

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**10:30AM – Tuesday, May 17, 2016**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Park District Conference Room**

**Present:**

Bill Palmiscno, Chair  
Wes Rogers, Greenway Advisory Committee  
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR  
Dave Kuharenko, City of GF Engineering  
Jon Lampi, GF Police  
Sgt. Doug Wright, GF Police  
Jairo Viafara, MPO  
Mark Dragich, EGF  
Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire  
Corey Birkholz, Options  
Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning  
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec  
Dr. Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center  
Mike Pokrzywinski, EGF City Council  
Nancy Ellis, EGF Planning  
Tim Williamson, MN DNR  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

**Old Business**

**Special Project Request Updates –**

**River Access Master Plan - Update:**

- Two public meetings will be held this month. These will be an opportunity for the public to submit comments about river access. A comment form will also be available online.
  - ✦ Written comments will go to Kim to be included in the plan.
  - ✦ Everyone should remember to think of the water as another trail for people to utilize.
  - ✦ Next public meeting is at 7PM this Thursday at the GF City Hall.
- Some of the concerns that came up at the first meeting included cleaning the boat ramps after high water and allowing swimming in the river.

**Special Project Requests:**

- **Temporary Art Display Request Update:**
  - ✦ The EGF Council has approved the art display.
  - ✦ The Greenway Technical Committee approved the display at the April staff meeting.

## **New Business**

### **Motor Vehicles in Greenway:**

Staff has received several phone calls about motor vehicles in the Greenway. Most were in the south end portion of GF, especially near Adams Drive. EGF has not had any complaints yet. Someone has set up a fishing area near Desiree Drive and marked it as private. Residents are using vehicles to access fishing areas in the EGF portion of the Greenway. This is against ordinance but there needs a coordinated effort from all agencies to enforce with success. GF has been looking at the possibility of using drones to access hard to reach areas safely. The drones could be used to monitor and document activity in remote areas of the Greenway.

For the past few years, the City of GF has sent out reminder cards about snowmobiles not being allowed on the Greenway. These go to address along the Greenway and cost about \$700 to print and send. This could be done for motor vehicles too but would only be effective if both sides do the same thing

Vehicles have also used the pedestrian bridges. Is it possible to place boulders to keep vehicles off the bridges? That would create an access issue. Signs could be posted closer to the bridges. Universal Access Rules allow for a wide variety of vehicles for use as a handicap vehicle so that can limit how much an entrance can be narrowed.

### **What should types of activity in the Greenway be reported?**

- Users should report any dangerous or suspicious activity and physical hazards immediately. If assistance is needed immediately, they should call 911 or police dispatch. Maintenance issues can be reported to staff.
- Debris is becoming a problem along the riverbank. People are leaving couches and other furniture for using while fishing. Staff continues to remove these items when possible.
- Grass dumping is a problem in some areas. This is against EPA storm water rules.

### **Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:**

- The group discussed the need for bicycle racks in the new parks like Masonic and Kiwanis
  - Park District will be putting the bicycling racks this week.

### **Other**

- Ski/Bike Shop – June 25<sup>th</sup>
  - “Pedal for a Purpose” Event
- Arbor Day

- ✦ GGF has had 40 continuous Arbor Day celebrations.
- ✦ This year fourth grade students from Discovery Elementary helped plan 40 trees in Kiwanis Park.

### **Agency Updates**

#### **City of EGF:**

- Pools will open on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with a free day.

#### **City of GF:**

- MPO – Invite for Bicycle/Pedestrian Plan. Venues are still being decided because they need to be ADA approved.
- Engineering – Euclid Ave construction has been pushed back to end of this week or beginning of next week because of rain.

#### **GF Park District:**

- Lincoln Golf clubhouse will be getting a new parking lot.
- The pools will be opening June 3 (Elks) and June 8 (Riverside).

#### **Minnesota DNR:**

- Remember to check out the 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary website for Minnesota State Parks.
- Campsites are now 100% reservable online.
- An archery program will be available in June.
- The campground has a part-time position opening available.

