

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff Meeting
10:30AM – Tuesday, April 19, 2016
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave S, Park District Conference Room

Present:

Bill Palmiscno, Chair
Wes Rogers, Greenway Advisory Committee
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Dave Kuharenko, City of GF Engineering
Jairo Viafara, MPO
Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire
Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Mike Pokrzywinski, EGF City Council
Nancy Ellis, EGF Planning
Jason Stordahl, EGF Public Works
Tim Williamson, MN DNR
Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway
Guillermo Guardia, Artist

Old Business

Special Project Request Updates –

River Access Master Plan – Update:

- Tim Williamson:
 - ♦ Water should be thought of as another trail.
 - ♦ Water trail access is usually every 8-12 river miles but in city limits, access should be measured as “time on the water.”
 - ♦ Open House:
 - Get public input
 - Show you how much interest from the community
 - Water trails usage should be thought of as 12 months.
 - Get written suggestions.
 - Look at holding the first week in May,
 - Help put together planning document for chasing grants.
 - ♦ The Red Lake River already has an enhancement plan.
 - ♦ MN DNR is willing to help with conducting the meetings.

New Business

Special Project Requests:

- **Temporary Art Display Request – Nicole Derenne:**
 - ♦ “Crossing the Border” is created by Guillermo Guardia, professional ceramic artist.
 - ♦ “Crossing the Border” will include 300 small ceramic figurines. The figurines range in size from 3” to 8” high, and are painted a variety of bright colors in weatherproof ceramic glaze. The figurines resemble boys and girls running. They are lacking in individualized facial features. The figurines will be set as if they were running to the river and from the river to the other side.
 - ♦ “Crossing the Border” represents stories of immigration from people of various cultures, backgrounds, and nationalities. Included in the installation are some clay coyotes, will symbolically try to stop the figurines.
 - ♦ The project is facilitated by the Public Arts Commission, and is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region. Other partners involved in planning for this installation include the City of Grand Forks Planning and Community Development office.
 - ♦ The installation requires about 100 feet on either side of the Sorlie Bridge, from the bank of the river to the paved path on the Greenway. The installation will utilize the Greenway in GF and EGF.
 - ♦ “Crossing the Border” will be installed on June 18, 2016 to be ready for public viewing by noon. The art will be de-installed at 5:00pm the same day.
 - ♦ The public can walk/mingle amongst the figurines.
 - ♦ A sign would be present to explain the meaning to the public.
 - ♦ Stephanie Erickson motioned for approval. Seconded by Dave Kuharenko. All in favor by stating “I”. No opposed. Motion approved.

- **Design Palette Substitutions:**
 - ♦ Some of the benches used in the Greenway have gone out of production and are discontinued.
 - ♦ Next meeting come with your first choices of bench that would be used as a replacement.
 - ♦ Thoughts to keep in mind:
 - Bench Arms – arms are not skateboard “friendly”.
 - Downtown Fargo has installed benches with no backs and a bump in the middle. This is to help detour homeless sleeping on the benches.

Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:

- Homeless season is coming up again for the Greenway with Spring/Summer approaching.
- Discussion regarding patrolling and what to report.
- It's possible that they might offer bike parking again this year for Art Fest Event.
 - ✦ Last year a bike was given away as a prize for using the bike parking.
 - ✦ Finding volunteers are an issue.

Agency Updates

City of EGF Park & Rec:

- Pool Update:
 - ✦ The pouring of the decks is being completed.
 - ✦ Should be ready to open June 1st.
- Trailheads will open May 13th.
- Big Event volunteers will be helping clean up the parks in EGF.

City of GF:

- Dock/River Access Bid will be going to Council. Once approved, the award letter will be issued by the Mayor.
- Euclid Avenue bids will be opened next week. The contractor will have 45 days to complete the work once started. Looking at rerouting options for the Run for your Buns event.
- Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan update was handed out.

GF Park District:

- IIHF is using the ice rinks at the Icon Center.
- Sand blasting of the Riverside Pool is beginning and will be complete by May 20th.

