Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) 10:30AM – Tuesday, March 15, 2016 Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave S, Blue Line Club Room

Present:

Bill Palmiscno, Chair
Wes Rogers, Greenway Advisory Committee
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Lance Crandall, MN DNR
Dave Kuharenko, City of GF Engineering
Jairo Viafara, MPO
Nancy Ellis, EGF Planning
Patty Olsen, Safe Kids
Jason Stordahl, EGF Public Works
Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

Old Business

Chairperson position:

• Bill Palmiscno was elected Chairperson for term of 2 year at the February meeting.

Downtown River Access Trail & Dock:

Bids will be opened in early April. Completion date is June 15th contingent on weather.

River Access Master Plan - Update:

- The ND Game and Fish does not develop master plans but they can help fund projects.
- MN DNR can be involved with the project just not sure yet in what capacity.
 - Tim Williamson with MN DNR acquisition/development would be the person to work with on this. Kim will meet with Lance and Tim to discuss how the MN DNR could be involved in the project.
 - Public input will be a big part of the process. This is a good way for public notification and response from users. MN DNR has used their website for public input by allowing write-ins.
- A Master Plan helps keep ideas moving forward by offering guidelines to follow. It could also be used as for seeking funding for river access projects.
- Master Plan could be in place as early as this fall.

Kennedy Bridge Rehabilitation Project:

- MN DOT is adding a pedestrian lane on the Kennedy Bridge.
- Project will be starting mid-May.

- Race events on the Greenway may need to be rerouted this summer during trail closures.
- Megan (EGF) will need this information as soon as possible due to late submissions of applications.
- The trail on the ND side will be using the ski path as a temporary solution for rerouting Greenway path during the rehabilitation project.
- The lease from the MN DOT states that the cities will be given 5 days notice before closing the Greenway Trail.

Euclid Avenue Repaving Project:

- Bid opening is next week.
- The project will start in early May and should only take about 45 days to complete.
- The project will be replacing the concrete.
- The road will be closed off to through traffic.

New Business

Mill & Overlay Project on Lincoln Drive:

- Area included in the project will be Belmont Road from 13th Avenue South to 17th
 Avenue South and Lincoln Drive from Belmont Road to Almonte Drive.
- 1" to 1 ½" of asphalt will be removed in increments.
- Residents requested a bike lane be added to the road but there is not enough room to add this to the road.
- Bid opening will be on March 28th.
- Project will start mid to end of May. Road will be completed 14 days after the milling is complete.

Design Palette:

- The design palette was created as a guide to keep the Greenway in Minnesota and North Dakota uniform in looks for signs, benches, etc. That helps residents know that they are on the Greenway.
- Benches that were purchased in the past have gone out of production.
 - Each bench is around \$1000.
- A list will be made of what is available and what is out of production.
 - Once list is completed, a replacement will need to be chosen for those out of production.
 - This will be on the April staff meeting agenda.

Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:

No update at this time.

Other

GF Planning: Simonson Trail Project:

- The developer is proposing a 4-story apartment in an "L" shape at the property of the former Simonson's Lumber store, near the Greenway.
- The apartment would be placed over part of the existing bike path.
- The two options for rerouting the new bike path are on the east side of the building near the floodwall and along North Third Street. The Greenway, Bicycle, and Pedestrian Advisory Group recommended the North Third Street option at their March 8 meeting.

MPO: Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan Update:

• Report is available on the MPO website.

Agency Updates

City of EGF:

- Ice rinks are closed.
- The laying of the pool deck pavement will start in April weather permitting. If the pavement is laid on time, the pool will plan to open June 1st.
- April 30th is the cleanup event for UND.
 - UND Students will help clean up the parks, etc.

City of GF:

- Service Safety Committee will be approving the bids for herbicide application and mowing.
- The gopher bids are being reviewed at this time.

Safe Kids:

• Safe Kids will be making a request to place signs in the Greenway for bike safety. This will be on the April 19 agenda.

GF Park District:

- The park district is getting ready for spring with park cleanup.
- Ice rinks are closed.

Greenway:

• Bald eagles are in abundance this year. Kim spotted 5 over the Kennedy Bridge recently.

Minnesota DNR:

- Minnesota parks will go to 100% reservations on May 2nd.
- Working on statewide streamlining reservation process. Hoping to make it a more self-serve process using a website and/or app.
- This year is the 125th Anniversary of MN State Parks. Check website for promos.
- East Grand Forks Campsite will open on May 6th.

Other:

• Audubon Society is starting up again. A field trip is being planned to see the Prairie Chicken mating dance at Rydell Refuge on April 3rd.

