

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, May 8, 2024, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Shawn Roberts, Lori Gefre, Curt Londroche, Chris Loehr, Reed Johnson, Becky Tripp, Ashley Wiertzema & Rick Schara (Telecom)

1. Call to Order

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

2. Approval of Minutes: Chris offered a motion to approve the minutes from the April 10, 2024, meeting. The motion was seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

3. PartnerSHIP 4 Health Trail Study

Chris informed the committee that they are in the process of scheduling another meeting and there should be updates at the June meeting.

4. Cycling Without Age- Jake Krohn

The committee discussed the need for yearly servicing, which could be a winter project for city staff; the need for volunteers and training to give the rides, that would need to be further address and advertised; location for storage, winter storage was offered up by the Wilkin County Family Service building on 6th Street and the committee discussed the possibility of adding a shed at the FCC for this and other items; point of contact regarding questions and for volunteer to pick their timeframe for going rides and for facilities or residents to direct to online schedule, Becky and Ashley stated they may have staff to assist with this.

*Becky offered a motion to have Breckenridge be included in with the Through the Age Friendly Minnesota grant that Jake Krohn is writing to purchase a 3-wheeled (electric) bicycle, shipping, battery, and training. The motion was seconded by Chris and carried with Curtis abstaining.

Lori G. will email Jake and let him know to go ahead and proceed with the grant, including Breckenridge.

5. Power of 100 Event- North Dakota Community Foundation

The committee discussed a few different ideas/projects to bring into the community next. The consensus is to add an Outdoor Fitness Gym. This is an idea that the committee has discussed several times over the years. The location that seems to make the most sense would be around the Family Community Center, due to the wide range of people that use that area. Examples may be parents taking their children to the Twin Town Skatepark, in which they could utilize the gym; a couple taking their dog to the dog park and one of them playing fetch or relaxing on the bench while the other utilizes the gym; families could use the walk/bike path right there and make a stop to utilize the gym; center of town; plenty of green space; growth opportunities; along a highway for use of travelers.

*Chris offered a motion to participate in the Fall 2024- Power of 100 Event with the next project for the Active Living Committee is to plan and fundraise for an Outdoor Fitness Gym to be installed in the area around the Family Community Center. The motion was seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

Lori G. will email Scott and let him know that the Active Living Committee would like to be one of the three organizations for the Fall 2024- Power of 100 Event and get the information together to be brought to Public Works Committee, Finance Committee and City Council before we can proceed.

6. Other Business

a. Member application

Lori G. will continue to post on social media to get new members. Curtis has hung up flyers advertising the want for new members. Reed is going to check with a few residents that he knows may be interested. If any committee members know of anyone that would be a good fit, please reach out with a personal invite.

b. Subcommittee

No updates currently.

c. Funding

i. Fundraising

No updates currently.

ii. Grant applications

No updates currently.

d. Mental Health Awareness Scavenger Hunt- Health & Human Services

-Ashley explained the details to the 2024 Wilkin County Community Scavenger Hunt that will be held in Breckenridge, Campbell and Rothsay. In 2023 a similar event was held in Breckenridge with 97 participants, with the large number of participants they decided to expand into the other two communities.
-The hunt is to help promote May being Mental Health month. The hunt is where you have a starting point and get a map with a listing of stops. When you get to each stop there is a poster with a message regarding something on mental health (positive message, facts, stats, etc.). Also, on the poster you will get a "key word" to fill in a blank that in the end will reveal a positive message.
-Forms need to be turned in on May 29th with a drawing for gift cards to be held on May 30th.

7. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk

No updates currently.

b. Levee path

No updates currently.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

d. Bicycle Friendly Communities

No updates currently.

e. Other

i. Ball storage for parks

Lori G. had an example of a vertical ball rack that can hold a variety of balls such a basketball, volleyball, football, etc. and would mount on a pole (basketball). The rack (with mounts) is approximately \$35 each.

*Shawn offered a motion to purchase three racks and have installed at OxCart Park, Kids Corner Park and at the basketball court by the Aquatic Center. The motion was seconded by Becky and carried unanimously.

Currently there are some committee members that have extra balls they are willing to donate for a start.

ii. Headwaters Day Committee – Next meeting: May 16th at 9am, City Hall

f. Additional Pickleball Courts

-Neil wanted to relay to the committee about the need and want for additional pickleball courts. Currently there are more than 100 current pickleball users at the Breckenridge location. Many times, there is a waiting line to play. The courts are used from morning to night.

-The wind screens were installed on May 1st. There were many volunteers and it turned out great.

Other

- Breckenridge Flea Market starts this weekend
- Breckenridge Spring Rummage Sale is May 17th & 18th
- OSPTI 5k Fun Walk/Run is May 15th; race starts at 6pm
- Breckenridge Education Foundation Ninja Anywhere Fundraiser is May 22
- Committee discussed getting a couple students as a liaison to possibly rotate, or to have a student whose schedule works well with the timing for this meeting. We feel the youth opinion is valuable and we have missed having their input.

Motion by Chris to adjourn the meeting at 10:05 am. Seconded by Reed and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at 9:00 AM.