

Breckenridge Active Living Committee meeting was held on Wednesday, February 12, 2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Members Present: Lori Gefre, Curt Londroche, Sydney Wiertzema, Jordan Evenson, Corrina Erickson, Odin Carlson, Tessa Snyder, Sarah Lansing, Brooks Klinnert, Jen Meslow, Kris Karlgaard, Neil Crocker, Patrick Hollister (telecom)

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 from the January 8, 2025, meeting. The motion was seconded by Sarah and carried unanimously.

3. Pickleball Sign

-Neil is going to check with a few of the avid pickleball players and see what they would like the sign to say for rules and any other information they want to add.

-Lori will come up with a rough draft for the sign, including a logo and whatever Neil finds out from the players. This draft will be included in next month's packet to be discussed.

-The sign will be placed on the south fence facing the road, by the entrance.

4. Other Business

a. Disc Golf Tiles- Update

When the weather gets nicer Neil will have staff remove the current tiles. Corrina has the school ALP ready to help with the installation.

5. New project- discussion

a. Jefferson Park-sidewalk & playground

Lori will send this to Jason and see if he has any updates on this topic.

b. Levee path

-Neil has talked with the Public Works Committee, Wilkin County, the golf course manager and Wahpeton Director of Public Works regarding adding a paved path onto the levee between the golf course walk bridge and River Bend Trail, along the Golf Course. All communication has been good, and they feel that it is a good idea. Upholding the levee is the responsibility of the city and with the current use of this path, there is show of wear. There will need to be some maintenance on this levee very soon and a paved path will only help with the structure's integrity.

-Discussion was had regarding grant options and the possible issue of this being a shared path with motorized vehicles.

-Grant opportunities will need to be looked into for this project, due to the large cost.

c. Ideas from youth

No updates currently.

d. Other

i. AARP Community Challenge Grant – opens January

-Lori watched a webinar on this grant opportunity and included a few of the slides (timeline, scoring criteria and grant categories) and examples of projects that were awarded in the past.

-Committee discussed a few of the options for this grant, including community gardens and adding additional pickleball courts.

-The committee decided that with the current use of the pickleball courts and the age group (older community) that uses them that this grant should be written for an additional 2 courts to be painted, poles, nets and separation fences.

-Sarah has volunteered to write the grant. Neil will get a quote and help with the background on the project. Lori can get any photos of the current courts, if needed. Patrick has offered to write a letter of support from PartnerSHIP 4 Health.

-The grant is due March 5th at 5pm.

ii. BCSC Wellness Grant – Fitness Court

The mayor received an email from a representative for a National Fitness Campaign regarding an outdoor fitness infrastructure through a partnership with a state sponsor grant from Blue Cross Blue Shield. The committee discussed having this outdoor equipment in our community and decided that with the weather in this area, the future maintenance and the potential cost factor, we are not interested in this project.

iii. Booth at Older Adult Resources Fair

The committee was asked to have a table to promote the ALC at an Older Adult Resources Fair on April 11th at the Breckenridge Senior Citizen Center from 9am-2pm. The committee discussed and there is no one that is available to be at the booth. However, Sarah will be at a booth for her work (CHI St. Francis) and is willing to have some brochure to hand out. Lori will get her some ready for that day.

Other

-Jen asked the committee, as a new member, why we seem to be so focused on the outdoors with the climate that we live in. Shouldn't we be looking into having an indoor space? Her thoughts would be to have a building with a walking path, equipment for children, fitness equipment for adults, etc. The committee discussed the status of The Infinity Center and The Children's Discovery Center, both of which these will have the items listed above.

Motion by Kris to adjourn the meeting at 10:03 am. Seconded by Curtis and carried unanimously.

The next Active Living Committee Meeting will be **Wednesday, March 5, 2025**, at 9:00 AM.