

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 14, 2024, 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, Rick Schara, Kris Karlgaard, Lori Conway & Patrick Hollister (Telecom)

Guests Present: James Vissers (Daily News)

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 December 13, 2023, meeting. The motion was seconded by Neil and carried unanimously.

3. PartnerSHIP 4 Health Trail Study

-Neil informed the committee that there was a meeting held with the advisory committee in January including the Army Corps. This was an introductory meeting of what is wanted to be done, where and how most of the property is not city owned. During this meeting there was a discussion about the paving of our levees. The current representative (Eric W.) from the Army Corps did say this was possible.

-Neil also had a meeting with Brian at Ulteig Engineering, during this meeting there were minor changes in the original plans from original meeting. The changes included having the trail connection to Wahpeton on the north side of the town to be adding a pedestrian bridge (like the golf course) by the Devine property across to Kidder Dam and using Wisconsin/Dacotah Avenue on the south-side of the railroad tracks to get pedestrians to the Bois de Sioux Adventure Area vs. crossing a four-lane road.

-The agreement has been sent to Ulteig to complete the feasible study for \$10,000.

-Next meeting is set for February 27th at 10am at City Hall, Council Chambers

4. Other Business

a. Member application

Shawn compiled a list of the current members, contact information, and their interests.

b. Subcommittee

Lori G. will post on social media looking for new members to join the ALC and Headwaters Day committee.

c. Funding

i. Fundraising

The committee currently has some funds that were given to be used in Breckenridge as we see fit for activities. There have been several avid pickleball players that have been inquiring about getting wind screens for the Breckenridge pickleball courts. Neil had a quote from April of 2023 for \$3400.60. Neil will get an updated quote.

*Lori G. offered a motion to use the \$3,354.71 from R-W Health Watch Donation to be used to purchase new wind screens for the pickleball courts, then apply any other specific wind screen donations, and any remaining funds needed should come out of the Active Living Committee Budget. The motion was seconded by Chris and carried unanimously.

ii. Grant applications

Rick informed the committee of an AARP Community Challenge Grant that will be available to apply for soon and if there is someone interested in looking into it or needing help, he would be available. There are many examples of what other towns have done on the website and the grants have been around \$15,000.

5. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

Lori C. has been working with Widseth on a grant for updating the playground equipment and with this can possibly tie in sidewalks.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

d. Bicycle Friendly Communities

Lori C. has had communication with a city council member regarding a possible grant opportunity for 2024.

Other

-Lori C. meet with the Childrens Discovery Center and they will start having pop up events starting this summer.

-Patrick informed the committee that there will be a AmeriCorps member working with PartnerSHIP 4 Health for 11 months regarding heart health and will likely be joining in the ALC meetings, as their time allows.

-Shawn is looking to step down from the president position, due to her time that is needed for her business and other obligations.

Motion by Neil to adjourn the meeting at 9:56 am. Seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, March 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM.