

Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, January 8, 2013 - 7:00 PM
GF Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND

Art Young
Nikki Seabloom
Robert Seabloom
Richard O'Connor

Wes Rogers
Dan Splichal
Teri Kouba, MPO
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

- I. **Old Business**
 - a. **Share the Road letter to mayor:** The group edited the letter to Mayor Brown. Kim will send the letter this week.
- II. **New Business:** None
- III. **Next meeting date: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at the Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist, City of Grand Forks

Supporting document: Letter of request to Mayor Brown



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Mayor Michael R. Brown
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January 9, 2013

Dear Mayor Brown,

Please consider this a formal request on behalf of the Greenway and Trail Users Advisory Group (G&TUAG) for a review of the current bikeway system-to provide better access and understanding for riders.

Rising fuel costs and a desire to be physically active have helped boost cycling in our community over the past few years. Members of the group are avid recreational and commuter bicyclists who believe that the increased bicycle use provides an opportunity for updating several aspects of the bikeway network.

The G&TUAG requests that you assign a city staff member to work with the committee on the following

1. Providing a consistent visual identity for bike lanes and routes. This would be accomplished by painting all bike lane stripes in green to distinguish from regular white street lines. Route signs would match these lines for visual consistency and provide a distinct reminder to drivers and aid cyclists in identifying routes.
2. Implementing changes and additions to the Greater Grand Forks bikeway system, as suggested by the G&TUAG for better connections, especially making better use of controlled crossings on busy streets.
3. Submitting an application for status as a Bicycle Friendly Community through the League of American Bicyclists. Previous applications in 2005 & 2006 resulted in Honorable Mention status. The group believes that improvements to the bikeway system over the past few years have strengthened the application potential.

The Greenway and Trail Users Advisory group was formed in 2008 for citizens to share ideas and show support of the Greenway and trails in our community. Each month citizens meet to discuss how to improve the trail system and promote trail use.

I appreciate your consideration of this matter and look forward to hearing from you regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Kim Greendahl
Greenway Specialist

CC: Roxanne Achman, Planner
Mark Aubol, Superintendent of Streets
Teri Kouba, Metropolitan Planning Organization
Jane Williams, Traffic Engineer
Matt Yavarow, Engineering