

# Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Meeting Notes

Tuesday, July 12, 2011 - 10:30 am- Noon  
Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND

Lonny Winrich, Chairperson  
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District  
Tom Reiten  
Sgt Dwight Love, GF Police  
Marty Egeland, ND Game & Fish

Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Recreation  
Nancy Ellis, MPO  
Mark DeMers, EGF City Council  
Melanie Parvey, City of GF  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

## I. Old Business

### a. Special project request updates

- i. **Orienteering course:** The water has been too high to install the course. There were plans to host a family fun orienteering night later in the month but the high water has made the organizers cancel the event. They will do a modified project during the GF Park District Family Fun Night in Lincoln Drive Park later this month.
  
- i. **Boat house on the Red Lake River:** Adam Magness, President of Ground Up Adventures, presented the idea of erecting a boat house upstream from Louis Murray Bridge to the EGF City Council at the June 28 work session. The Greenway Technical Committee supports the idea and suggested that Andy begin the process of working with the City of EGF to determine if an agreement could be reached for this project.

The boat house would be a resource for canoe and kayak rental along the river. The obstacles for the use of non-motorized watercraft are a lack of skill with the craft, a fear of the river and the lack of equipment. The boat house would provide easy access to equipment and basic training for those interested in using non-motorized watercraft on the rivers.

- ii. **Trail marking system:** The first markers have been installed along the loop trail in Grand Forks. East Grand Forks is still working on the installation. There are a few errors that need to be corrected with the 911 signs but those will be corrected soon. So far feedback has been positive from the users.

## II. New Business

- a. **Rerouting of trail in EGF:** The City of East Grand Forks has been approved for funding a new trail connection between the railroad bridge and Louis Murray Bridge. The new trail will be built on higher ground and replace the original trail that has deteriorated because of vehicle traffic. The drawings have been completed and construction can begin later this year.
  
- b. **Greenway Plan updates for EGF:** As part of the reconstruction of the downtown EGF trail, members of the EGF City Council and staff are looking at ideas for different uses for the area along the river where the Red and Red Lake Rivers converge. This would be done to improve the area for the users and discourage vehicle traffic along the river.
  
- c. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** Jim Grijhalva of Ground Up Adventures will be giving a presentation on orienteering and talking about the proposed course. The group will be discussing the logistics of an observational survey for later in the summer. The survey is a non-scientific observational survey to develop a baseline for trail usage and activity.

### III. Greenway Agency Updates

- a. **City of EGF:** The campground is closed until further notice because of the MN state government shutdown. Demolition on the Sherlock Forest playground will begin soon. They hope to salvage about 25% of the structure and will rebuild on the site sometime this fall.
- b. **City of GF:** Melanie is working with Xcel Energy to do a community tree planting event this fall near the 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue North entrance. She is also looking at possible gate systems to prevent snowmobile traffic at the pedestrian bridges.
- c. **GF Park District:** The dog park has reopened after the spring flood. The District is working with Vince Ames and has hired a contractor to restore the wildflower garden in Lincoln Drive Park. They are estimated the cost of restoration to be between \$3,000 – 5,000.
- d. **MN DNR:** No report
- e. **MPO:** The 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South corridor study will be available online at [www.theforksmo.org](http://www.theforksmo.org) by the end of the month.

### IV. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, September 13 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South

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