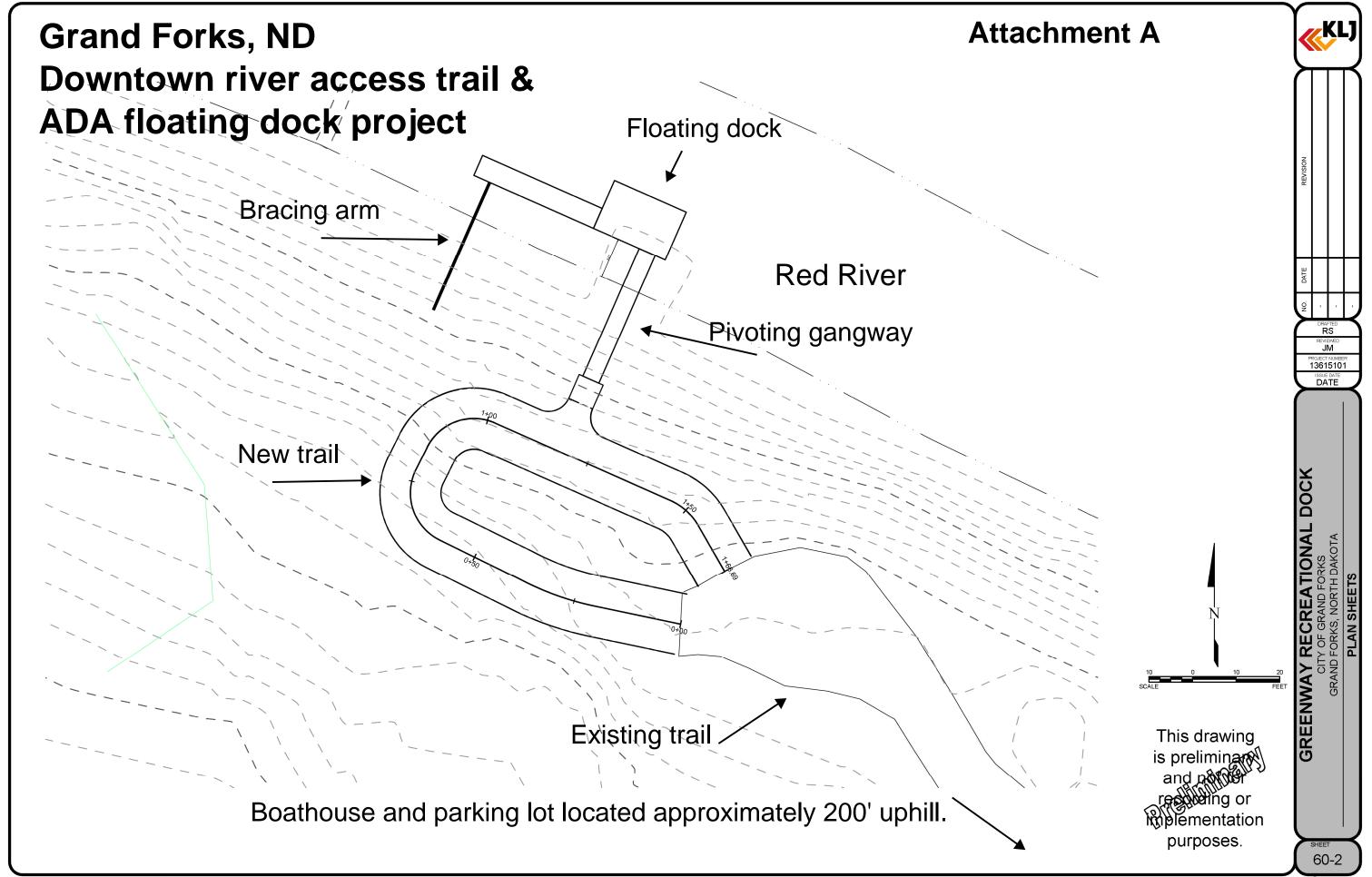
Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: Aerial view of downtown trail & dock project

