

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Reed Johnson, Curt Londroche, Sarah Lansing, Patrick Hollister (Telecom), Evie Fox, Neil Crocker, Ashley Wiertzema, Adalia Speer, Corinna Erickson, Chris Loehr, Shawn Roberts, Mandy Steinberger

### 1. Call to Order

Shawn called the meeting to order at 9:05 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Reed offered a motion to approve the minutes from the December 14, 2022, meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah and carried unanimously.

### 3. Safe Routes to School

#### Engineering Update

Neil informed the committee that Wilkin County has agreed to be the sponsor for this project. Chris and Neil have been looking at pedestrian crossing beacons and smart gates for the school. After making the final decision with the school's input this will be sent to the Wilkin County Engineer for approval. The work on this project will be during the summer months when there is no school in session.

#### Education, Encouragement, Enforcement Update

No updates at this time.

### 4. Other Business

#### a. MnDOT Grant Available- Active Transportation:

##### I. Jefferson Park:

-Sarah submitted the application at the end of December. Sarah attended the City Council meeting at the beginning of December and got approval for this project. Due to the need for the county to manage this project, Neil attended the Wilkin County Commissioner meeting and got their approval for this project. Since this is a state/federal funded project there will need to be engineering plans and specifications. The cost for the engineering may be around \$35,000. If the grant application is accepted Neil will bring the engineering costs to the Finance Committee. What will happen with that may need to be discussed in the future. The grant will be awarded on March 24, 2023.

#### b. Highway 75 walk/bike path Banners:

Lori took the current used and unused banners to both Grippers Sports and Bold Print to make sure the quote, material and size was what is needed for this project. Lori left a banner at Grippers and he was going to make an example banner and get ready for this meeting. There has been no communication since then. Lori visited with Bold Print, and they checked with their vendors and could not guarantee the size needed to fit, so they passed on the project. With further discussion regarding the timeframe for getting the information out to the businesses and service groups, their response deadline, compiling the sponsorship listing, making of the banners and still have a March installation date the committee decided to make a motion.

- \*Shawn offered a motion to go with Auto Creation and Signs to make the banners. The motion was seconded by Neil and carried unanimously.

-Lori G. will contact Auto Creation and Signs and let them know they were awarded the bid, email out the sponsorship form to businesses and service groups, get the listing back to Auto Creations and Signs for them to put together the banners.

-A representative from the Arts Council was supposed to attend this meeting regarding the banners. Lori G. will reach out to them to attend the next meeting.

## 5. New project- discussion

### a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

See above

### b. Levee path

-Chris informed the committee there has been no communication from the Army Corp of Engineers. Also, this project would need to be engineered at some point going forward. The committee discussed how to get the money needed to have this engineered and ready if there were a grant opportunity.

-Committee discussed having signs added to the levees that say walking and/or biking permitted. Patrick suggested getting example signs, location of placement and quotes together and email to him. There may be funding available.

### c. Ideas from youth

Adalia has been talking to other youth/classmates regarding what they want and/or need in the community. Comments have been made to update the basketball court and park by the high school/pool. She will be working on getting out a survey for students regarding this, more information to come.

## Other

-Patrick informed the committee that Battle Lake renewed their Bronze Level for Bicycle Friendly Communities. This is a 4-year commitment. It was about seven years ago when it was brought to the Active Living Committee. The committee asked to have the information emailed out again for future review.

-This is a budget year for Minnesota and the future of SHIP will be discussed during the legislative session. Patrick may ask for letters of support in the future to be sent to the legislators.

-Mandy discussed possibly adding volleyball at the Family Community Center.

-The Bois de Sioux Adventure Area has trails nicely groomed for walking, biking, snowshoeing and cross-country skiing.

-Father Daughter Dance is set for Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> starting at 5pm. If you would like to help in the planning before the event or the day of, contact Kris.

Motion by Chris to adjourn the meeting at 9:52 am. Seconded by Neil and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, February 8, 2023, at 9:00 AM.