

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) STAFF**  
**10:00AM – Tuesday, June 20, 2017**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Park District Conference Room**

## **Meeting Notes**

**I. Present:**

- Bill Palmiscno, Chair
- Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
- Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire
- Jairo Viafara, MPO
- Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning
- Mike Pokrzywinski, City of EGF
- Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

**II. Old Business**

**A. Donation Program – Benches, Etc.:**

- Park District only does the engraving on the back of the benches in their donation program.
- If the Greenway used the plaques, the existing benches could also be used for donations.
- The Greenway currently has two requests for memorial benches. Both requests are in GF.
- The Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Group would like the bench donation program to be limited to only “In Memory Of” or “In Honor Of”.
- Kim, Reid and Bill will be meeting to discuss the specifics for both GF and EGF.
  - ✦ A document with the program specifics will be discussed at the August meeting.
- Types of benches, etc. will be reviewed at the August meeting.

**III. New Business**

**A. Bench Selection:**

- Bench selection will take place when specifics of the donation program are completed (August).

**B. Red Lake River Corridor Plan (RLRCP):**

- The RLRCP group is considering a wayfinding sign program. This would affect all communities along the Red Lake River. Reid will keep the committee in the loop as to how the RLR sign plan impacts the Greenway Design Palette.
- The RLRCP groups is asking all the cities along the Red Lake River for funding.
  - ✦ This will help pay for someone to write grants for funding.

- The EGF City Council has agreed to cover \$1500 in cash.
  - The group is also looking for in-kind support from the communities.
- EGF and GF are considered the gateway to tourism on the Red Lake River.

**C. Metal Detectors:**

- A resident has requested an all year permit for using a metal detector in the Greenway.
- City ordinance states that you cannot disturb the turf in the Greenway.
  - ✦ Any resident wishing to change the ordinance or get a variance would have to go through the correct process for approval from the City Council.
- Committee agreed to allow requests for metal detecting until it becomes a problem.

**D. Disc Golf Update:**

- New baskets have been installed in The Loop course at Lincoln Drive Park. Park district staff is going through the old baskets to see if any would work as a replacement in Riverside Park.
- New disc golf signs are coming.
  - ✦ Park District will pay for the concrete pads in The Loop course.
  - ✦ City of GF will pay for the new tee and course signs.
- Cement slabs will be completed by August.
- The course will not be changed for a minimum of two years once signs are sent for printing.

**IV. Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:**

- No update.

**V. Other**

- A. Adopt-a-Trail Program:** Kim and Reid are working on updating the Adopt-A-Trail program. Kim has a waiting list of people who want to participate in the program but the first step is determining anyone who is no longer interesting in participating. Reid has talked with Clear Channel radio (iHeart) about their sections in EGF.
- B. Freezeway:** The “Freezeway” has received funding from the Knight Foundation. The application states it will use unused bike trails, which isn’t an accurate statement. Kim has requested that the head of the “Freezeway” reach out to the users and start coming to advisory meetings for input.

**VI. Agency Updates**

- A. City of GF/Greenway:** The Police Department created a position in their department to be a liaison with local social service groups and the homeless. Corporal Justin O’Neill is working with the homeless to get them services. Intense patrolling has also started. Camps will be cleaned up onsite right away.

- B. City of EGF:** Repair work on the pool has started. The Park District is hoping to salvage at least part of the season.
- C. GF Park District:** The Park District has been cleaning up after the recent wind storm. Lincoln Drive Park lost a lot of trees. They figure there is about another week for cleanup to be completed.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** Catherine asked about who fixes the locate markers on the trail. Reid from the EGF Parks and Rec fixes those. The storm that went through made a mess in the campground but cleanup is pretty much complete. Pedal for a Purpose was held at the campground. The turnout was bigger than last year. The goal is to have it continually grow each year. A “sink hole” or depression hole has shown up in one of the campground sites. Catherine has set up several activities for campers, including geocaching and archery. MN State Park permits will be going up \$10.00 in July.
- E. Police Department:** Homeless residents are returning to the outdoors. They have been reported hanging out in bus stops around town. No reports yet in the Greenway.
- F. MPO:** Bicycle Plan was handed out. Meetings are set up to go over the updates to the plan. These will be held on June 29<sup>th</sup> and July 6<sup>th</sup>. The Plan will be finalized after those meetings.

**VII. Other**

- The entrance road to Riverside Park at Lewis Blvd entrance is starting to break up due to the construction vehicles hauling in and out of the park. Kim will notify engineering staff to keep an eye on this item.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: Substitute bench options  
Draft Greenway Bench Donation Program guidelines  
Greenway Ordinances – GF only