

Greenway Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, March 11, 2008
Grand Forks City Hall

Ann Sande
Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF
Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center
Lonnie Winrich

Sgt Jeff Burgess, GF Police
Teri Nelson, MPO
Marty Egeland, ND Game & Fish
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

Guest: Corey Bergsrud

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. **Community Orchard proposal:** Corey Bergsrud, a UND student, brought forward a suggestion to consider the development of a community orchard in the Greenway. Discussion: there are already fruit bearing trees in the Greenway already, but no designated site. Species and flood potential would be two things to consider when determining how to implement the project. The committee asked Corey to draft a proposal for the project to present to the Greenway Technical Committee Staff.
- II. **Motorized Vehicle Definition Change:** A memo has been sent to the GF City Attorney requesting input on the change; no response has been received to date. **Motion to submit a GF City Council Staff Report regarding this matter. Winrich/Munski M/S/A.**
- III. **Greenway celebrations/summer event calendar:** Reviewed the list of larger events coming this summer in the Greenway. This information is also available on the greenway website at www.grandforksgov.com/greenway.
- IV. **Proposed bike path connections:** Information has been shared with the City of Grand Forks Public Safety and Service Committee regarding the need to complete several connections between trails in the Greenway and city.
- V. **Establishing a user group:** There is a desire to organize a group of trail users to discuss and work through the issues of user conflict that arises from the wide variety of trail users. There is a lot of misunderstanding between the user groups that may be eliminated if they were able to meet face to face and discuss concerns and solutions. Action item: Kim will arrange a public meeting for the trail users that have expressed an interest in participating in the group.
- VI. **Greenway Agency Updates**
 - A. **City of EGF:** No report.

- B. City of GF:** Kim is working on an informational piece to be inserted in the GF Herald in early May.
- C. GF Park District:** No report
- D. MN DNR:** No report.

VII. Other:

- A. Mixed trail use:** Lonnie expressed concern for safety with the mixed use of the trails. In particular he had concerns about bicyclists and other wheeled trail users not properly identifying themselves when approaching pedestrians from behind. Discussion: how can the committee better publicize information about trail etiquette?

Next meeting: May 13, 2008 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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