

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff Meeting
10:30AM – Tuesday, June 21, 2016
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave S, Park District Conference Room

Present:

Bill Palmiscno, Chair
Wes Rogers, Greenway Advisory Committee
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Sgt. Doug Wright, GF Police
Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning
Jason Boulanger, University of North Dakota
Anna Schneider, University of North Dakota
Theresa Flitter, City of GF

Old Business

No Old Business to Discuss

New Business

Special Project Request:

- **Skunk Trapping Request**
 - ▶ **Grant Background:**
 - UND has received a grant from the USDA to vaccinate skunks against rabies.
 - 30 test subjects (skunks) are needed.
 - ▶ **UND Skunk Trapping Process:**
 - 48 live traps will be set out each night – some in residential areas.
 - Traps will be checked early in the morning.
 - Skunks will only be out of their habitat for approximately 2 hours.
 - Skunks will be sedated, one tooth pulled (to estimate age), blood sample taken, and fitted with a radio collar tag placed.
 - Skunk will be vaccinated for rabies.
 - Skunk is returned to original habitat after it exhibits normal behavior.
 - ▶ **Request:**
 - UND is requesting access to the Greenway for live trapping of skunks.
 - Live traps will be placed along the ND side of the Greenway. The traps will be marked with a Rabies Vector Warning including a phone number.
 - UND will be utilizing a small UTV marked as UND Wildlife Vehicle. The UTV allows for faster response time for animals and quicker access to the live traps.
 - Access to the Greenway will help to enlarge area to get the sample group of 30 skunks.
 - ▶ **Concerns:**

- Ruining wildlife/natural areas (muddy trails).
 - UND would/could park on cement and walk into the area so not to disturb these natural areas.
- What happens if trap disappears?
 - UND will notify Kim or the police and will not use that area to trap. Traps are also set in well-hidden areas.
 - Jason – when trapping raccoons in a different area – 150 traps were set and only 2 traps were stolen in the 2 years process.
- **Greenway Committee:**
 - Committee members present is okay for UND to access/utilize the Greenway for skunk trapping.

Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:

No update – group does not meet during summer.

Agency Updates

City of EGF:

- Pool is open and looks very nice.

City of GF:

- MPO – 9 representing members of community on the committee. The Bicycle/Pedestrian survey has been developed. Currently seeking support of the plan.

GF Park District:

- Finishing the clean-up of Lincoln Golf Course. 17 trees were lost in a storm.
- Cox Park lost 6 evergreen trees.

Minnesota DNR:

- Campground occupancy is currently down
- Pedal for a Purpose Event
 - 3 permits have been filled out.
 - Sign-in will take place in the campground.
 - Hugo’s will be feeding those who have signed up.
 - Expecting 250 people.
 - The event is 9 miles.
 - Prizes/Drawings will happen on the hour.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist