

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff
Agenda
Tuesday, April 8, 2014
Grand Forks Park District Office - 1210 7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND**

Steve Mullaly, Chairman
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Dave Aker, City of EGF
Lorilie Atkinson, Guest, No Till Garden
Derik Zimmer, GF PD

Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Dave Kaharenko, City of GF Engineering
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Kristine Larson, Guest, No Till Garden
Karen Salwey, City of GF

I. Old Business

- A. Policy for advertising in the Greenway** – Melanie distributed a draft policy for advertising in the Greenway. This discussion was sparked initiated by a request to allow advertising at the dog park. There is a policy for naming rights, when not attached to a fiscal donation, for the Greenway but EGF is considering allowing advertising at the Sacred Heart ball fields in LaFave Park. Advertising is not allowed on MN DNR property. Chairman Mullaly recommends that advertising policy be consistent for all four agencies so there is no confusion when working with different agencies. Dave will share the proposed EGF policy with Melanie. Melanie will continue to work on this draft for future discussion by the group.
- B. Motorized bicycles on trails** – Staff is still looking at the ordinances to determine what needs to be done to have consistent ordinances for trails sidewalks on both sides of the river.

II. New Business

- A. Bicycle accommodations on 47th Avenue South – David Kuharenko** – At the March 11 meeting Tom Reiten brought forward his concerns about bike lanes that were installed along 47th Avenue South in 2013. His issues were that the neighborhood was not told about the change and that the parking was taken away from residents and Greenway users. He was told this issue would have to be taken to the Service Safety Committee for consideration. He brought the issue to the March 11 Service Safety Committee meeting. That committee instructed engineering staff to look into this issue.

David distributed aerial maps of three possible scenarios for the bicycle accommodations along 47th Ave. S (attached). Note: red dotted line on maps is property line.

- Option #1 - Magenta path (on handout maps) – This bike path follows the City standard according to ordinance – 1 foot off the property line. It also follows the Long Range Transportation Plan developed by the Metropolitan Planning Organization. It would require the elimination of a few existing trees and landscaping located in the right-of-way.
- Option #2 – Light Blue path (on handout maps) – This shifts the path further away from the property line and provides a 5 foot buffer between the street and the path but removes the most trees.
- Option #3 – Dark Blue path (on handout maps) – This would be a temporary asphalt path along the back of the curb. This would be an eight (8) foot path vs. a 10-foot path like the others and would allow for parking on the street. There was mention that there could be a storm water pipe that needs to be replaced (up to 5 years) and the temporary path would be changed to a permanent path at that time. Karen asked the question – why would we spend the money to put in a temporary path, if a permanent path would be put in at a later day – seems like a waste of money on a temporary path. Dave also showed examples of widening the road 3 to 8 feet to allow for sharrows or parking on both sides.

Other options are to leave the bike lanes in place, which does not restore the parking. There is not enough room for sharrows, either. Removing the bike lanes and designating this segment as a route would restore parking and be the cheapest option.

The Greenway Technical Committee staff would like to submit a letter of support for a shared-use path on this segment. This is the final piece that links the system along 47th Avenue South. It also provides a connection to the Greenway.

There was resistance to the segment of path that went in along 47th Avenue South from Cherry Street to Belmont Road but Council approved the installation because it made a good connection to the rest of the bikeway system. This segment finalizes that connection.

Kim will submit a letter of support for a shared-use path on behalf of the committee.

- B. Special project request - No-till garden pilot project** – Guest speakers Lorilie Atkinson and Kristine Larson were present to discuss the success they had with the No-Till Garden at Century Elementary School last year. The Grand Forks County Soil Conservation District and its partners are proposing a No-Till Garden this year. The garden would be located in the green space near the Water Treatment Plant. They are looking to plant the garden no bigger than 24'X24'. The Soil Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service will maintain the garden. Very little maintenance will be required. An educational event that will be open to the public, will take place later in the summer at the same location. They will provide a sign letting people know this is a demonstration garden and educational materials about the garden will be provided for the public throughout the summer. Produce this year will be used at the educational event and donated to local charities. Technical committee approved moving forward with this project. Melanie will create a staff report and list other cooperative gardens in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks, as well as the pallet gardens that the GF Park District is doing at the “Just for Fun” locations this summer.
 - C. Email list of representatives** – Greenway Technical Committee Staff Roster was reviewed and additions/deletions made. Chairman Mullaly suggested representation from all of the four governing agencies and all staff divisions who provide technical expertise. Kim will update the roster.
- I. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update** - Tonight’s meeting with the Trail Users Advisory Group has a long agenda. Items to discuss will be the Bicycle Friendly Community Application, data collections for bike racks and sharrows along University Avenue. Kim plans to share information from a webinar “Managing Trail User Conflict”, and discussions regarding the 47th Avenue South bike access to the Greenway. City Council has asked for public input and Engineering has proposed three variations for a bike path that will be presented to the group tonight. Chairman Mullaly stated that this committee will provide letter of support for a shared-use path to connect the current shared-use path system to the Greenway.
- II. Greenway Agency Updates**
 - A. City of EGF:** Cathy stated that the Campground would open May 2nd. They are also planning a 10-year Anniversary of the Campground on June 28th. Zimmel/PD stated that is the same weekend as the Music Festival that is planned for this year, so it should be a busy weekend.
 - B. GF Park District:** Bill stated that the Park District is meeting with the City to renew the contract for Riverside Pool. Mentioned that the bike trail from 17th Ave. S to Sertoma Park along the coulee is pulling apart. They tarred and filled last year and will look into it again this year. David will bring this concern to the engineering staff for review.
 - C. City of Grand Forks:** Kim discussed the user conflict webinar she attended and stated that flood outlook is good.
 - D. MN DNR:** No report

- III. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: May 13, 2014 at 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South.**
- IV. Next Greenway Technical Committee STAFF meeting: June 10, 2014 at 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

Submitted by: Karen Salwey, Sr. Administrative Assistant, City of Grand Forks

Support materials:

- Draft policy for Greenway advertising
- Draft application for advertising in the Greenway
- Grand Forks no-till garden information
- Existing & Planned Bikeway Network Map
- Option #1 - 10' shared-use path for 47th Avenue South
- Option #2 - 10' shared-use path for 47th Avenue South
- Option #3 - 8' shared-use path for 47th Avenue South
- Staff notes - User Conflict Webinar Sponsored by American Trails