

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, November 13, 2012 - 10:30 am- Noon
Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND

Steve Mullally, Chairperson
Travis Hagen, disc golf association
Lt. Mark Nelson, GF Police
Eliot Glassheim
Teri Kouba, MPO
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR

Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Tom Reiten
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

a. Project request updates

- i. Disc golf course at Riverside Park:** The disc golf association has not submitted a redesigned course yet. Travis is concerned that the approved course area can only accommodate six holes.

The committee decided that if the association would like to expand the original approved site, they would need to submit a new request to the Greenway Technical Committee to route through the proper channels again. The committee approved a plan that was shared with the public and approved by the Service & Safety Committee. Changes to the original plan must go through the same informational and approval process. The second option available is to redesign the course within the approved area. Travis will contact Kim about resubmitting a new course layout.

- ii. Request for change to course in lower Lincoln Drive Park:** The committee has been waiting for the disc golf association to resubmit a realignment of the course. The original request was denied because of concerns about infringing on other user activities and the domination of disc golf in this park. (August 14, 2012 Greenway Technical Committee meeting notes).

The association can resubmit a course realignment for consideration. Any new proposal should not add holes, cross the street for play, or extend beyond the approved area.

- iii. Request for bocce ball & horseshoe pits:** The committee would like to pursue this idea. There are several other ideas for amenities in this area. The City of Grand Forks will contact Maegin Rude about drawing a concept map for the area. This drawing would show all the suggested development for this area, including the bocce ball courts, horseshoe pits, and natural playground area. Kim will collect information on maintenance costs and issues.

- i. Boat house proposal:** Andy Magness of Ground Up Adventures held a public meeting on September 19 to discuss the status of the boat house. He has met with the US Army Corps of Engineers about the types of facilities that would be allowed on the wet side of the flood protection system. The Corps requires that the structure be temporary and easy to remove from the flood plain.

Andy worked with JLG Architects to design a temporary structure that could be used for storage of kayaks and canoes and serve as a registration office. The

design uses two storage containers that are reconfigured to provide storage and office space.

The group also discussed the proposed site of Eagles Point and decided that they would prefer to pursue locating the facility in downtown Grand Forks, just north of DeMers Avenue.

The committee has several concerns about the proposed location:

- Portability: how easily can storage containers be moved? The military uses them for housing and moving the units is difficult.
- Riverbank: will improvements be needed to provide better access?
- User conflict: is this location already saturated with public events?

Kim will invite Andy to the December staff meeting for an update on the boat house proposal.

- iv. **Orienteering course:** The map for the orienteering course is now available at www.groundupadventure.com. Kim will link to this information on the Greenway site.
- v. **Extension to the north boat ramp:** (This item was inadvertently omitted from the original agenda.) The committee approved this request at the October 9, 2011, pending funding through the ND Game & Fish Department.

II. **New Business:** none.

III. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** The group is working on ideas for a Share the Road campaign. They are working on a letter of request to submit to the both cities. This letter will outline requests for several bike related issues in the community.

IV. **Greenway Agency Updates**

- a. **City of East Grand Forks:** The campground is closed for the season. They are hoping to add amenities for 25 of the primitive campsites next year.
- b. **GF Park District:** The 2012 Riverside Pool report will be presented to the Service & Safety Committee.
- c. **City of Grand Forks:** Enbridge Pipeline donated \$5,000 to purchase locked message boards to be installed near parking lots in the Greenway. The money will be shared proportionately with EGF.
- d. **MN DNR:** No report

V. **Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, January 8, 2013 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

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