

**Greenway Technical Committee Staff  
Meeting Notes  
Grand Forks City Hall Room A101  
10:30 am – Tuesday, April 8, 2008**

Ann Sande, Chair  
Steve Mullally, GF Park District  
Dave, Aker, EGF Parks & Rec

Gladwin Lynne, MN DNR  
Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF  
Kim Greendahl, City of Grand Forks

Guests: Corey Bergsrud, resident  
Corey Birkholz, Options

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**I. Vendor request:** Tabled

**Orchard idea:** Corey Bergsrud, a UND student, brought forward a suggestion to consider the development of a community orchard in the Greenway. He presented his idea to the March 2008 Greenway Technical Committee meeting and was asked to draft a proposal for the project to present to the Greenway Technical Committee Staff. Corey would like to consider dividing the Greenway into sections and asking the nearby neighborhoods to adopt a section and purchase trees for their area. He also thinks the citizens should vote to fund this project through a sales or property tax. Corey's goal is to be able to harvest enough fruit to be able to share that bounty with local schools. Another beneficiary of the project could be the local food pantries.

The committee had thought this might be something to be included in the Community Garden project but decided that because of its location in the Industrial Park, the Community Garden might not be the best fit for this project.

The committee suggested that Corey talk to Steve Sagasar at the NDSU Extension Office about the species that might grow and bear fruit in this area. Ann will go with Corey to this meeting. Corey needs to do more research on how to get the project going. The committee also suggested that Corey determine a potential location for the project, then start considering funding sources.

Corey will need to develop a written proposal addressing location, space needed, maintenance and funding to present to the committee before they can move forward with the project.

**II. Service Animals:** Current regulations do not specifically address service animals. Corey Berkholz would like an ordinance that addresses that all types of service animals are allowed in the Greenway.

Motion to bring this request to Howard Swanson when Kim visits with him about the motor vehicle change request. Lynne/Mullally M/S/A

### **III. Dedications and special events:**

The committee discussed what exactly they hoped to achieve with a dedication celebration in June. Typically dedications are ceremonies featuring local political figures and don't usually attract a lot of people. Special events are geared more for the public to get involved and see the facility. The committee would like to have a day of activities that focus on getting people on the trail. Kim will begin working with some local groups to arrange some activities for Saturday, June 7 in conjunction with National Trails Day.

**IV. User group.** Kim is trying to make arrangements for a public meeting of Greenway users for April 29. Information will be coming soon.

### **V. Agency Updates:**

- A. MN DNR:** The unofficial opening date for the campground is May 1, which is when they plan to turn the water on for the season. The official opening is May 15. The campground is hosting an open house June 1. Gladwin has a grant to do a program about early campers with the boy scouts to celebrate the Minnesota Sesquicentennial.
- B. City of Grand Forks:** Melanie is putting the final touches on the Xcel Tree planting project, which will take place on Saturday, May 3 near the Sunbeam Trail Head. Everyone is invited to participate in the planting of 150 trees along the trail. This is part of a planting project to enhance several areas along the trail in GF. City staff is working on a plan to repair the pavement on the Lincoln Drive loop within the park. Improved parking at the dog park will also be addressed in the project.
- C. City of Grand Forks:** Crystal Sugar has donated 17,000 trees and land to the city of East Grand Forks. Dave is trying to work out the details on how to utilize the donation. The Committee offered to assemble a subcommittee to look at the project and offer assistance on the planning and planting.
- D. GF Park District:** They are getting calls from citizens asking about a smaller dog park. The Riverside Pool issue will be put to a public vote on June 10.
- E. Friends of the Greenway:** The group gave a substantial donation of the Xcel project along the riverbank in EGF.

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist, City of Grand Forks