

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Curt Londroche, Patrick Hollister (telecom), Jordan Evenson, Chris Loehr, Kris Karlgaard, Liz Mattis, Neil Crocker

1. Call to Order

Neil called the meeting to order at 9:04 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Curtis offered a motion to approve the minutes of the December 10, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Chris and carried unanimously.

3. Other Business

a. Highway 75 Banners

-Lori informed the committee that there are currently 31 sponsors who have signed up. It did help that Stan went around to the businesses that were sponsors in the past and hand delivered/talked to them about the committee and this sponsorship.

-Forms were updated with new deadline of January 16th. Next week Lori will get the information over to Auto Creations and Signs to have the signs made.

b. Red River Landing

Kris was given a sketch by Eric Greenquist, long-time Breckenridge resident and business owner, of Welles Memorial Park with an idea of a boat landing with a beach area.

-Neil did go down to the southwest area of the park and the Headwaters Park described in the sketch to get a better look to see if this would be feasible.

Boat Landing: It looks like with how high the dike is there would need to be a lot of dirt removed or a lot of material brought into the river to make the slope work for the backing down the steep dike with a boat as it is currently. The Public Works Department has built up that current dike to the condition it is in to keep the water out of the park for flooding purposes, so it does not seem feasible to cut into the dike. For the option to bring in material to make the slope into the river, there would have to be permits from the DNR and since the river has seemed to change course to the north over the past couple of years the river is very shallow in that area, so it would be a challenge to find a location deep enough to launch a boat safely.

Beach area: The location on the sketch is filled with full mud and muck to about knee/high height. Also, same as above with the low/high water levels it would be hard to keep the area in the right condition for a beach.

Neil encouraged the community to look for themselves at the areas discussed. He also informed the committee that there are two other locations in the city that have boat ramps that can get you to that specific location (Lions Park and Bois de Sioux Adventure Area).

c. Safe Routes to School Information

Corinna shared an email she received regarding the new Transportation and Sustainability Planner at West Central Initiative who oversees coordinating the Safe Routes to School (SRTS) plans, her name is Bianca Newell. Also in the email was a link to a free eight-week training course for SRTS and a K-8 active transportation curriculum called On My Way!.

4. New project- discussion

a. Levee path

See below – Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant

b. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

c. Other

i. Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) Grant

Neil informed the committee that two grants (Transportation Alternative Grant and Carbon Reduction Program Grant) were submitted last Friday. These grants submitted would be to pave the top surface of the Golf Course levy. The total cost of this project is estimated at \$350,000. The city does have a levy maintenance fund that could potentially be used for the remaining balance not received in grant funding. Grants are awarded in early February, but funding would not be available until 2029, at the earliest.

ii. 2026 AARP Community Challenge Grant

The committee applied for this grant last year focusing on the addition of two additional courts. However, the grant was not selected for funding.

-There is a webinar January 27, application deadline is March 4, and project completion deadline is December 15, 2026.

-The committee discussed the update on the new school project and the moving of the pickleball courts. Neil is going to look further into the grant and see if the Flagship Grant would be an opportunity for the addition of bathroom facilities with a water station.

Other

Nothing currently.

Motion by Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 9:38 am. Seconded by Liz and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 9:00 AM.