Greenway:

- Homeless
 - ✦ If homeless are not breaking the law, they cannot be asked to leave a public area.
 - ✦ When a homeless camp has been discovered, record area of camp. Call police and have them present before entering the camp. Once all is secure, a sanitation crew will come in and clean the area.
- Kim is talking with Mosquito Patrol about their request to add unpaved trails for access.
- Kids
 - ✦ Using paintballs on the Greenway
 - ✦ Bringing in furniture
 - ✦ Starting fires.

Minnesota DNR:

- The East Grand Forks campground will open next Friday, April 27th.
 - ✦ The official open date is May 6th.
 - ✦ Power and water are being turned on.
 - ✦ The Camp is 100% reserveable May 3rd.
 - ✦ Campers must reserve a spot before they can occupy.
 - ✦ Look for bird hikes Saturday mornings with the Audubon Society.
- 125th Anniversary of MN Parks
 - ✦ Check website for upcoming events.

Other:

Nothing to Report.

Supporting documents: Special project request form "Crossing the Border"

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Greenway Project Request Form

Contact name: Guillermo Guardia	
Address: 2014 13th Ave N, Grand Forks, ND 58203	
City: Grand Forks	State & zip: ND, 58203
Phone: (701) 775-1168	Cell phone: 701-330-0227
Email address: guillermo.guardia@moguya.com	
Is this request: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One time event <input type="checkbox"/> New installation <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	
Brief summary of request:	
<p>We respectfully request permission to install a public art project on the bank of the Red River flanking the Sorlie Bridge in downtown Grand Forks. The installation, called "Crossing the Border", will include 300 small ceramic figurines, anchored in the ground by one small wooden skewer per figurine. The figurines range in size from 3 inches to 8 eight inches high, and are painted a variety of bright colors in weather-proof ceramic glaze. The forms of each figurine are simplified to geometric shapes, to be recognizable as human figures but lacking individualized facial features, the figures resemble little kids, girls and boys running. The figurines will be set as if they were running to the river and from the river to the other side.</p> <p>"Crossing the Border" represents stories of immigration from people of various cultures, backgrounds, and nationalities. Included in the installation are some clay coyotes, will symbolically try to stop the figures. "Crossing the Border" will be installed on Saturday, June 18, on view from noon – 5:00 p.m. It is our hope that installing the work on the opening of the Farmer's Market and the Art & Wine Walk season, and in conjunction with other events taking place on the Greenway, will draw additional people to the downtown area and increase participation in viewing the work.</p>	
Support for the activity or facility. How many people typically participate in this activity, is there a user group established in the area, etc.:	
<p>"Crossing the Border" is created by Guillermo Guardia, professional ceramic artist. The project is facilitated by the Public Arts Commission, and is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region. Other partners involved in planning for this installation include the City of Grand Forks Planning and Community Development office.</p>	
What is needed to facilitate this project? Space, structures, etc? Please attach a diagram of the proposed layout of the activity or facility, if appropriate.	
<p>The installation requires about 100 feet on either side of the Sorlie Bridge, from the bank of the river to the paved path on the Greenway. Please see the attached diagram. The installation contemplates both banks of the river, using the green way in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.</p>	

What, if any, costs are associated with this project?
The total cost of the project is \$8,000.
How will these expenses be paid? Fundraisers, sponsor, etc.
The project is fully funded by the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region through a Forkin' It Over for Public Art grant, received in December 2015.
Does this project require ongoing maintenance? If so, who will maintain the facility?
No. "Crossing the Border" will be installed on June 18, 2016, to be ready for public viewing by noon, and will be de-installed at 5:00 p.m. on the same day.
Will this event or facility be open to the public?
Yes. Viewers are encouraged to view the installation either from a distance or close-up by walking among the figurines.
Does this activity or facility involve the use of harmful chemicals, excavation or fire? If so, please describe.
No. The anchors for each figurine are narrow wooden skewers, which are interred perpendicular to the ground.

Please submit this completed form and other supporting documents to be considered to:

Greenway Manager
City of Grand Forks
P.O. Box 5200
Grand Forks, ND 58208-5200
701-738-8746

