

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff
Tuesday, June 10, 2014
Grand Forks Park District Office - 1210 7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND

Meeting Notes

Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec
Travis Hagen, Disc Golf Association
David Kuharenko, GF engineering
Catherine Johnsons, RRSRA campground

Jim Grjalva, Ground UP Adventures
Wayne Hajicek
Sgt. Derik Zimmer, GF Police
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

- A. Policy for advertising in the Greenway:** Melanie & Kim are still working on this item.
 - i. List of sponsors from the disc golf association:** Committee approved the list presented by Travis.
- B. Greenway brochure:** Kim is working with the printer for a draft copy.
- C. Boathouse & river access:** Kim is working on an action plan for the progress of the boathouse. Ground Up Adventures is still working on getting the storage containers ready to move.

A potential river access point has been identified just north of the boathouse site. Melanie and Kim are working with CPS to develop a plan for access.
- D. Orienteering course update & request:** The GGF Convention & Visitors Bureau assisted the group with printing maps of the orienteering course. Committee approved the installation of a post near the course for a brochure holder.

II. New Business

- A. Bicycle accommodations on 47th Avenue South:** Grand Forks City Council voted to remove the lanes and sign the section as a route. David clarified that the pipe replacement that he mentioned at the April 8 G&TUAG meeting is not scheduled for replacement anytime soon.
- B. Special project request**
 - i. Boxing equipment:** Approved. See assessment form.
 - ii. Pump bike park:** Ground UP Adventure (GUP) would like to offer a bicycle pump track along the river. This type of track provides a bicycle obstacle and skills course for riders. Pump tracks are designed to allow riders to ride the course without pedaling by using gravity and body motion to propel bicycle through the course.

GUP prefers that the track be located near the boathouse site. Another potential location would be in LaFave Park below the Cabela's parking lot. The space needed depends on the type and number of features. The skate park in GF is too small to allow for expansion.

The track would be an exposed dirt track. Maintenance would include raking and smoothing out the dirt as needed.

This idea would need some public input before consideration in the Greenway. We have solicited online opinions for bocce ball and other potential additions. Kim will work on this item.
 - iii. Unpaved trail system:** GUP is requesting an unpaved mountain bike trail along the river. There has always been a plan to have an unpaved trail system along the river.

We have just been waiting for some vegetation to restore itself for bank stabilization. Wet years have also hindered development.

The committee had concerns about being ADA compliant and building a trail that would serve more than just mountain bikers. Kim will assemble a group of representatives from other user groups for a discussion.

- I. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** The group does not meet in June & July.
- II. **Greenway Agency Updates**
 - A. **City of EGF:** The campground will be offering an archery class on June 21. Extreme ND will be using the showers after their canoe & swim race. Tent camping has been popular at the campground this year.
 - B. **GF Park District:** Movies in the Park will start this month.
 - C. **City of Grand Forks:** Melanie has accepted a position as the Water Works Division Director with the City of Grand Forks. In the process of hiring a seasonal groundskeeper to help with small projects.
 - D. **MN DNR:** No report
- III. **Other:**
 - a. **Greenway development:** Discussion about what types of recreation should be available in the Greenway. The committee expressed concern about adding too many features to the Greenway. Some of projects may be better suited in a park outside the flood plain. Kim will put together a list of pending projects for the group to review.
 - b. **Entrance to Lincoln Drive Park:** Construction has not started yet because of the rain.
 - c. **Bikeway system:** A shared-use path will be installed along 24th Avenue South. This path will connect with a shared-use path being installed on South 42nd Street from 24th Avenue South to 17th Avenue South.
- IV. **Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: July 8, 2014 at 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South.**
- V. **Next Greenway Technical Committee STAFF meeting: August 12, 2014 at 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South**

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway specialist, city of Grand Forks

Supporting documents: Orienteering brochure
Boxing equipment assessment form
Pump bike park assessment form
Unpaved trails assessment form

Welcome to the Greenway's first permanent Orienteering Course!

