

Pursuant to due call and proper notice thereof, a meeting of the Breckenridge Active Living Committee was held on Wednesday, November 18th, 2020, at 9:00 a.m. via teleconference as authorized under MN Statute 13D.021 due to the declared state of emergency from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Members Present via teleconference: Lori Gefre, Reed Johnson, Neil Crocker, Corinna Erickson, Mallory Jarvi, Patrick Hollister, Audra Anderson (Daily News)

Call to Order

No quorum. Only discussion beginning at 9:02am.

Approval of Minutes:

No quorum. Bring November and December minutes to January meeting.

Safe Routes to School

Engineering Update:

Neil updated the committee that the City Council did approve the engineering proposal from Ulteig Engineers for the Safe Routes to School project. Ulteig has done work in Breckenridge including a mill and overlay project and they were the primary engineer for the new water plant. Neil has worked with them before and is confident in their work. Neil will get Brian Hiles, principle engineer, up to speed with the project and then we will want to invite Brian to the meetings.

Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update:

-Corinna updated the committee on what Shawn, Wayne, Mallory and she have discussed. They went through part of the grant regarding these three E's. There are items already in place (PE utilizing the bike trailer, spring and fall walk/bike to school, Bike Rodeo), items they have tried (school patrol), new items (winter walk/bike to school in February). There is a grant for up to \$10,000 from PeopleForBikes which can be used to fund bicycle infrastructure projects and target initiatives that make it easier and safer for people of all ages and abilities to ride, like making a Traffic Garden (painting on a hard surface to help in practicing rules of the road on bikes). If interested, a letter of interest will need to be submitted in late January. What is a good location for a Traffic Garden?

-Mallory informed the committee that she is working on a winter walk to school event. She will be sending out an email regarding this.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

Dog Park

Fundraising:

-Lori informed the committee that a total of \$35,018.97 has been raised so far. There was a \$30,000 donation from Dr. Vartan & Dr. Lucy Malkasian. With this large donation, they are not interested in any large publicity, only a sign/plaque at the park (it is okay to use their name). We also received a grant of \$4,243.97 from Richland Wilkin Community Foundation.

-There have been a few "Christmas present" donations. Lori has sent out a Thank You along with a reminder for them to come to City Hall to pick up their treat.

-Donations will continue to be accepted until the structure (fencing) of the park is complete, along with signage, benches, and waste stations are complete. Then the committee will discuss financials.

Signage & Rules:

No specifics were discussed. Add to next meeting.

-Patrick informed the committee that PartnerSHIP 4 Health can fund a bike rack to be placed at the Dog Park. PartnerSHIP 4 Health can also help with funding for signage to get to the dog park and disc golf

course (not in or at the parks, just direction signs to get there). Further discussion needed regarding where to place signs, how many signs are needed, what signs should say, etc.

-Lori informed the committee that Kelly from Farm City Supply called regarding possibly adding a sign or banner at the dog park stating that they sell Nutro Source dog food. He was inquiring if they made a donation if that would be possible and what that donation would need to be. This will be added to next month agenda and Lori will call him and let him there was not a quorum to make a decision and that it will get to the January meeting.

Other Business

None.

Ended call at 9:35 am.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, January 13th, 2021 at 9:00 AM.