

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, March 5, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Curt Londroche, Sydney Wiertzema, Evie Fox, Corrina Erickson, Sarah Lansing, Brooks Klinnert, Liz Mattis, Neil Crocker, Patrick Hollister (telecom), Jason Bergstrand (telecom)

Guest Present: Scott Nicholson

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Curtis offered a motion to approve the minutes of the February 12, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah and carried unanimously.

3. Power of 100

Scott Nicholson, Director of Richland Wilkin Community Foundation (RWCF), informed the committee that the Power of 100 is an evening of food, fellowship and philanthropy which will be held in September. They are planning to have the event at the new 44 Venue in Colfax, ND with plans of 200-300 in attendance. The event will have a ticket cost to attend for the meal, entertainment and the presentations (approximately \$75 each). The votes will also have a cost (approximately \$100 per vote). RWCF will be granting \$10,000 in total this evening to 3 groups: \$5,000 for 1st (most votes), \$3,000 for 2nd, and \$2,000 for 3rd. Scott asked if the ALC would like the opportunity to be one of the three groups to take part in the event. The items needed from the ALC would be a seven-minute presentation (preferably video), getting supporters there and purchasing votes, and marketing the event and project.

*Brooks offered a motion to participate in the Power of 100 event in September 2025 with the opportunity for grant money for the Active Living Committee. The motion was seconded by Lori and carried unanimously.

4. Other Business

a. Disc Golf Tiles- Update

No updates currently.

b. Pickleball Sign

-Neil left a message with one of the avid players and has not received a return call yet.

-Sarah stated that if we receive the AARP grant it is required to add a logo to signage. So, it may be wise to hold off on finalizing the sign until we know on if we receive the grant money.

5. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk & playground

Jason told Lori that he is all for this project and that he would want to be a part of the planning process.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

d. Other

i. AARP Community Challenge Grant

- Sarah submitted the grant application, along with the letter of support from PartnerSHIP 4 Health last night. However, there is still time to make any last-minute changes until 5pm today if needed. Neil and Sydney stated that there is no need, and she did a great job on the application.
- Sarah stated that the application is fairly easy and the ALC should look into doing this grant annually.
- Applicants will be notified in May of their status by email.

ii. Community Gardens Webinar

- Jason informed the committee of a webinar series being held each Tuesday in March. The one the ALC would be most interested in would be March 18th at noon regarding a grant opportunity for Sustainable Agriculture (community gardens & food forest). During the webinar they will go through three different types of community gardens (one family, multifamily and large community) and discuss the planting of fruit trees for community consumption.
- Patrick will email out the link to the committee for registration.

Other

- Corrina inquired with Neil on a project for the 7th-12th graders to do for Earth Day. Neil would like the students to help with cleaning up trash and sticks in the city parks if the weather and timeframe allows.
- Curtis inquired if the Bull Bash is going to be the same time as Headwaters Day in 2025. Neil and Lori explained that they have met with Wahpeton and Breckenridge Fire Departments, and yes, the Bull Bash will be in Welles Memorial Park on the same day as Headwaters Day, Saturday, September 13, 2025.
- Liz informed the committee that Wilkin County Health and Human Services will again be doing the scavenger hunt around the city parks for May Mental Health month. There will be a mental health message at each park with a clue to get you to the next stop. There is a chance to win five gift cards.

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

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2025, at 9:00 AM.