

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, June 11, 2013 – 10:30 AM
Grand Forks Park District Office – 1210 7th Ave. S, Grand Forks, ND**

Steve Mullally, Chair
Catherine Johnson, RRSRA
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Melanie Parvey, City of GF

Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Kim Greendahl, City of GF
Karen Salwey, City of GF

- I. **No Old Business**
- II. **New Business**

- A. **Greenway Working Group concept** – There has been some discussion regarding the Greenway guiding principles and the criteria for approving projects that could significantly affect the original Greenway concept. We will revisit the internal Greenway policies and determine if a separate group is needed or if our current Greenway governing body can continue to make decisions. We will continue to approve projects through Service/Safety until we can review these policies and determine if more guidance is needed.
 - B. **Visual trail survey** – Volunteers are signing up. This is of a trail count to see how many users are on the Greenway on a given day, and what age groups they fall into. Information will be shared with MN DOT.
- I. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG) update:** Stephanie Erickson from the MPO has suggested booths at the Farmers Market. This would be a chance to hand out information about the Grand Cities bikeways and to collect ideas and suggestions for improving the bikeway system.

The intern Aubrey Ellefson has been helping out at the EGF campground in the office and checking in campers. She has also been working to bring awareness to special events held on the Greenway, and will be making sandwich boards highlighting events to place along the trails.

The Advisory Committee will not be meeting July or August.

II. **Greenway Agency Updates:**

- a. **City of EGF:** Dave has hired two maintenance people for the park. These two associates will work general maintenance, night from October – April, and will work days during the summer months. The pool is open as of Monday 6/10. There will be surveying done over the next year for the Radio Control Airport. There are issues with EGF residents dumping grass clippings on the Greenway. Dave will be checking with EGF City ordinances to put an end to this practice.
- b. **GF Park District:** Riverside and Lincoln pools are open. The large dog park will have a soft opening today, but with no water access. Small dog part will open at a later date.
- c. **City of Grand Forks:** The mowing is pretty much caught up but that it has been difficult with the seasonal rain. Spraying of dandelions is also completed. There will be 6 trees planted at the entrance to Lincoln Drive Park by the Girl Scouts this week. The water on the lower trails downtown has finally receded, but the trails still need to be cleaned. The boat house project should be going to Service/Safety on June 25th.
- d. **MN DNR:** MN Boat landing area is getting torn up from vehicles going around the barricades making a trail in that area. There have been reports of gunshot and parties back in the trees. We need to find solutions to blocking off the trail that they are using.

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: July 9, 2013 at 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

III. Adjournment

Submitted by: Karen Salwey, Public Works Sr. Administrative Specialist, City of Grand Forks