

**Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (G&TUAU)**  
**Tuesday, October 14, 2014 – 7:00 PM**  
**GF Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND**

**MEETING NOTES**

Jane Croeker  
Richard O'Connor  
David Kuharenko, GF City Engineering

Dan Splichal  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**I. Old Business**

- A. Boathouse & river access update:** Construction has begun on a trail from the main trail to a site just north of the boathouse. This project will provide a more accessible route for users of all ages and abilities. The original plan was to use a small eddy on the shore as a shelter from the river current but that eddy was filled in during the construction process. Work is expected to be completed in mid-November.
- B. 2016 Transportation Alternatives Plan (TAP):** The City of GF will be submitting an application for funding. The application will be to build a shared-use path along DeMers Avenue from 42<sup>nd</sup> Street to 48<sup>th</sup> Street. This will provide a connection to the Industrial Park. David has already received letters of support from a few companies located in the Industrial Park. He would like a letter of support from the committee. The group agreed to provide a letter of support for this project. Kim will send the letter to David.

**II. New Business**

- A. New meeting site & committee structuring:** The current meeting space will not be available after the first of December. After some discussion about alternating meeting locations, it was determined that one location would prevent confusion.

The group does not want to be the venue for public hearings on bicycle issues. That is not the role of this group. Citizen input is the best part of this meeting and no one wants to lose that function.

Committee structure and role in bikeway planning will be the focus of the November meeting.

**B. Winter preparations**

- i. Ski trails:** GF has revised a segment of trail south of Sunbeam trailhead to 47th Avenue South. The new trail is closer to the river. EGF will be grooming the same trail through the campground as in years past.
- ii. Snowmobile trails – update for GF:** Commercial development along South 42nd Street might be in conflict with the current snowmobile route. The paved shared-use path has been extending further south and is in the path of the snowmobile route. Planned development along this street over the next few years will make mixed use difficult.

The snowmobile club would like to continue to have a north-south piece to the route. One option is a permanent north-south route through the Greenway. This route could run along the river and would include permanent signs to mark the route. Permanent, marked routes can cut down on riders going off the trail into other areas. Snowmobile tracks are good for fat bikes, which have been increasing in the Greenway during the winter.

If the snowmobile club would like a route in the Greenway, they will need to submit a request form to the Greenway Technical Committee for consideration. The next step would be to make a formal request to the GF Chief of Police for consideration. The final step may include approval from City Council.

**III. Other**

**A. Bikeway planning:** David has been reviewing the current bikeway plan developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). He is looking at opportunities for on-road facilities.

**IV. Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, November 18, 2014, GF Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South. PLEASE NOTE DATE CHANGE!**

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