Orienteering is a fun and challenging outdoor activity that people of all ages and physical abilities can enjoy. Orienteering involves finding a series of control points (CPs) using map and compass. CPs are marked in the field with a 7.5 inch plastic square, divided by one orange and one white triangle.



The course consists of 25 CPs located in various locations within the Greenway, on both the North Dakota and Minnesota sides. Nineteen of the CPs are marked by red circles on the maps available here. Red CPs can be easy or hard to get; they might be a few feet from a paved bike trail, or you might have to wade through tall grass or sticker bushes or branches. You might even get muddy. For more adventure, try touching every CP marker you find; some are tougher than others.

The orange CPs are a different kind of challenge. The six orange circles represent attack points which are starting points to find CPs that are not marked on the map. The compass bearings and distances below tell you which direction and

how far to go from the starting points. For example, the orange circle for AP3 shows you where to start to find CP3—at the road bend. From there you walk 310 feet on a compass bearing of 41 degrees and you should see the white/orange CP marker in the bushes.

Each CP marker has a clue word written on it. GUP plans to have periodic lottery prizes for individuals or families who obtain all 25 CP clue words. To enter, just send us your maps with the correct clue word written at each CP circle. Even if you don't get all 25, send us your maps or let us know you've used the course; we'd love to know.

And even if you get all 25, next year the course will change. At least one per year, GUP will relocate the markers and post new maps to keep the course fresh and interesting.

Now go outside and have some fun!



Attack Point	Distance (ft)	Bearing
AP1	100	118
AP3	310	41
AP11	231	338
AP13	451	295
AP21	1584	322
AP23	450	100

Map Area I



0 500 1,000 Feet

CP9

CP8

CP7



Map Area 2



Map Area 3



The Greenway Technical Committee
Project and Special Request Assessment Form

PROPOSAL DETAILS	
Project name:	Boxing equipment
Proposed location:	
Submitted by:	Wayne Hajicek
Desired start date:	Summer 2014
Is this request: <input type="checkbox"/> One time event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New installation <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	

REVIEW OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS				
YES	NO	UNK	N/A	Will or does this project, activity or special event:
	X			Have support from a significant number of users?
		X		Enhance or compete with a similar activity already offered somewhere else in the GGF community?
X				Introduce a new kind of recreational activity to the Greenway?
	X			Significantly change the level of public use?
	X			Be located near a heavily populated residential area?
X				Be self funded?
	X			Require ongoing maintenance by agency staff?
	X			Require a change to the Greenway plan?
	X			Compromise greenway rules or city ordinances?
	X			Jeopardize needs described in other plans?
	X			Contribute to cumulative effects with other proposals or projects?
	X			Likely generate significant public opposition or controversy?
X				Take place in an area that is relatively undisrupted? Proposed area is next to the mobile storage unit in Lincoln Drive Park. The park itself is highly developed.
	X			Impede the function of the Greenway as a floodplain?
	X			Involve development or modifications of wetlands, protected waters or water control structures?
	X			Introduce an organism(s) which is different genetically or species-wise from those presently or historically occurring in the Greenway?
	X			Affect any known archaeological, historical or cultural site?
X				Involve habitat loss, alteration or fragmentation or land use changes such as planting, burning, grazing, clearing or water manipulation? Minimal for installation of concrete to hold the stand.
	X			Include the use of chemical toxicants?
	X			Affect any known federal or state listed species, other rare species or any designated or proposed natural or scenic waterway, wilderness area, State Natural Areas, Natural Heritage Registry site, significant natural community or private land?
X				Disturb soil or result in soil erosion, deposit, compaction, and/or loss of sod or ground cover? Minimal for installation of concrete to hold the stand.
	X			Have a greater impact under certain weather conditions, especially rainy or wet conditions?
	X			Affect research activities or monitoring plots?

