

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, December 13, 2011
Grand Forks Park District Office - 1210 7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND
10:30 am- Noon

Lonny Winrich, Chairperson
Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Rick Ziegellman, GF Park District

Catherine Johnson, RRSRA & City of EGF
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

Guests: Travis Hagen, disc golf association
Marc DeMers, EGF City Council

I. New Business

- a. **Supplement to the Greenway Plan (formerly called "Updating the Greenway Plan")**
 - i. **Introduction of Maegin Rude:** Maegin has been hired to compile the supplement to the Greenway Plan and update the old maps and develop new maps for areas of the Greenway. Maegin is a recent graduate of North Dakota State University in landscape architecture and environmental design.
 - ii. **Review of the Program of Work:** Maegin will be working with Dave and Kim on compiling the information for the supplement. All information will be written and documented by staff and Maegin will compile this into a final document. Maegin will be update current maps and develop new maps for areas that have been developed since 2001.
 - iii. **Next steps:** Dave and Kim will work with Maegin on the content of the supplement with the goal of bringing a draft to the February meeting. After the supplement is complete it will be shared with the governing boards of the managing agencies as a guide for future planning.
- b. **Term limitations for chairperson:** Lonny's term as chair expires in February of 2013.
- c. **Annual Greenway promotions budget:** The balance in the account is \$936, of which \$400 has been bookmarked for the committee's share of the stipend for Maegin. Kim will ask the GF Park District office staff to mail the invoice for the 2012 contributions from each of the managing agencies.
- d. **Public thank you for 2011:** It was decided to submit a letter of thanks from the committee to the GF Herald. Kim will work on a draft and send to Lonny for edits.
- e. **Year-end report:** A draft copy of the year-end achievements was distributed to the group for comment. This document will be shared with the public after the first of the year.

II. Old Business

- a. **Special project request updates**
 - i. **Disc golf course at Riverside Park** –Travis Hagen reported that he and Jace Grangruth have been down to Riverside Park to determine if a course could be installed in the park. They are recommending a nine hole, fairway-style course that would start near the parking lot on the north end of the park. The proposal to install a disc golf course will be taken to a Public Service and Safety meeting and GF Park District Board of Directors for consideration after the idea is approved by Greenway Technical Committee meeting in January. There will be some maintenance costs for pulling baskets during high water, replacing broken baskets, lock to prevent theft and mowing.
- b. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group:** The group will be hearing from Karyn Hippen, mayor of Thompson and leader of the Thompson to Grand Forks trail proposal.

III. Greenway Agency Updates

- a. **City of East Grand Forks:** The weather has been too warm to put in any of the ice rinks and there is not enough snow for the cross country ski trail. If snow conditions improve,

the ski trail will be extended to a two mile course. The campground is working on the summer schedule of events and is hoping to bring the archery trailer back again.

- b. **GF Park District:** Santa Village is still happening, even without the snow. Attendance has been very good.
- c. **City of Grand Forks:** There is a group of agencies researching the opportunity to bring bike rental racks to a few areas in town. This is still in the research stage.
- d. **MN DNR:** No report.

IV. Other

- a. **Expansion of disc golf course in EGF:** The disc golf association would like to work with Dave to expand the course in EGF.

V. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: January 10, 2012 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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

Attachments: 2011 yearend report Greenway

Greenway Annual Report of Activities and Achievements 2011

Did you know?

The Greenway was the location of at least fourteen 5k races and five 10k races in 2011. That's over 74 miles (74.564543068 to be exact or 393,700.7874 feet). That's a lot of running!

Not everyone in the Greenway was running though! The Greenway provided a beautiful setting for three weddings and an engagement proposal or two.

The crowd on wheels gave a good showing too. The first annual Rollin' on the River inline skating event hosted a kickoff event in Lincoln Drive Park and the UND Cycling Club hosted another successful cyclocross event in Riverside Park. Not to be outdone, winter cyclists participated in an ice-bike race in the snow and ice during Winter Fest.

An outdoor movie gave participants the chance to see a movie classic under the stars in Riverside Park.

Add the annual Christmas in the Park event, Santa Village, Greenway Ski Days, Winter Fest, END Iceman triathlon, the North Dakota State Disc Golf championship tournament, Chalk it Up, Grand Cities Art Fest, And that's not all that happened in the Greenway in 2011:

1. The cross country ski grooming route was expanded to offer a complete trail from Riverside Dam to 47th avenue south with continuous grooming.
2. A cross country ski route was added in the campground in EGF.
3. The paved trail in LaFave Park was rerouted to replace the damaged lower trail and offer spectacular views of the Red and Red Lake Rivers without closing during minimal flooding.
4. A mile marking, 911 emergency and orientation sign system was installed along the loop trail.
5. The Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group conducted a trail user visual survey to document summertime trail use.
6. The Greenway website was updated to provide better access to greenway related information. Changed the website address to www.greenwayggf.com.
7. The policy on ADA trail accessibility requirements for Other Power Driven Mobility Devices was reviewed.
8. There were several requests from greenway users to consider improvements to the system. The Greenway Technical Committee heard requests from the public for ordinances changes to allow the use of electric assisted bicycles on trails for all users, installation of bluebird boxes, a historical plaque at the railroad bridge, and installation of an orienteering course, installation of a boat house along the river and the installation of a disc golf course in Riverside Park.
9. Work began to publish an update to the original Greenway Plan.
10. Our friends at Xcel Energy and the UND Law School Environmental Law group donated funding to host tree planting projects in the Greenway.
11. Once again the Red River State Recreation Area campground broke campership records, even though opening was delayed because of high water and a state government shutdown kept the campground closed for a while in July.
12. A new campground and gathering area was installed in the campground.
13. The deck area of Riverside Pool was expanded to allow for more seating area. Attendance at both Riverside and the East Grand Forks pools remained steady from 2010, despite a cool start to the season.

14. Volunteers worked tirelessly to rebuild the Sherlock Forest playground after a fire destroyed the original structure.
15. Gladwin Lynne retired as manager of the campground. Catherine Johnson has been hired as the new manager.