a concept plan that examines the data regarding improving the bike/pedestrian areas that are needed or improvements to bike lane/paths/crossings. There was an example from the City of Vergas that was included in the agenda email, that would be similar to what would be done. Funding for this study is through the MN Department of Health.

-The process for this study would be:

1. PartnerSHIP 4 Health drafting an agreement between them and the city. This may have to go to the city council in November, due to spending money. **The city would need to pay for the consultant and PartnerSHIP 4 Health would reimburse the money and the work would need to be done by September 30, 2024. There is no match required, this is 100% funding (with a max of approximately \$10,000).

2. The City would have to choose a consultant company and form a committee. The committee should include a representative from PartnerSHIP 4 Health, city, county, MN DOT, and possibly the Army Corps. The first committee meeting will take around 60-90 minutes and should be planned for December or January. There would need to be in-kind services from the city and an agreement for a public meeting (towards the end of planning, around July/August).

3. After the study is completed – apply for grants in the fall of 2024. Grant examples: Active Transportation Grant (no match), Transportation Alternatives Grant (20% match- federal), and DNR Grant. Patrick is going to email the committee the information on timelines and webinars for these grants.

-For the next ALC meeting: invite and include city staff to attend meeting, update/refine map of areas to include in the study (crossing at 75 and Main Street) and include a wish list.

4. Headwaters Day – Saturday, September 9, 2023, Overview

The committee discussed the overall event, including the parade route, traffic control, axe throwing participation, vendor comments, queen pageant and remaining funding for next year's event.

-Next year's event will have a separate committee for Headwaters Day and not go directly through the ALC. When planning begins for next year's event there will be a chance to invite and encourage committee members to participate in the committee.

5. Safe Routes to School

a. Engineering Update

Chris informed the committee that the sidewalks, topsoil, and seeding are complete. The striping of crosswalks is currently being done and the crossing beacons, lights and gate will be installed soon.

-Corrina stated the school staff will be doing some painting around the bus area. The students will be having a tour around the school and instructions for using the new sidewalks and crossing lights.

b. Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates currently.

5. Other Business

a. Bicycle Friendly Communities

No updates currently.

b. Blue Cross Blue Shield of MN Fitness Court Campaign

Becky explained to the committee the information she received during the call with BCBSMN/NFC Fitness Court and Campaign. She explained the concept is great. However, the grant opportunity is minimal and the cost for installation is \$130,000-\$150,000.

-The committee discussed the ideas we have had in the past, of having individual fitness equipment (pull-up bars, balance beam, step ups, bench, etc.) placed.

c. National Night Out & Wilkin County Fair Booth Update

The committee reviewed the ideas that were left regarding the needs/wants for Breckenridge and the list for interest in joining this group. Lori G. will include the person who expressed interest in joining this group in the next meeting agenda email and invite them to attend.

-Lori G. will go through the listing of ideas/needs for Breckenridge and add to the current listing we have from the past and add to the next meeting agenda.

7. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

No updates currently.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

Other

-This Saturday and Sunday is the last Flea Market in Welles Memorial Park. Curtis informed the committee there has been a good turn out and has gone well.

-Tonight from 4:30-7pm the We Care Coalition is holding a fundraiser at the Bois de Sioux Adventure Area. There will be food, prizes, a scavenger hunt and much more.

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

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, October 11, 2023, at 9:00 AM.