

Greenway & Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (G&BPAC)
Formerly the Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group
Tuesday, January 12, 2016 – 7:00 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102

Meeting Notes

Jane Croeker
Margaret Zidan
Aaron Kennedy
Wes Rogers
Jairo Viafara, MPO

Richard O'Connor
Stephanie Erickson, GF planning
David Kuharenko, GF engineering
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Greenway items

- A. **Wild Hog marathon route:** The group expressed concerns about the location and availability of restrooms for the spectators. Kim will forward this concern to the planners.
- B. **Winter bike race:** Aaron and his group have been hosting this event for the past five or six years. This year they are partnering with Ground Up Adventures to host the event. Planners are considering a longer course and allowing only fat tire bikes. The race would start and end in Lincoln Drive Park (LDP). The route would go south, then north on the river to EGF, then back to LDP. Aaron is hoping for at least 40 participants.

II. Bikeway items

- A. **DeMers Shared-Use Path:** David continues to work with Burlington Northern Sante Fe (BNSF) for an easement near the railroad tracks. They are also working with ND Department of Transportation (NDDOT) for the design plans. The final design plans will need to be submitted to the NDDOT by mid-August.
- B. **Repaving project in Lincoln Drive Park:** David is working on the plans for repaving a portion of the former Euclid Avenue in the park. This is the road between the warming house and the upper disc golf course.
- C. **2016 Bikeway projects:** This will be added to the February agenda. David will bring a list of projects for discussion. Jane expressed concern that citizens are asked for comments on projects but those comments are relatively ignored.

- III. **MPO:** The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) plans to update the Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan and Safe Routes to School recommendations. Anyone interested in participating in focus groups can contact Jairo at Jairo.viafara@theforksmpo.org.

IV. Other

- A. **Connection for bike trail in lower Lincoln Drive Park (LDP):** Is it possible to get a connection from the trail in lower LDP, near the dog park, to the upper trail near the levee and floodwall? Applications for this project were submitted for funding years ago but did not receive funding. Kim will share that file with David.
- B. **Connection to Riverside Dam:** Can a better connection from the trail to Riverside Dam be installed? There is no direct connection to the dam and a lack of signing makes it very difficult to reach the dam.
- C. **Graffiti on south pedestrian bridge:** Kim will submit a work order to have this cleaned up this spring.

- V. **Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, February 9, 2016, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102**

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

Supporting documents: 1-19-16 Greenway Technical Committee agenda & attachments
Flyer – Public Involvement Opportunities for MPO projects

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)
10:30AM - Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room

Agenda

- I. Introductions**
- II. Old Business**
- III. New Business**
 - A. Wild Hog marathon route request**
 - B. Chairperson position**
 - C. Greenway Project lists**
 - D. Year-end report - all**
- IV. Other**
 - A. MPO:**
 - i. Bicycle & Pedestrian portion of the Long Range Transportation Plan
- V. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee STAFF, 10:30AM Tuesday, February 16, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**
- VI. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee, 10:30AM Tuesday, March 15, 2016, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**
- VII. Adjournment**
- VIII. Upcoming events & meetings**
 - Greenway Ski Day: Saturday, February 6 10AM – 4PM in Lincoln Drive Park. www.gfparks.org
 - Frozen Feat 5 & 10K: Saturday, February 13 – downtown GF & Greenway
 - Frosty Bobber: Saturday, February 13 in downtown EGF & Greenway

Supporting documents: Draft Wild Hog marathon map
Draft 2016 GF Greenway project list
Draft 2015 Year-end report

Greenway Project List

*Does not include small capital projects and ongoing replacement needs

ITEM		COMPLETION TIME FRAME
Trail & dock project downtown		2016
Repair Euclid Avenue in LDP		2016
Repair or redesign drainage issues along trail downtown		2016
Repaint Riverside Pool		2016
Develop public gathering area near river access downtown *Master Plan *Implementation		Ongoing
Boat docks & river access		Ongoing
Redo four gardens downtown – remove & replace soil, redesign beds		2016
Repair or replace gazebo		
Repair retaining wall of railroad ties on lower trail north of railroad bridge.		
Remove portion of road by Riverside Manor		
Extend north boat ramp further into river		
Concrete pads at second LDP disc golf course and Riverside Park		

Greenway Annual Report of Activities and Achievements 2015

River access downtown in downtown GF: A design was com

Advertising in the Greenway: The Greenway Technical Committee adopted a policy for advertising in the Greenway. This policy provides guidelines for requests to advertise in the Greenway and only addresses billboard type advertising. Policies are already in place for donating amenities (benches, trash cans, etc.) and naming rights.

Red River State Recreation Area/Sherlock Campground: Sherlock Campground opened two weeks early with electricity to sites only. The shower and sanitation buildings and River Heights Trailhead opened May 1, one week earlier than scheduled. Site bookings were down for the season but occupancy was still very good. Occupancy rates were 10,434 sites rented and 25,949 overnight guests.