	X			Require permits from other agencies?
	X			Likely require temporary or permanent mitigation measures?
	X			Have any natural/cultural resource impacts not listed above?

IMPORTANT: Completion of the application assessment for the proposed project/action/special request does not constitute approval for the project to begin. Approval for the request to move ahead will be provided by the Greenway Technical Committee staff.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Concerns – Describe concerns regarding application information:

- Bags would only be available when a member of the boxing club is on site; they will not be left behind for others to use.
- Use would be for members of the boxing club, and would be covered through their insurance policy.

Information sources & field review:

- List dates and names of information sources (individuals & written) consulted in this process.
- List significant native plant communities, rare species, cultural resources or other important natural/cultural elements which could be impacted.

Recommended course of action:

6/10/14 Greenway Technical Committee STAFF meeting: Approved for a temporary trial installation. Wayne will work with Kim for an approved installation site.

List all permits required:

Greenway Technical Committee staff recommendation:

☐ Proposal accepted. Applicant will be informed to work with designated agency for further assistance. Designated agency: _____

☐ Proposal denied for the following reasons: _____

☐ Proposal incomplete or requires more information. Staff will work with applicant to clarify the application.

Signed by Greenway Technical Committee Chairperson

Date

The Greenway Technical Committee
Project and Special Request Assessment Form

PROPOSAL DETAILS	
Project name:	Bike Park
Proposed location:	Downtown Grand Forks, below floodwall on North 3 rd street
Submitted by:	Jim Grijalva, Ground UP Adventures
Desired start date:	
Is this request: <input type="checkbox"/> One time event <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New installation <input type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	

REVIEW OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS				
YES	NO	UNK	N/A	Will or does this project, activity or special event:
		X		Have support from a significant number of users? Possibly 100 riders. Could increase.
				Enhance or compete with a similar activity already offered somewhere else in the GGF community?
X				Introduce a new kind of recreational activity to the Greenway?
X				Significantly change the level of public use?
		X		Be located near a heavily populated residential area?
		X		Be self funded? Fundraising for installation; maintenance unknown
X				Require ongoing maintenance by agency staff?
X				Require a change to the Greenway plan?
	X			Compromise greenway rules or city ordinances?
				Jeopardize needs described in other plans?
X				Contribute to cumulative effects with other proposals or projects?
		X		Likely generate significant public opposition or controversy?
X				Take place in an area that is relatively undisrupted?
		X		Impede the function of the Greenway as a floodplain?
	X			Involve development or modifications of wetlands, protected waters or water control structures?
	X			Introduce an organism(s) which is different genetically or species-wise from those presently or historically occurring in the Greenway?
	X			Affect any known archaeological, historical or cultural site?
X				Involve habitat loss, alteration or fragmentation or land use changes such as planting, burning, grazing, clearing or water manipulation?
	X			Include the use of chemical toxicants?
	X			Affect any known federal or state listed species, other rare species or any designated or proposed natural or scenic waterway, wilderness area, State Natural Areas, Natural Heritage Registry site, significant natural community or private land?
X				Disturb soil or result in soil erosion, deposit, compaction, and/or loss of sod or ground cover? Track will require alteration of soil for installation of obstacle course. Use will cause rutting in track.
X				Have a greater impact under certain weather conditions, especially rainy or wet conditions? Track will get muddy after flooding and rain.
	X			Affect research activities or monitoring plots?
	X			Require permits from other agencies?
		X		Likely require temporary or permanent mitigation measures?

		X		Have any natural/cultural resource impacts not listed above?
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ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND SUPPORT DOCUMENTS

Concerns – Describe concerns regarding application information:

- The location north of the boathouse site in downtown GF may not be the best site because of the planned water access being developed there.
- Can this be located near the skate park in GF? Doesn't have enough room for expansion.
- A better area in the Greenway would be either north of the EGF boat landing or up higher near the baseball fields.
- Has the group approached the park district about other properties?
- Has the group involved other potential users?
- Does this have the support of a large group of riders?
- Will Ground Up Adventures be able to manage this type of facility? They are still trying to get the boathouse installed and operating.

