

Greenway & Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (G&BPAC)
Formerly the Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group
Tuesday, February 10, 2014 – 7:00 PM
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102
(Take the elevator to floor 1A. Follow hallway. A102 is the room to the left after the water fountain. Stairs are available to the right of the elevator)

Meeting Notes

Wes Rogers
Dick O'Connor
Art Young
Aaron Kennedy
David Kuharenko, City of GF engineering

Teri Kouba, MPO
Stephanie Erickson, City of GF planning
Dan Splichal
Matthew Spoor, GF Audubon
Kim Greendahl, City of GF greenway

I. Old Business

A. Committee role and structure updates: The Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) has agreed to change their meeting date to the third Tuesday of the month. This will allow time for comments from the G&TUAG on Greenway items. Agendas for the GTC meetings will be available prior to the G&TUAG meetings. The change in meeting dates will not affect the schedule for staff reports to City Council.

B. Greenway Technical Committee Chairperson: Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District director, accepted the chairperson position. Wes attended the meeting to get a sense of the meetings and members. The meeting was informal but business was done. The G&TUAG would like to have members from the GTC staff attend the evening meet but realize the commitment of other obligations. We will work on a better connection between the two groups.

C. River access projects: Kim is still working with emergency response groups to develop a central repository for applications for events using the river. The first goal is to develop guidelines for consistency and safety while using the river for events. The next goal is to improve communication between agencies and event planners.

Kim is working with an engineering firm for an estimate of the cost to design the final piece of the river access trail downtown. There was a change in the topography of the area during construction last fall. This change triggered the need for a new design to complete the river access. A variety of docks are also being considered for this site.

D. Trail funding applications: The Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) approved the applications for the Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP) and Special Roads Funds (SRF) projects. The applications are now at the ND DOT for consideration. Notification should come sometime in May.

Is there a reason for having curb and gutters in the parks? David explained that curb and gutter are installed where there is an existing storm sewer. The upper area of Lincoln Drive Park and road to the dog park meet this criteria. Curbs are an issue for cross-country skiers in Lincoln Drive Park because they are not easy to ski over.

II. New Business

A. Meeting location: This meeting room is okay but it is not very visible to potential participants. Does the government setting make people think that it is a government meeting? Suggestions for an alternative space were the public library and Choice Health & Fitness. Kim will check into these options.

III. Other

A. Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) update

- i. **USDOT Mayor's Challenge:** This is a program to improve safety for bicyclists and pedestrians of all ages and abilities over the next year.
- ii. Public meeting on February 17 at 4PM in the Campbell Library to review the transportation plan for public transportation.

B. Audubon meeting: February 19 at Aalto's in Canad Inn. 7PM. Vince Ames will be presenting information from his recent trip to Africa.

C. Water drainage on trail north of downtown parking lot: There is a section of trail that doesn't drain well after a heavy rain and during spring melt. Art suggested a modified gutter system to help drain the water. Kim will share the location and other documentation with David for consideration.

D. Sink hole at Lincoln Golf Course: Thanks to Wes for reporting a problem with a sinkhole south of the golf clubhouse. It was the result of an abandoned storm sewer coming apart. Staff has temporarily filled the hole and will make permanent repairs this summer.

IV. Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, March 10, 2015, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND – Room A102

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway specialist, city of Grand Forks

Supporting documents: Draft Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group Structure
Bikeway decision making chart

Draft Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group Structure

Name: Greenway & Bike and Pedestrian Advisory Committee

Purpose: The Greenway & bike and pedestrian advisory committee shall function as a subcommittee of the Greenway Technical Committee. It shall be staffed by a representative from the Greenway Technical Committee, City of GF engineering and planning departments, as well as the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO). Three (3) members within the group be appointed by the group to represent recommendations of the group to the Greenway Technical Committee and other bikeway planning agencies.

Role and responsibilities. The Greenway & bike and pedestrian advisory committee will make recommendation on matters pertaining to the development and maintenance of the Greenway and Andy Hampsten bikeway system to the city council.

Structure of the committee: Meetings are open to the public. Only the authorized representative of the membership listed above would vote on motions.

Chairperson: A Greenway Technical Committee staff member will chair the group. The chairperson will coordinate meetings, agendas, notes, and facilitate the meetings.

Bikeway System Decision Making Process