Special programming continues to be a big draw at the campground. More than 400 individuals participated in programs focusing on archery, geocaching, seeing nature through photography.

Electricity was added to three sites, while thirteen sites were converted to full-service (water, sewer and electricity) in the fall. This brings the total number of sites to 113 sites, of which 98 full service, 3 electric-only and 12 rustic (4 are walk-in tents sites along the river).

Riverside Pool: The slide was repaired early in the season. The pool was open June 5 – August 30 and 21,533 swimmers took advantage of the warm summer weather. This was a significant increase from the 17,548 swimmers in 2014. Sherlock Pool in East Grand Forks was closed all season for repairs.

Observational trail count: Volunteers conducted an observational trail count in mid-June. This was the third biennial count conducted in the Greenway.

- There is approximately 1 hour of data missing from the 6P - 8P count on Saturday, June 27 due to a tornado warning in the area.
- Weather: Most days were mid 70's to lower 80's, with cloudy skies off and on throughout the week. Winds were generally less than 10 mph.
- Sorlie Bridge was under repair and trail traffic was rerouted.

Categories in bold show increase from 2013.

Highest use by age group					
	2,015		2013		2011
19 -40	51%	19 -40	46%	19 -40	54%
41 - 60	24%	41 - 60	22%	41 - 60	19%
13 -18	11%	13 -18	16%	13 -18	12%
3 to 12	5%	3 to 12	7%	3 to 12	9%
60+	7%	60+	6%	60+	3%
Infant	2%	Infant	3%	Infant	3%

Highest use by activity *trails only					
	2,015		2013		2011
Biking	58%	Biking	58%	Biking	67%
Walking	27%	Walking	25%	Walking	16%

Blading	6%	Blading	7%	Running	8%
Running	4%	Running	6%	Blading	7%
Other	4%	Other	4%	Other	2%

Use by gender		
	2,015	2,013
Male	2,204	2,632
Female	1,649	1,829
	3,853	4,461

Helmet use		
	2,015	2,013
Yes	31%	26%
No	68%	74%

- Rollin' on the River
- Diva Dash
- Wild Hog ½ marathon
- Uff Da Mud Run
- Run for Your Buns
- Ice Bike Race
- Dog Jog
- Dewey Kvildt Duathlon
- END – BOB
- Sertoma 4th of July celebration
- Altru YMCA Firecracker 5 & 10k
- Movies in the Park
- Chalk it Up!
- Cats Incredible
- Battle on the Border
- END – WET
- Yoga
- Family Adventure Race
- Ice Man Triathlon
- Weddings
- Art Fest

Sept. 12 Meet

890 paid spectators (actual number probably closer to 1,000)

785 Participants

Est. 60 Coaches

Oct. 3 Meet

489 paid spectators (actual number probably closer to 550)

408 Participants

Est. 40 coaches

Oct. 24 - State Championship

2692 paid spectators (actual number probably closer to 2900)

819 Participants

Est. 75 coaches

Looking ahead to 2017

Wild Hog full marathon

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Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization

Earl Haugen, Executive Director

OPPORTUNITIES FOR PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT & ACTIVE PARTICIPATION!!

The MPO has scheduled (3) three important activities in 2016:

1. Update of the Bicycle and Pedestrian Element of the Long Range Transportation Plan in 2016. In addition, the MPO will advance a bicycle and pedestrian instructor-led course or seminar. Attendance to the proposed seminar is free of charge. It is expected local stakeholders, advocates and in-house stakeholders will be enabled to actively participate in:
 - A bicycle and pedestrian Plan Update
 - Understand issues of bicycle and pedestrian mobility (accessibility) in a multi-modal context
 - Understand the concepts of walkability and bikeability as they apply to Safe Routes to School, and
 - Understand the concept of complete streets, and how to draft a complete policy.

Participants will learn how to plan, organize and coordinate the various events; tasks required to successfully participate and help to successfully complete the project.

2. Transit Development Plan Update: (Integrating bicycling and public transit). Bicycling saves money; saves time and improves fitness. Transit buses have bike racks so you can pedal for part of your trip and ride for the rest. Every bus has a bike rack on the front bumper that accommodates two bikes. Practice racks and permits are available at Cities Area Transit (CAT) locations.
3. Past 5E's Safe Routes to Schools strategies proposed for local elementary and middle schools have been evaluated. According to the School Safety Report (2014), some of the proposed strategies have yet to be implemented. The MPO will work with stakeholders to determine whether these not implemented strategies should still be pursued.

The MPO has a public involvement plan that requires public participation when preparing plans and programs. The MPO is inviting local stakeholders and advocates to actively participate in advancing these initiatives including:

- Visioning and Goals and Outreach
- Assessment of Existing Conditions & Trends
- Needs evaluation; and
- Identification of strategies, programs and funding activities required to meet the vision and goals developed above.



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