

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

Catherine Johnson, RRSRA
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Maegin Rude
Marty Egeland, ND Game & Fish
Dave Manthei, GF Fire
Sgt Dwight Love, GF Police

Roxanne Achman, City of GF Planning
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Teri Kouba, MPO
Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

a. Project request update

- i. Disc golf course at Riverside Park:** Travis Hagen of the local disc golf association has met with Rick Ziegelmann of the GF Park District and Kim to discuss the possible layout of the course. The request was brought to the January 24 Service Safety Committee of the GF City Council for approval to pursue a course design and develop an operations and maintenance budget for the project. That request was approved. This item will also be brought to the GF Park District Commissioners.

b. Supplement to the Greenway Plan

- i. Status of plan:** Maegin is updating some of the maps and Kim is working on the narrative section. The concept plans for LaFave Park have been shared with some members of EGF City staff. The plan features:
- An additional parking lot to accommodate up to fifteen vehicles. There will be some pull-through slots to allow for parking boat trailers.
 - Landscape barriers to prevent motor vehicles in unauthorized areas.
 - A picnic and scenic outlook area south of the playing fields.
 - A natural playground in the northeast corner of the park.
 - Gravel trails to provide better pedestrian access to river.

Also as part of the EGF Plan:

- The existing softball and football fields will remain in place.
- The map for the disc golf at Zavarol Park east of Eagles Point will be updated.

The supplement will be presented to the GF City Council for approval and adoption. This will allow the plan to be referenced in applications for funding for improvements at LaFave Park.

- ii. Next steps:** The draft plan will be available on the Greenway website for public comment. The final document will be completed by April 1. After that the document will be shared with the governing bodies of the managing agencies for adoption or filing.

II. New Business

- a. Marketing plan:** Use Facebook page merging our media connections. Expanding social marketing efforts.
- b. Visitor information signs: Add informational kiosks at parking lots to help educate the public. Would like to add something this year.**

- III. Greenway & Trails Users Advisory Group meeting:** Kristi Mishler will be presenting on how to donate to the Friends of the Greenway Fund at the Community Foundation.

IV. Greenway Agency Updates:

- a. **City of GF:** A flood crest has not been announced yet. There is a flood preparation meeting this Friday at GF city hall.
- b. **City of EGF:** The pool season might be short this year because of repairs being done to upgrade the pool.
- c. **GF Park District:** No report.
- d. **MN DNR:** No report.
- e. **ND Game & Fish:** Marty wondered if there had been any wild animal complaints in the Greenway recently. He has received a few complaints about wild turkeys in the Burke Addition south of GF. The problem seems to be caused by residents feeding the turkeys so they tend to stay in the area. There have been no reports of similar issues in the Greenway.

V. Other

- a. **Arbor Day 2012:** Thursday, May 10 at Riverside Dam in GF.
- b. **City funding for bike racks.** This is the final year of the three year project to add more bike racks in GF. Bike racks have been placed in multiple locations downtown. A bike stall was installed last year on the street in front of Dakota Harvest Bakers.
- c. **Solar lighting.** Kim attended the State of the Sun solar energy symposium in Fargo on March 8. There were 3 presenters at the symposium:
 - Jason Edens, owner of the solar technology firm RReal Jason has been living off the grid for over a decade.
 - Dennis Eisenbraun, Moorhead Public Service. Moorhead Public Service has been using a wind turbine to provide power to the community for over 10 years and added 3 solar panels in August 2011.
 - Dr. John Bagu, staff scientist in Chemical Engineering at NDSU. Dr. Bagu's students are retrofitting his home to try get off the power grid.

A few notes from the symposium:

1. Not all sites are compatible for solar energy.
2. In order to determine if solar energy is an option at a site, an assessment should be done by a qualified company.
3. Solar energy is unreliable in most situations and a hard wire backup system is almost always needed.
4. The problem of batteries freezing in cold temperatures has not been solved yet. There is a company testing solar panels with wind turbines attached to the poles in Dickinson but no results have come back from that study.

VI. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, May 8, 2012 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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