

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

Troy Schroeder  
Jane Crocker  
Richard O'Connor  
Stephanie Erickson, MPO  
Wes Rogers  
Dave Lambeth

Matt Yavarow  
Aaron Kennedy  
Karen Salwey, City of GF  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**Special guest:** Justin Kristan

**I. Introduction to ND Active Transportation Alliance**

Guest Speaker Justin Kristan, Executive Director, North Dakota Active Transportation Alliance, presented his idea to create an active transportation alliance group in the state of North Dakota. The Alliance would bring together bike and pedestrian groups from Fargo/Moorhead, Grand Forks/East Grand Forks, Bismarck/Mandan and Minot. This group would work to create awareness of biking across the state, provide bike education, identify other agencies with similar interests, and work with tourism to update the state bike friendly status. Ideas were shared regarding mission statement, website development, finding funding, and getting local interest in the four major cities. The goal would be for this to be a stand-alone, non-profit advocacy group that would represent and provide support for the State of ND with local chapters in each of the four (4) metropolis areas listed above.

**II. Old Business**

**A. Bike Project Update**

- i. **Consistent visual identity for bike lanes and routes:** We will work to set up a meeting with the Green Lanes committee again in November.
- ii. **Collect public input for changes and additions to the GGF bikeway system:** We have received 30 online survey responses so far. Most responses have been positive. The MPO will include all comments in the Long-Range Transportation Plan and also on file. The open house at Dakota Harvest Bakers went very well, with twelve people attending. The general consensus was that most people are happy with the trail system and want to see that system expand. There is a second open house scheduled for October 10 at the East Grand Forks Public Library.
- iii. **Application for status as a Bicycle Friendly Community:** An application will be made but the committee and sponsoring agency have not been determined yet.

- B. Bike and Pedestrian Transportation Plan Update:** Stephanie said the update is going through the approval process. The plan has to be reviewed and approved by each committee: Planning Committee, EGF Work Session, GF Service and Safety Committee, and both City Councils. Public hearings are coming up in November for both Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.

**Planning Committee GF:** Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, 5:30pm

**GF City Council:** Nov. 18<sup>th</sup>

**Planning Committee EGF:** Nov. 14<sup>th</sup>, noon

**EGF City Council:** Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>

Jane made a motion to adopt a resolution supporting the proposed plan. Dick seconded the motion. No one opposed. Jane, Kim and Stephanie will work on a proposal to present at planning committee and city council meetings.

**III. New Business**

- A. New Brochures** – There is only about ½ a box of Greenway brochures left. Kim will be working on updated brochure over the winter.

- B. Policy on advertising in the Greenway** – There were discussions during the Technical Committee this morning regarding advertising on the Greenway. This has been tabled until the December Greenway Technical Committee staff meeting and will be brought to this group for discussion after that.
- IV. Greenway updates** – Bird migration is underway. Dave Lambeth is working to obtain a special state level birding designation for Greenway. There are 40-50 species that can be spotted on the Greenway on any given day, or about 100 species in a season.
- V. Other** – Habitat management looks good. There is much more habitat now that it's not mowed to the river. Kim has done a great job working with this area and it's looking great.
- VI. Next meeting date: 7:00 pm, Tuesday November 12<sup>th</sup>, 2013 at the Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Ave South**

Submitted by: Karen Salwey, Public Works Sr. Administrative Specialist, City of Grand Forks

**Support documents:** North Dakota Active Transportation Alliance agenda

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Organizational Meeting #3

Tuesday, October 8, 2013

7:00pm – 8:00pm

Grand Forks Greenway and Trail Users Advisory Group

## Agenda

1. Introductions
2. Introduction to the North Dakota Active Transportation Alliance (15minutes)
  - a. Purpose
  - b. Need
3. Strategy Discussion: (15 minutes)
  - a. Four Major Cities
    - i. Local Interest
    - ii. Find existing or potential advocates
    - iii. Health departments, city councils, school systems, planning, engineers level of interest
  - b. Advisory committee membership
  - c. Funding Opportunities
4. Potential work tasks for 2014 and 2015 (15 minutes)
5. Next steps (10 minutes)