

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**Tuesday, May 13, 2014 – 10:30AM**  
**GF Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND**

**Meeting Notes**

Stephan Mullally, Chair  
Sgt. Derik Zimmer, GF Police  
David Kuharenko, City of GF  
Thomas Reiten  
Travis Hagen, Disc golf association  
Michael Dax, ND Clean Water Act

Stephanie Erickson, MPO  
Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center  
Catherine Johnson, RRSRA  
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec  
Corey Birkholz, Options  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**I. Old Business**

**A. Policy for advertising in the Greenway:** No action taken on a draft policy.

**a. Disc golf tee pad sponsors:** In the past, the disc golf association has sold sponsorships for the tee pads. The original three-year contract expires this year and Travis is looking for new sponsors. The committee asked Travis to submit a list of the potential sponsors for their consideration. The committee will use the current advertising used by GF Park District as their guideline for approving the list.

**B. Bicycle accommodations on 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South:** This issue was originally brought to this committee at the March 11 meeting. At that meeting, Tom questioned why bike lanes were painted on both sides of the 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from Belmont Road to Loamy Hills Place. Tom's concern was that bike lanes were installed in 2013 on both sides of 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South between Belmont Road and Loamy Hills Place. This required the removal of parking and forced people to park on Loamy Hills Place. The committee was not aware that the lanes had been installed. It was recommended that Tom bring the matter to the Service Safety Committee meeting that evening. The Service Safety Committee directed staff to look into this matter and report back.

This issue was also on the April 8 Greenway Technical Committee staff meeting. It was decided to submit a letter supporting the installation of a shared-use trail. David clarified that the storm pipe along this section of 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South is not scheduled for replacement, as was stated at the April meeting. The staff report generated by the engineering department, and being discussed at the Service Safety meeting tonight, recommends removing the bicycle lane and installing signage for a bicycle route.

There is a city ordinance that requires sidewalks on developed properties. Steve asked if there was a possibility that sidewalks would be installed on this section someday. This hasn't been considered an option because a sidewalk would only be five feet wide and would not be considered a shared-use trail. The lanes were installed by the City engineering department in place of a shared-use path. That idea didn't work and had a negative effect on parking.

Completing the shared-use trail has been in the long-range transportation bikeway plan for many years. The neighbors should have been aware of that plan when they were buying their homes. The shared-use path along 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South from Cherry Street to Belmont Road was installed even though there was resistance from the property owners. Now we have four property owners who don't want the shared-use trail so the City has been delaying the installation.

Tom doesn't think there is enough use to justify the expense. Bikers and walkers could use the street as a connection. Others stated that is not the function of a street..How do

you determine when a shared-use path is needed for safety? Does it take someone on a bicycle being hit by a car to make a shared-use path happen?

Tom stated that he is disappointed in this committee's support of a shared-use path for this project. His concern is that the April Technical Committee meeting was a staff meeting and did not allow an opportunity for public input. The neighbors affected by this project were invited to the evening Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group meeting but not the morning Greenway Technical Committee meeting. He believes that this denied the public the opportunity to address the committee before they made recommendation.

Several members of the committee stated that the stance of this committee has always been to support access from the community to the Greenway. Staff has the right to discuss and provide recommendations to the policy makers on issues that affect the Greenway. The committee has always supported connecting the trail at the entrance of the Greenway to the trail along 47th Avenue South.

Derrick stated that the neighbors had their say during the Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group meeting. This topic was on the agenda for that meeting to provide for public input. They were also allowed to submit written and verbal comments to the engineering staff. This committee evaluates projects like this with a look at long-term interests for the entire community. The committee is not driven by political influences.

### C. Special project request

- a. **No-till garden pilot project:** The Grand Forks County Soil Conservation District and its partners will be planting a No-Till Garden near the Water Treatment Plant. The garden will be no bigger than 24'X24'. The Soil Conservation District and the Natural Resources Conservation Service will maintain the garden. No-till gardens are designed to reduce the need for weeding. 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. The harvest from the garden will be used at the educational event and donated to local charities. The staff of the technical committee approved moving forward with this project.
- b. **Boathouse:** Work has begun on retrofitting the storage containers for use as an office and storage facility.

## II. New Business

### A. Special project request

- i. **Area for boxing equipment:** The committee had questions that were not answered by the application. Kim will invite the applicant to attend the June meeting.

- B. **Clean Water, Wildlife and Parks measure:** Michael Dax is the Field Director for the North Dakotans for Clean Water, Wildlife, and Parks. That group is working to get this measure on the November ND ballot. The funding for this proposal comes from a portion of the oil extraction tax and provides the opportunity to increase access to natural areas and raise quality of life. A thirteen member advisory panel would provide oversight of the fund.. The Industrial Committee is administering the program and will have final determination in approving funding. Michael is spending time visiting people around the state because they are unaware of the measure. Ducks Unlimited and Pheasants Forever are supporting the measure.

The committee wondered if the application process would differentiate between trails in urban areas vs. recreational areas. Michael did not know if that is a determining factor or not. Potential projects for the money would be a bicycle connection between Grand Forks and Turtle River State Park.

**III. Other**

- A. River access for boathouse:** Corey would like to be included in the discussions and designs for the river access. Kim will forward this request to Melanie.
- B. Road repair in Lincoln Drive Park:** This project was bid last month. Completion date is August 1 to accommodate Rollin' on the River inline skating race.

