

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Curt Londroche, Reed Johnson, Neil Crocker, Sydney Wiertzema, Evie Fox, Jordan Evenson, Rizzi Heger, Shalyn Reiff, Liz Mattis, Sara Lansing, Corrina Erickson, Odin Carlson, Patrick Hollister (telecom)

1. Call to Order

Neil called the meeting to order at 9:00 AM.

2. Approval of Minutes: Reed offered a motion to approve the minutes from the September 11, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah and carried unanimously.

3. Cycling Without Age- Jake Krohn - Update

Jake updated the committee via email: "Last week, MN DHS announced the dates and details for the next round of their Age-Friendly MN grant funding. I looked through the materials, and I believe that we still stand a good chance of getting funded. Some dates coming up: October 16, 10:30 - 12:30 pm - Grant application conference (via Teams) November 8 - Applications due February 12, 2025 - March 31, 2026 - Grant period. I will sit in on the Wednesday conference to learn more, then get to work on the application. I think our application will be a good one, given all of the letters of support that the group collected."

4. Outdoor Fitness Gym - Update

Liz updated the committee that the sub-committee met and reached out to some local companies for quotes on equipment. The equipment looked at was the most popular ones from the recent survey results. The sub-committee will be looking into grant opportunities and a GoFundMe page. Currently, they have received a few quotes back ranging from \$24,000-\$95,000. The location of installation was discussed again. The sub-committee has also reached out to other communities that have this type of outdoor fitness equipment to get some further guidance as to where they purchased the equipment and where the funds came from. The sub-committee will plan to meet again before the next ALC meeting.

5. Other Business

a. Disc Golf Tiles- Update

Odin informed the committee that Liz Sundquist, Breckenridge School Art Teacher, is interested in having this as a project for the students in kindergarten along with the seniors helping. However, she does have a few questions to help her better plan the art project. What are the tiles made of? Are they coated with something? Do you have to use markers or could paint be used?

-The committee discussed taking down the current tiles in hopes of not damaging the current poles. If that is a possibility the ALC has money in the budget to purchase new tiles and the students could paint/marker them. This would be easier than having the students do the artwork on the poles.

-Neil is going to see how easy it is to remove the current tiles; Lori is going to count how many current tiles there are and how many we would need to have made; Odin is going to check with Mrs. Sundquist and see what materials she would like to use, where she gets it from and how much money is needed to purchase those items.

6. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk & playground

No updates currently.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

Odin asked the committee what the committee is looking for from the youth. Ideas and discussion were had.

d. Bicycle Friendly Communities

No updates currently.

e. Other

No updates currently.

Other

-Patrick mentioned now that the Study for Trail Connections is complete the committee/city should begin looking into grants that could be used to build the trails identified in the study (examples: Active Transportation Infrastructure Grant, Transportation Alternative Grant)

-Curtis informed the committee that the Headwaters Royalty was a part of their first parade and the Headwaters Royalty Program is planning to add a junior royalty next year.

-The Twin Town Skate Park gave a thank you card to the ALC for their donation and support. The card was passed around the table.

-Neil informed the committee on the popularity of the pickleball courts. When the 4 courts were paved, asphalted and painted in the past they also had 2 courts to the west also paved and asphalted in anticipation of expansion. The current quote to have those additional 2 courts painted, fencing, posts and nets came in at approximately \$30,000 (without windscreens).

-The city has had inquiries about reserving times to play at the courts due to them being busy.

Therefore, Neil continues to encourage the active players to organize a group to run the courts.

Motion by Curtis to adjourn the meeting at 9:34 am. Seconded by Evie and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 9:00 AM.