

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)
10:30AM – Tuesday, July 19, 2016
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave S, Park District Conference Room

I. Present:

Bill Palmiscno, Chair
Wes Rogers, Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Advisory Group
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Jairo Viafara, MPO
Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire
Stephanie Erickson, GF Planning
Nancy Ellis, EGF Planning
Tim Williamson, MN DNR
Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway
Theresa Flitter, City of GF

II. Old Business

A. River Access Master Plan - Update:

- Kim is compiling the comments from the public meetings into one document. Some of the ideas given were:
 - ✦ Wash points at each access point
 - ✦ Wayside parks along the river
 - ✦ More access points for canoes, etc.
 - ✦ Grated Slopes along the riverbank
 - ✦ Wood platforms
 - ✦ New location drop-off sites
 - ✦ More bike trails and nature areas
- The final plan will go before both City Councils for adoption later this year. This will give staff the authority to implement the plan.
- Tim stated that everyone on this committee should think about what they want to contribute to the plan. A plan is only a plan until put into action.
- Once this plan is completed, doors can open to many more things. (State funding)
- This plan is for recreation **on** the river not the trails or park system.
- The Park Districts (GF and EGF) should bring their plans to comment/contribute to the plan.

B. Downtown Trail and Dock Project - Update:

- The new trail and dock project has not been completed. The wet weather has held back the progress.
- Tony Anderson (managed by KLJ) is working on site today with plans to pour cement tomorrow.
- The specialized dock is still in route to Grand Forks.

- Weather permitting, the trail and dock should be completed by the end of July.

C. Kennedy Bridge - Update:

- This project appears to be on hold for now.
- There is an issue with meeting ADA compliance to get from the pedestrian walkway to the trail in EGF. There is a steep slope at this connection point.

D. Special Project Requests:

- Skunk Trapping Project:
 - ✦ A couple of committee members have seen the UND students working on the project.
 - ✦ This is a three year project.
 - ✦ A couple of skunks were trapped that Wes had spotted. These skunks were too young for the study. Only adult skunks are permitted for this study.

III. New Business

No New Business to discuss.

IV. Greenway, Bicycle & Pedestrian Group Update:

No update – group does not meet during summer.

V. Other

None.

VI. Agency Updates

A. City of EGF:

- The Parks and Rec Department has an agreement with Altru Health System.
 - ✦ Altru will give the Parks and Rec Department \$450,000 over a period of 10 years.
 - ✦ Some of the money will support health and wellness events in EGF.
 - ✦ Altru will have advertising at the arenas.
 - ✦ Altru will sponsor turf in the civic center for when not in use for hockey.
 - ✦ This is not an exclusive agreement. Other health agencies (Sanford, etc.) will also be able to advertise.
- The pool is doing well.
- Interviews are being held for the Parks and Rec. Supervisor.

B. GF Fire Department:

- There was an emergency call from the site of the new trail and dock this morning. An intoxicated man on a bicycle crossed onto the blocked trail. He then crashed where the additional trail is being constructed. The man was taken to Altru by ambulance.

- Wes inquired about controlled burns on the Greenway. This is not something that the Fire Department does at this time.
- The biggest threat for the Fire Department regarding the Greenway is access to the site.

C. City of GF:

- Stephanie reported that Simonson's Lumber has a permit for demolition of their building on 3rd Street N. The new trail will go around the front and come up on 3rd Street N. The path will be 8ft wide.
- Jairo reported that the MPO is continuing to work on the Bicycle and Pedestrian Survey and Plan.

D. GF Park District:

- Bill reported that the pools are down an estimated 6,000 swimmers due to the recent weather.
- There is a big wedding in Riverside Park August 4th, 5th, and 6th. Preparations will begin on the 4th. A tent has been rented from Minneapolis.
- The Greater Grand Forks Soccer Tournament is coming up this weekend.

E. Greenway:

- Kim attended the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI Conference).
 - ◆ 5 day conference – 16,000 people in attendance.
 - ◆ There were demonstrations on how to use data to create better work flow, tell a story and draw people into the area.
 - ◆ Attended presentations on sidewalk inventory and ADA compliance by a speaker from Clearwater, Florida. Clearwater was involved in a lawsuit because of an injury related to a sidewalk and trail. The session empathized that having a written maintenance plan is important, especially in a lawsuit.
 - ◆ The Greenway could use the ESRI software and data to develop a program for pavement management. Kim is working with the city IT department to develop a beta test phone app for this project.

F. Minnesota DNR:

- Campsite was full last week and has already filled up for this weekend.
- Turned away 20 campers last week.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: Aerial view of downtown trail & dock project
 Grand Forks - East Grand Forks Metropolitan Planning Organization
 Agency update, dated June 21, 2016.