Information sources & field review:

- List dates and names of information sources (individuals & written) consulted in this process.
- List significant native plant communities, rare species, cultural resources or other important natural/cultural elements which could be impacted.

Recommended course of action:

- **6/10/14 Greenway Technical Committee STAFF meeting:** Kim will set up a meeting with other citizens who have expressed an interest in this type of bike park. This meeting will be to gauge interest, needs, maintenance, and other issues.

List all permits required:

Greenway Technical Committee staff recommendation:

☐ Proposal accepted. Applicant will be informed to work with designated agency for further assistance. Designated agency: _____

☐ Proposal denied for the following reasons: _____

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Date

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Project and Special Request Assessment Form

PROPOSAL DETAILS	
Project name:	Unpaved bike trail
Proposed location:	Along riverbank
Submitted by:	Jim Grijalva, Ground UP Adventures
Desired start date:	
Is this request: <input type="checkbox"/> One time event <input type="checkbox"/> New installation <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Improvement to existing facility	

REVIEW OF POTENTIAL IMPACTS				
YES	NO	UNK	N/A	Will or does this project, activity or special event:
		X		Have support from a significant number of users? Possibly but not all bike riders. Birders, walkers, etc. would use an unpaved trail.
X				Enhance or compete with a similar activity already offered somewhere else in the GGF community? Increases existing experience for a variety of users.
	X			Introduce a new kind of recreational activity to the Greenway? Enhances existing
X				Significantly change the level of public use? Possibly
	X			Be located near a heavily populated residential area?
			X	Be self funded? Cost of vegetation removal and signs paid for through cities.
X				Require ongoing maintenance by agency staff? Removal of vegetation and debris throughout the year.
	X			Require a change to the Greenway plan?
	X			Compromise greenway rules or city ordinances?
	X			Jeopardize needs described in other plans?
X				Contribute to cumulative effects with other proposals or projects? Enhances paved trail system.
	X			Likely generate significant public opposition or controversy?
X				Take place in an area that is relatively undisrupted?
	X			Impede the function of the Greenway as a floodplain?
	X			Involve development or modifications of wetlands, protected waters or water control structures?
	X			Introduce an organism(s) which is different genetically or species-wise from those presently or historically occurring in the Greenway?
	X			Affect any known archaeological, historical or cultural site?
	X			Involve habitat loss, alteration or fragmentation or land use changes such as planting, burning, grazing, clearing or water manipulation? Will work to avoid removing vegetation that provides habitat, food, etc. for birds.
	X			Include the use of chemical toxicants?
	X			Affect any known federal or state listed species, other rare species or any designated or proposed natural or scenic waterway, wilderness area, State Natural Areas, Natural Heritage Registry site, significant natural community or private land?
X				Disturb soil or result in soil erosion, deposit, compaction, and/or loss of

				sod or ground cover? There will be some erosion and compaction of soil with use. Extent is unknown.
X				Have a greater impact under certain weather conditions, especially rainy or wet conditions? Will be muddy after flooding and significant rains.
	X			Affect research activities or monitoring plots?
	X			Require permits from other agencies?
	X			Likely require temporary or permanent mitigation measures?
	X			Have any natural/cultural resource impacts not listed above?

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Concerns – Describe concerns regarding application information:

Information sources & field review:

- List dates and names of information sources (individuals & written) consulted in this process.
- List significant native plant communities, rare species, cultural resources or other important natural/cultural elements which could be impacted.

Recommended course of action:

6/10/14 Greenway Technical Committee STAFF meeting: Kim will work with representatives from interested groups about the unpaved trail system to date.

List all permits required:

Greenway Technical Committee staff recommendation:

☒ Proposal accepted. Applicant will be informed to work with designated agency for further assistance. Designated agency: _____

☐ Proposal denied for the following reasons: _____

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