

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Agenda

Tuesday, May 10, 2011 - 10:30 am- Noon
Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND

Lonnie Winrich, Chair
Corey Birkholz, Options
Gladwin Lynne, EGF Parks & Rec
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Teri Kouba, MPO

Sgt. Dwight Love, GF Police
Marty Egeland, ND Game & Fish
Tom Rieten
Roxanne Achman, GF Planning Dept
Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

a. Special project request updates

- i. **Wildflower garden in Lincoln Drive Park:** The horticultural staff of the GF Park District has sprayed the area for weeds and plans to manage the weeds with spray and hand weeding. The horticultural staff is small in numbers with a long list of gardens to tend but Melissa will work to increase their efforts at the prairie garden. Tom is concerned about the use of herbicide in the garden and feels that some of the flowers can't tolerate the chemicals. Bill will ask Melissa to work with Bob Seabloom and Vince Ames to determine the best way to spray the garden.

- b. **Flood cleanup efforts:** It's possible that the upper trails might open later this week if the weather stays dry and crews can clean the silt and debris. The cleanup of Riverside Pool has been bid out and work would start with the water recedes enough for access. The sewer is still underwater in the campground but some cleanup has started in preparation for opening later this month.

- c. **ADA policy changes:** Kim will send out a copy of the draft policy to address the use of Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD) on the trails. This draft has been sent to GF City Attorney, Howard Swanson, for review.

II. New Business

- a. **Special project request updates:** The staff of the Greenway Technical Committee earlier this morning to discuss two requests.

- i. **Boat house:** Andy Magness of Ground Up Adventures would like to build a boathouse at the boat landing on the Red Lake River, near the Louis Murray Bridge. This boathouse would provide storage for canoes and kayaks for use on the river and would be staffed by Ground Up Adventures. Andy would also like to offer water safety courses on the river as part of the facility. The GTC staff supports this idea and asked that Andy work with Dave Aker to work this through the City Council process for consideration.

- b. **Orienteering course:** Jim Grijalva of Ground Up Adventures proposed the installation of a semi-permanent orienteering course in the Greenway. Jim is experimenting with different types of markers that could safely be attached to trees. Participants would download a set of coordinates and try finding the markers using a compass. The GTC staff approved this request and suggested that Jim work with Dave and Kim on the installation of the markers.

- c. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** Agenda items include the changes to the ADA compliance policy, flood cleanup and conducting a trail user observation survey.

III. Other:

- a. Arbor Day:** The 2011 Grand Cities Arbor Day ceremony is scheduled for Friday, May 13 in the Red River State Recreation Area campground. This year a tree will be planted in honor of Dick Grassel, the late EGF Councilman. Everyone is invited to attend.
- IV. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, July 12, 2011 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

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