

Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, February 12, 2013 - 7:00 PM
GF Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND

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I. Old Business

- a. **Share the Road letter to mayor:** Kim has received verbal confirmation of the request to work with city staff on the items listed in the January 9 letter of request.
- b. **Special project requests**
 - i. **Boathouse proposal:** Representatives from Ground Up Adventures, GF Park District Commissioners, GF County Sheriff's Department, and City of GF have met to discuss details about the boat house. Ground Up Adventures is working with the GF City Attorney to draft a lease agreement for the land. The GF Park District has shared information with Ground Up Adventures about contracting with a third party for the human resource duties.
 - ii. **Bocce ball courts:** A concept map of possible additions to the 7th Avenue North access has been completed. The group is concerned about developing micro parks along the trail system. Discussion included the desire to build a neighborhood gathering area versus preserving stretches of trail uninterrupted by development. Kim will share these concerns with the staff of the Greenway Technical Committee.

II. New Business

- a. **Special project request:**
 - i. **Picture Posts:** The UND Interpretive Methods class presented an idea for Picture Posts to be installed in areas of the Greenway. Picture Post is a part of the Digital Earth Watch (DEW) network. DEW supports environmental monitoring by citizens, students and community organizations through digital photography and satellite imagery. You can contribute photographs to any Picture Post, measure environmental change in your neighborhood, and contribute to science networks.
- b. **2013 trail update:** The city of GF has \$375,000 worth of bike trail additions and repairs scheduled for 2013. Projects include:
 - i. Reconstruction of trail along South 20th Street, between 40th Avenue South to 47th Avenue South - Approved
 - ii. Columbia Road from DeMers Avenue to 11th Avenue South – Approved
 - iii. Adams Drive up & over at levee – Approved
 - iv. 55th Avenue South from Cherry Street to South Washington Street – Approved
 - v. Spot repairs as needed.

Future projects (no timeline at this time):

 - i. Reroute section of trail in lower Sunbeam area because of slippage
 - ii. Connection near Gardenview townhomes to eventually connect to South 42nd Street.
 - iii. 24th Avenue South from South 38th Street to South 42nd Street
 - iv. Kiawannis Park trail: the new school and neighborhood will speed the construction up.
 - v. South Columbia Road widening project between 36th Avenue South to 47th Avenue South – possible

- vi. DeMers Avenue from 42nd Street to 47th Street – Right-of-Way is working on issues with the ND Department of Transportation and the railroad. Maybe install a sidewalk first and a trail later.

III. Next meeting date: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at the Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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

Supporting documents: Map of 2013 GF trail projects