

## Greenway Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND  
10:30 am- Noon

Ann Sande  
Steve Mullally, GF Park District  
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec  
Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF  
Lonnie Winrich

Dave Manthei, GF Fire Dept.  
Sgt. Jeff Burgess, GF Police Dept.  
Teri Nelson, MPO  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- I. **Orchard request:** Ann and Corey Bergsrud met with Steve Sagaser, NDSU Extension Offices, to discuss what developing an orchard in the greenway would entail. Steve recommended that Corey compile a definite plan of his vision for an orchard, what type of space and the ongoing maintenance would require. This item was put on hold until further information was received from Corey.
- II. **Motorized vehicle definition change:** Kim has not heard from Howard Swanson regarding this matter.
- III. **Service animal definition request status:** Same as above.
- IV. **Rain garden project:** Melanie is working on a collaborative pilot project to install a rain garden on the wet side of the Greenway. Rain gardens are used to hold and treat storm water before entering the river. The funding is not in place yet, but the plan has been developed. Partners on the project are JLG Architects and Energy and Environmental Services.
- V. **Lincoln Drive Road repair:** A plan has been drafted to do a repair and replacement of the road from the former Euclid Avenue to the bottom of the hill. These repairs will improve the condition of the pavement, which was damaged during the flood clean up and add diagonal parking. A vehicle turn around will also be added to accommodate the need to turn vehicles around at the bottom of the hill. Lighting for the dog park is also a part of the plan. This item will be brought
- VI. **National Trails Day:** Events are in place for Saturday, June 6. Center Court Fitness Club and the YMCA will be hosting fitness activities and a 5 & 10k fun walk/run in Riverside Park. The Dakota Science Center will be offering a nature and history geo-caching event at Eagles Point trail head and Roaming Paws will be hosting an open house and ribbon cutting ceremony for the dog park.

## **VII. Trail mileage markers**

**VIII. Trail user group:** A meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 25 at Riverside Park community room. This meeting will be to discuss what types of non-traditional activities park visitors are using and how we might assist them with providing a better park experience.

## **IX. Greenway Agency Updates:**

- 1. City of EGF:** Motor vehicle use on the trails and throughout the Greenway remains a problem. Dave has been trying to work with the police department but has not been successful in getting them to see the importance of patrolling the area. The campground has not officially opened to the public but they have allowed some early campers. They have received funding from the state for the sewer system and lighting to expand to 15 more sites.
- 2. GF Park District:** Riverside Park is open. The district is still considering the purchase of a multi-passenger golf cart to offer tours once or twice a week. This item brought discussion about the purpose of the trails to provide physical recreation and what impact allowing all types of motorized vehicles would have on the user experience.
- 3. Grand Forks Police Department:** There has been an increase in reports of atv use in the Riverside Park area. Police atv patrol may be increased and officers may do some door to door canvassing to inform neighbors that this type of activity is not allowed in the Greenway.

**Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting:** July 8, 2008 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South **\*\*NOTE: Due to attendance conflicts, this date was changed to July 15.**

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