

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10 AM - Tuesday, December 19, 2018**  
**Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Meeting room**  
**Grand Forks, ND**

## Meeting Notes

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Bill Palmiscino, chair         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reid Huttunen, EGF Parks & Rec |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Catherine Johnson, MN DNR      | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Jason Boulanger, UND Biology   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Chief Mike Hedlund, EGF Police | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Kim Greendahl, city of GF      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Sgt. Duane Simon, GF Police    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Theresa Flitter, city of GF    |

**Guests:**

- Amy Enget, Rollin' on the River
- Torre Enget, Rollin' on the River
- Rachel Hellyer, Wild Hog Marathon

**I. Old Business**

**A. Nissen bench update**

- Howard is still reviewing the matter.

**B. Wildlife management webpage**

- Reviewed the draft webpage information.
- Comments can be sent to Kim by the end of the week. After that, she will publish the page online.
- Catherine would like to add a link to a page with information on how to help and handle injured raptures. She will send that information to Kim.

**II. New Business**

**A. Special project request**

• **Fitness equipment along trail or in playgrounds**

1. This was part of the Main Street Initiative Project. Residents were asked to submit ideas to enhance life in Greater Grand Forks and ten projects were selected to proceed with building support for the project.
2. This project idea was submitted by a UND student. It was for installing fitness equipment along a trail or near playground in the Greenway.
3. Kim met with the student a few times over the summer and fall to discuss how to build support and bring it to this committee for approval.
4. The student contacted Kim earlier this month and said that she would need to drop out of the program and would not be pursuing the project.

**B. Vehicle requests from races**

- **Guests Amy and/or Tori Enget & Rachel Hellyer**
- Over the years golf carts and atv's have been approved on a case-by-case basis for use during setup and take down for races and events.
- There is no question on the GF or EGF special events forms asking about the need for a pace car so staff did not know this was a need or was being done. It has just started coming to light the past few years.
- The Wild Hog Marathon has used Harley Davidson "hogs" as pace vehicles in previous races. They weren't needed for speed but were a good marketing tie for the "Wild Hog". Cycles used to do the entire route, including about eight (8) miles on the Greenway but they had stopped doing it about two (2) years ago at this committee's request.

- The number of cycles participating has varied anywhere from two (2) to twelve (12).
- Rollin' on the Red has also been using a pace vehicle for their race. They need to have something fast enough to stay ahead of the professional skaters because they were passing the pace bicycles. Lead skaters are at risk for collision with other trail users because they skate so fast that other trails users don't see them. The pace vehicle makes them more visible.
- There are currently three events that would like to use motor vehicles larger than a golf cart or atv for pace vehicles during their event: Wild Hog, Rollin' on the River, and the memorial motorcycle ride.
- This matter was brought to the Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group at their December 12 meeting. The consensus was that they understood the need but maintain that it is not always easy to discern when a vehicle was authorized for use on the trail. A bright colored permit for the side of the vehicles would help that issue. Kim will look into options for this idea.
- The GF Police receives a low volume of calls about potential unauthorized vehicles on the trails.
- Kim will work with the public information center to add "Is a pace car needed?" to the special events form.
- Kim will add a statement requiring flashing lights on pace vehicles and that signs be posted at entrances and along trail to notify users of the race motor vehicles.

**C. Chair election – February 2019**

- Bill will fill the position for the next term.

**III. Agency Updates**

**A. City of EGF:**

- The outdoor rinks are now open.
- Deer are moving into town and have been seen at city hall and high schools. A deer bow hunt has been discussed previously but nothing official. Stands have been found within the city limits on the Porta Mix side. There were also signs of baiting at the site. A suspect has been taken in for questioning and charges will be contingent on the investigation.

**B. GF Park District:**

- The outdoor rinks are now open.
- Chick-fil-a will be filming a crew working outdoors and giving chicken tortilla soup for workers inside the warming house. It is part of their campaign to show that public service workers work outdoors even in cold temperatures.
- The snow cover is too minimal for grooming the ski trails. Snow depth of 4 - 6" of snow is ideal.
- Over 10,000 people attended Santa Village.

**C. City of GF:**

- A request was posted on Facebook asking to post information about a public meeting being hosted by the MPO regarding the bridge study and potential bridge locations. Kim declined the request and told the requestor that the Greenway Technical Committee has taken a neutral stance on the issue.

**D. Minnesota DNR:**

- Site rentals increased again this year.
- Planning to plant some cottonwood trees near the Kennedy Bridge this spring. This will help create a buffer by the Kennedy Bridge.

**IV. Other agencies**

**A. MPO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan executive summary distributed.**

- Any comments or questions about the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan should be sent to Jairo.

**B. GF Police: Two men were arrested for spraying graffiti in the Greenway. This could be tied to the vandalism that was done at the skate park recently.**

**V. Next meeting: Greenway Technical Committee: 10AM on Tuesday, January 16, 2019, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room**

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist, city of GF

Supporting documents:

- Draft Wildlife Management webpage
- Motor vehicle ordinances for GF & EGF
- Comments for motor vehicles on trails from Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group 12/12/2018
- Motor vehicle special use permit
- Race times and mph results 2018
- Example of Cube car