**IV. Agency Updates**

- A. City of EGF:** Dave is planning to plant 100 trees in the Greenway this spring. Work is being done this spring on a sewer pipe near the pool. It should be done before the pool opens. The campground opened May 2. They are full for this weekend because of UND graduation and a Canadian holiday. Catherine has started a waiting list for hopeful campers.
- B. GF Park District:** Crews are working to get Riverside Pool ready for the season. Summer programs will be starting in June.
- C. City of GF:** No report
- D. Minnesota DNR:** No report
- E. Metropolitan Planning Organization:** The 2014 bikeway maps at the print shop and should be available soon. The Kennedy Bridge study will be discussed at the Service Safety Committee meeting tonight. The MNDOT supports an interior bicycle lane but the Cities support a separate facility on the exterior of the bridge.

**V. Next meeting date: 7PM, Tuesday, July 8, 2014, GF Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, greenway specialist, City of Grand Forks

Supporting documents: Greenway Special Project request from Wayne Hajicek

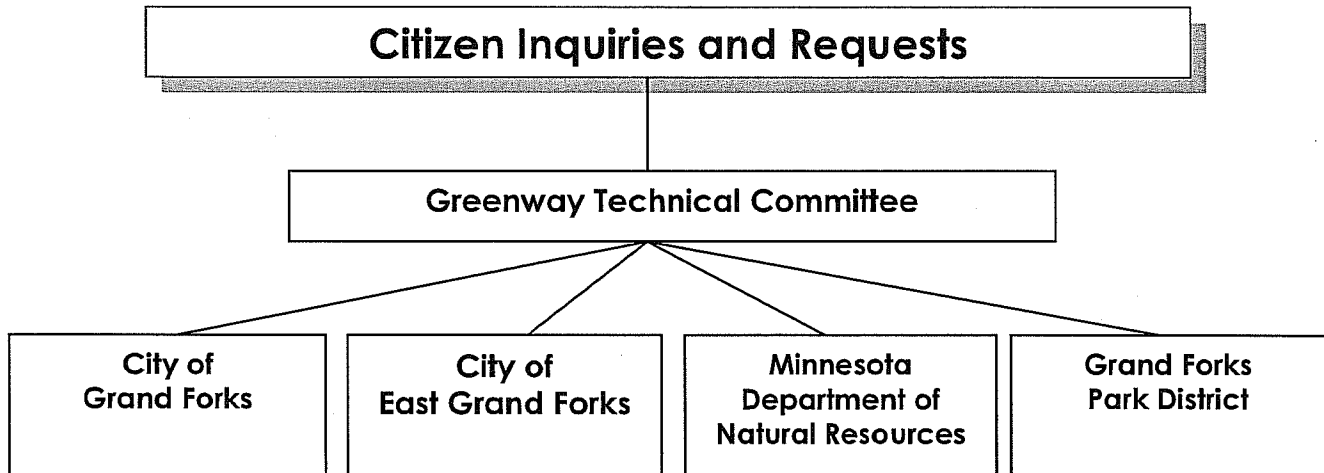
# THE GREENWAY

GRAND FORKS/EAST GRAND FORKS

Thank you for your interest in the Greenway. With over 2,200 acres of natural space, the Greenway provides a wide variety of recreational, educational and environmental benefits to Greater Grand Forks residents and visitors.

Each year we receive many requests for new facilities or improvements to existing facilities. Many factors go into the decision making process, first and foremost being the role as a floodplain.

Once you have submitted a completed form, you may be asked to present an overview of your project idea to the Greenway Technical Committee for consideration. The Greenway Technical Committee is comprised of representatives of the four managing agencies as well as other parties interested in the development of the Greenway. Meetings are held at 10:30 am on the second Tuesday of every month. After reviewing the request the committee will determine whether the project is feasible within the Greenway and if so, which agency will handle the request. That agency will then guide the request through the proper channels of their organization.



## Greenway Project Request Form

Contact name <b>WAYNE "BUTCH" HAJILEK</b>	
Address <b>1115 26<sup>TH</sup> AVE S APT 28</b>	
City <b>GRAND FORKS</b>	State & zip <b>ND 58201</b>
Phone <b>701-317-0469</b>	
Email address <b>NO</b>	
Is this request: <input type="checkbox"/> One time event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New installation <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	
Brief summary of request:	
<b>WOULD LIKE TO INSTALL A FEW RACKS TO HOLD BOXING HEAVY BAGS, SPEED BAGS AND DOUBLE END BAGS. CREATE A PLACE WHERE PEOPLE CAN GO OUTSIDE TO GET IN A WORKOUT AS OPPOSED TO A GYM.</b>	
Support for the activity or facility. How many people typically participate in this activity, is there a user group established in the area, etc.:	
<b>THERE ARE A FEW GYMS/CLUBS IN TOWN BUT SUMMER IS OFF-SEASON FOR THEM LIMITING OPTIONS</b>	
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.	
<b>IT WOULD BE 3 STEEL RACKS ANCHORED WITH CONCRETE TO HOLD VARIOUS HETTING BAGS</b>	
What, if any, costs are associated with this project?	
<b>THE COST OF THE RACKS AND CONCRETE</b>	
How will these expenses be paid? Fundraisers, sponsor, etc.	
<b>DONATIONS I WILL SEEK OUT</b>	

<b>Does this project require ongoing maintenance?</b>	<b>If so, who will maintain the facility?</b>
NO	
<b>Will this event or facility be open to the public?</b>	
YES	
<b>Does this activity or facility involve the use of harmful chemicals, excavation or fire?</b>	
If so, please describe.	
NO	

**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

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