

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) meeting
9 AM - Tuesday, May 17, 2022
Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Meeting room
Grand Forks, ND
Meeting Notes

Reid Huttunen, Chair
George Hellyer, GF Park District
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Sgt. Kris Brown, GF Police
Dr. Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center

Matt Aarvig, City of GF streets
Jeff Boushey, EGF Fire chief
Kim Greendahl, City of GF
Teri Kouba, MPO
Theresa Flitter, City of GF

I. Old Business

- A. Disc and foot golf course update:** The equipment for both courses has been delivered. It will be a while before the courses can be installed because of the standing water in the park.

II. New Business

- A. Memorial bench request:** Reviewed the application for a memorial bench on the riverbank along the Red Lake River. The committee is concerned about this request because it diverges from the previous decision not to add new benches. It is also too close to the river and will pose maintenance problems. Getting it to comply with ADA accessibility would be too costly. The location requested is not an area that vehicles should be accessing. Reid will work with the requestor to find an existing bench available for adoption in the area instead.
- B. Flood cleanup:** River levels are around 39 feet and slowly receding. Crews have started mowing the dry areas. There is still a lot of standing water on the trails' low spots, and it will take a while for the ground to be dry enough to support heavy equipment. The first step is to move debris off the trail wherever crews can access it. Public service announcements will be made as frequently as possible to keep the public informed. The messages should be consistent on both sides of the river. Kim will send a draft news release to the managers for input before sending it out to the public.

III. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group update:

IV. Other

- A. Pollinator garden request:** Catherine is working with the Dakota Science Center to host an event to install a pollinator garden in the campground. Kim will post the event information online and on social media.
- B. Adopt-a-Trail program:** There is a waiting list for groups interested in participating, but no segments are available now. Another option is to give these groups clean-up areas in other areas, not the trail. These would be one-time projects but can be helpful for staff who need extra help with cleanup projects.

V. Agency updates

- A. City of EGF:** Sherlock Pool is scheduled to open on June 6. At this time, there is enough staff available, so hours of operation should not be affected. The City Council is

scheduled to approve the purchase of a floating kayak launch for LaFave Park. The American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) application for funding phase two of the LaFave Project was not approved. Reid will meet with ARPA staff to discuss how the application scored and what could be done to improve future applications. Eagles Point and River Heights trailheads are closed because of high water; all other trailheads are open for the season.

- B. GF Park District:** Elks Pool will open on June 6, and Riverside will open one week later, pending the completion of a repainting project. Filling the vacancies for lifeguards has been a challenge and may reduce hours of operation again this season. Shelter reservations for Riverside Park will reopen next week. Lincoln Golf Course is open but still wet in some areas, and one hole has been temporarily reconfigured to avoid standing water.
- C. City of GF:** None.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** No date has been set for reopening. The electrical pedestals have been installed, but full power will not be available until after the river recedes. People with reservations are getting frustrated, but nothing can be done while there is still water in the campground. The staff has been pumping the water out of the low areas to allow the ground to dry quickly.
- E. Other agencies:**
- F. MPO:** Staff is working with a consultant on the Long-Range Transportation Plan. The bicycle and pedestrian plan will be a part of the project.
- G. GF Streets:** Some staff will be helping the sanitation department with spring clean-up week, so they won't get back to cleaning trails until next week.
- H. Dakota Science Center:** The Red River State Recreation Area will be hosting a public event to plant a pollinator garden at the campground.

VI. **Next meeting date:** Greenway Technical Committee 9 AM Tuesday, July 19, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, greenway specialist

Support documents: Aker memorial bench request
Greenway bench donation webpage
Greenway bench donation form

Good Morning,

I was finally able to complete this form. This would be so amazing if we can get it approved. We are willing to pay for all costs, promise to maintain it and will follow all recommendations regarding structure/materials, if approved. We haven't gotten that far yet, as we want the approval first.

My dad loved his fishing spot. He always took care of the surrounding area too, weed whacking, picking up trash etc., (yes, his kids and grandchildren will continue to so) so many memories exist there. I enclosed one picture of him when he made the paper. I think there was more than one time because regardless of the weather, he was always there.

I can even recall being down there with him when park personnel would stop by, (I think, just to give him grief because that was just the type of guy my dad was (in a good way, he enjoyed everyone he came across) even though, they knew he has his license, he always laughed about it.

He called that spot, "the office".

Please let me know if I need to do anything further to seek an approval.

I appreciate your help and direction with this.

Greenway Project Request Form

Contact name	APPEL AKER		
Address	1023 19th Ave S		
City	Grand Forks	State & zip	ND 58201
Phone	713 779 5837	Cell phone	stone
Email address	aker@rrvca.com		
Start date:	when approved		
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:	would like to place a memorial bench in honor of my dad near his favorite fishing spot. He passed away 2-14-22. Enclosed: (picture of him from the paper)		
Support for the activity or facility.	How many people typically participate in this activity, is there a user group established in the area, etc.:		
	n/a - he loved this spot would mean so much to his family and friends		
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.		
	approval for placement		
What, if any, costs are associated with this project?	none; family will pay for it		
How will these expenses be paid?	Fundraisers, sponsor, etc.		
	family will pay		

Does this project require ongoing maintenance? If so, who will maintain the facility?

family will take care of it

Will this event or facility be open to the public?

yes

Does this activity or facility involve the use of harmful chemicals, excavation or fire?
if so, please describe.

no

Please explain how the proposed event, facility or program will ensure access for people with disabilities. Examples could include accessible parking, access to participate in the event or activity, accessible portable toilets or providing effective communication for people who have a hearing or a visual disability. For more information on ADA accessibility, contact Options Resource Center for Independent Living (218-773-6100).

unsure yet wanting to see if approval is granted then will work up a plan for approval

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

For office use

Date received

Received by:

Attachments:

Casting off winter



▲ Michael Humble, with his dog, Sadie, at his side, casts his line over the snow and into the Red Lake River on the upstream side of the Point Dam in East Grand Forks earlier this week.

Eric Hylden, staff photographer