#### **Dakota Science Center**

- Pizza Garden Program
  - ✦ The Heritage Village has partnered with GF County 4H, Polk County 4H, and the GF Horticultural Society to develop an inquiry-based garden for youth.
  - ✦ A circular garden is divided into pie-shaped wedges with walking paths between each wedge for viewing.
  - ✦ Pizza ingredients are grown in the garden. Tomatoes, Herbs, Garlic, Onions, Peppers, Wheat, etc.
  - ✦ The City of EGF has provided animal statues of cows and pigs enclosed in a fenced wedge. The animals represent sausage, pepperoni, cheese, etc.
  - ✦ Students will learn the agricultural source of the products used to make pizza ingredients.
  - ✦ Student will harvest a garden.
  - ✦ Students will learn plant anatomy.

#### **GF Police Department:**

- The Department has 4 new interns this summer. Some may be working in the Greenway.

**GF Fire Department:**

- There have been two unattended fires on the Greenway lately. These are happening downstream of the north end boat ramp on private property.
- The walking bridges have been used by Fire Department to access sites. Staff would like to know what the vehicle weight ratings are for the bridges. Kim will look into finding the specs.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: Special project request form for temporary art project

## Greenway Project Request Form

<b>Contact name: Guillermo Guardia</b>	
<b>Address: 2014 13th Ave N, Grand Forks, ND 58203</b>	
<b>City: Grand Forks</b>	<b>State &amp; zip: ND, 58203</b>
<b>Phone: (701) 775-1168</b>	<b>Cell phone: 701-330-0227</b>
<b>Email address: <a href="mailto:guillermo.guardia@moguya.com">guillermo.guardia@moguya.com</a></b>	
<b>Is this request:</b> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One time event <input type="checkbox"/> New installation <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	
<b>Brief summary of request:</b>	
<p>We respectfully request permission to install a public art project on the bank of the Red River flanking the Sorlie Bridge in downtown Grand Forks. The installation, called "Crossing the Border", will include 300 small ceramic figurines, anchored in the ground by one small wooden skewer per figurine. The figurines range in size from 3 inches to 8 eight inches high, and are painted a variety of bright colors in weather-proof ceramic glaze. The forms of each figurine are simplified to geometric shapes, to be recognizable as human figures but lacking individualized facial features, the figures resemble little kids, girls and boys running. The figurines will be set as if they were running to the river and from the river to the other side.</p> <p>"Crossing the Border" represents stories of immigration from people of various cultures, backgrounds, and nationalities. Included in the installation are some clay coyotes, will symbolically try to stop the figures. "Crossing the Border" will be installed on Saturday, June 18, on view from noon – 5:00 p.m. It is our hope that installing the work on the opening of the Farmer's Market and the Art &amp; Wine Walk season, and in conjunction with other events taking place on the Greenway, will draw additional people to the downtown area and increase participation in viewing the work.</p>	
<b>Support for the activity or facility.</b> How many people typically participate in this activity, is there a user group established in the area, etc.:	
<p>"Crossing the Border" is created by Guillermo Guardia, professional ceramic artist. The project is facilitated by the Public Arts Commission, and is funded by a grant from the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region. Other partners involved in planning for this installation include the City of Grand Forks Planning and Community Development office.</p>	
<b>What is needed to facilitate this project?</b> Space, structures, etc? Please attach a diagram of the proposed layout of the activity or facility, if appropriate.	
<p>The installation requires about 100 feet on either side of the Sorlie Bridge, from the bank of the river to the paved path on the Greenway. Please see the attached diagram. The installation contemplates both banks of the river, using the green way in Grand Forks and East Grand Forks.</p>	

<b>What, if any, costs are associated with this project?</b>
The total cost of the project is \$8,000.
<b>How will these expenses be paid?</b> Fundraisers, sponsor, etc.
The project is fully funded by the Community Foundation of Grand Forks, East Grand Forks and Region through a Forkin' It Over for Public Art grant, received in December 2015.
<b>Does this project require ongoing maintenance?</b> If so, who will maintain the facility?
No. "Crossing the Border" will be installed on June 18, 2016, to be ready for public viewing by noon, and will be de-installed at 5:00 p.m. on the same day.
<b>Will this event or facility be open to the public?</b>
Yes. Viewers are encouraged to view the installation either from a distance or close-up by walking among the figurines.
<b>Does this activity or facility involve the use of harmful chemicals, excavation or fire?</b> If so, please describe.
No. The anchors for each figurine are narrow wooden skewers, which are interred perpendicular to the ground.

**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



Installation site

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