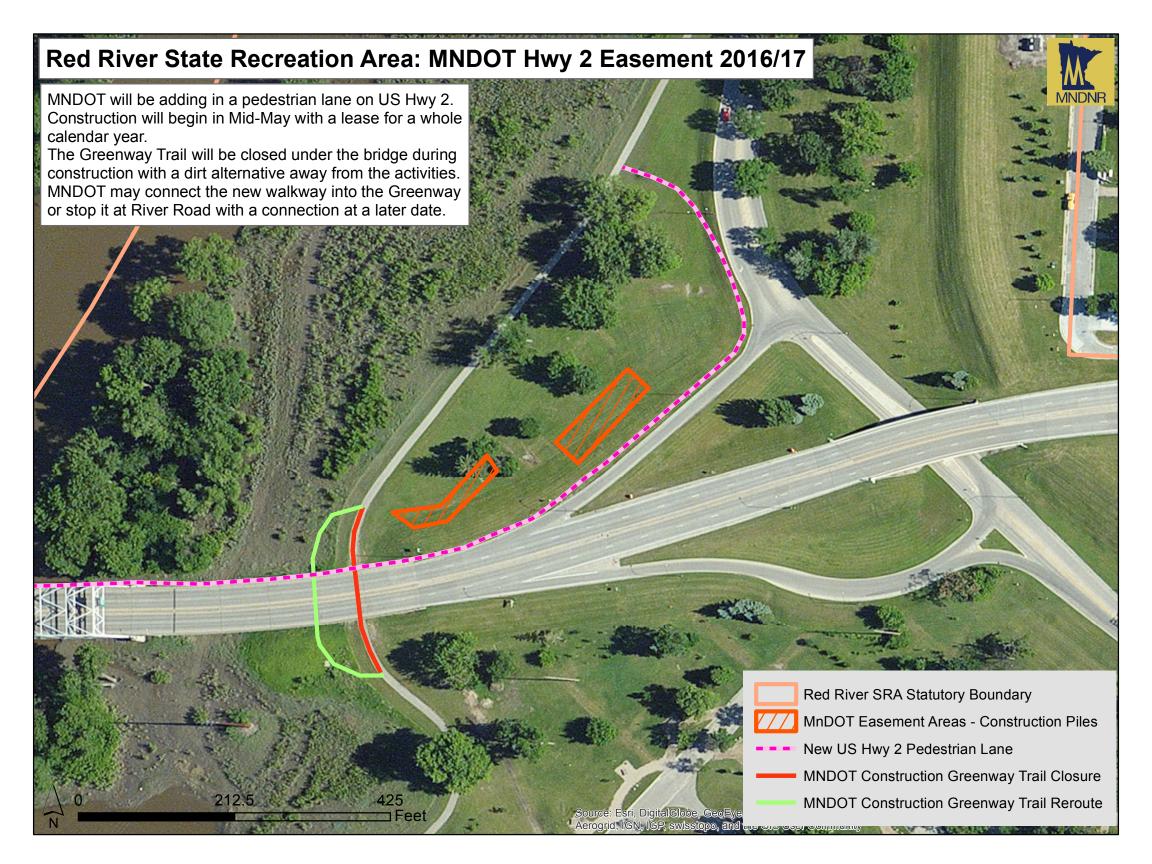
Trail reroute maps for Kennedy Bridge rehabilitation projects

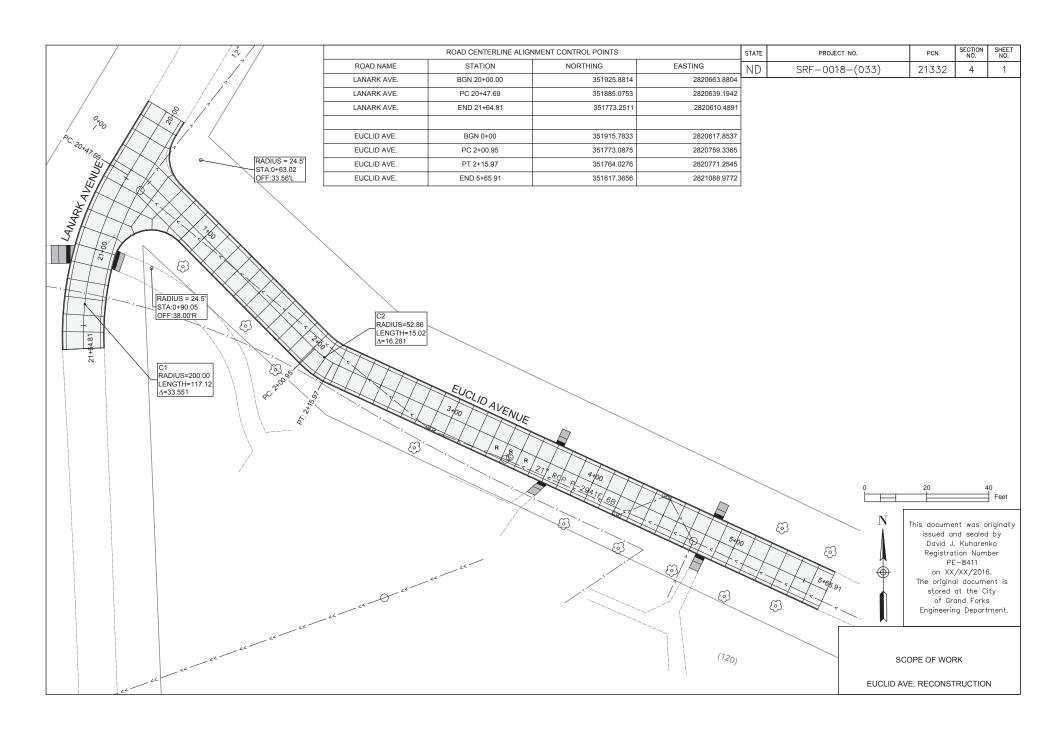
Aerial map of Euclid Avenue repaving project Aerial map of former Simonson Lumber site





Greenway Trail Detour (City of Grand Forks, ND)





Simonson Multi-use Trail

