

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, Shawn Roberts, Kris Karlgaard, Reed Johnson, Evie Fox, Neil Crocker, Julie Ernst, Chris Loehr, Mallory Jarvi, Wayne Hurley, Patrick Hollister, Audra Anderson (Daily News)

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 October 14th, 2020, meeting. The motion was seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

Safe Routes to School

Mallory Jarvi, West Central Initiative

~Mallory is the new Minnesota GreenCorps Member with West Central Initiative. Mallory is working on Safe Routes to School with Wayne Hurley in local surrounding schools. They are looking to collaborate activities and non-infrastructure improvements to our current SRTS plan. A few of the ideas that are in the works are a food tool kit and winter walk to school (February 5th). The SRTS plan can and should also include the Education, Encourage and Enforcement. Mallory is working on ways to implement these into Breckenridge. Julie, Shawn, Corinna and Patrick have made a subcommittee to work on the education and promotion of safe walking/biking to school portion of this grant. Shawn will send out an email to those subcommittee members with the information to review and propose a meeting time to discuss.

~Shawn has asked the committee to look over the full SRTS plan and see if there is anything that should/could be implemented into the schools and not just infrastructure. The link to the full grant is on the West Central Initiative website.

~Mallory sent out an email to Corinna regarding a survey for bike racks at the school. Julie will follow up with Corinna regarding this. The deadline is this Friday, November 20th.

Update

Neil informed the committee that the bids for RFP for engineering services are due this Friday. Once the plans are final, it will go to MN DOT to make sure the changes still qualify with the original grant.

Activities / Improvements for Breckenridge:

Dog Park

Fundraising:

~Total donations thus far is \$725. This amount includes GoFundMe, cash and checks. Once cash and checks are received at City Hall, Lori puts the information into GoFundMe; these donations show up as Anonymous (offline). Thank you letters have been sent out to all of the donors thus far.

~Reed will make a sign to place at the "Future Home of Dog Park". This sign will include the donation information. Once the sign is in place Lori will post on social media.

~Patrick asked the committee if this is a possible location for a bike rack. The consensus of the committee was this would be an added asset to the park. There may be a grant through West Central Initiative and PartnerSHIP 4 Health. Patrick will get back to committee regarding this.

~Shawn is going to send Renae an email regarding using the City Tax ID number for a grant through Walmart.

~Renae applied for a \$5000 grant through Richland Wilkin Community Foundation. There is no date on the application/information as to when the grant is awarded.

~Committee would like to do a Christmas fundraiser for dog park donations. Donations can be “In honor of” or “Hard to buy for person”. Evie is going to get a “doggy gift” to be picked up at City Hall with their donation after December 1st. Lori will mail out a certificate of donation with the Thank you letter. Lori will make a flyer and post on Facebook. Lori asked if the committee members could share the post when they see it on social media.

Signage & Rules:

~PartnerSHIP 4 Health may be able to help with signage. Patrick will check into this.

~Signage needed for rules, small dog area, large dog area, reminder to leash beyond this point, and pick up poop. More discussion to come.

~ 2 benches and 3 doggy waste stations will be needed; examples and current cost of similar items throughout the rest of city was included in packet

Other Business

~Welles Memorial Park sign is now up at 5th Street and Nebraska Ave. Patrick is going to look into signage for adding a direction sign for the Disc Golf Course.

~Patrick informed the committee that there are 2 zoom meetings coming up regarding the Pelican Rapids Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan. This is the final round for the public input. He will email a link if you would like to join.

Motion by Reed to adjourn the meeting at 9:49 a.m. Seconded by Evie and carried unanimously. The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, December 9th, 2020 at 9:00 AM.