

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)
10:30AM - Tuesday, July 21, 2015
Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room

Meeting Notes

Jairo Viafara, MPO
Wes Rogers
Steve Mullally

Sgt. Doug Wright, GF police
Catherine Johnson, MN DNR
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

A. Special project request updates

- i. **River access in downtown GF:** The boathouse structure has been moved to Lincoln Drive Park. The river level is getting low and getting in and out of the watercraft has been difficult. The riverbank is too muddy. This is a temporary move until trail and dock are installed.

Kim has a cost estimate for \$167,000 to complete the trail and install a dock. She is working with city officials on how to fund the project.

II. New Business

- A. Trail count project – draft results:** The final results are still be tallied. The initial numbers seem to indicate that the number of users has gone up but there has not been much change in the types of uses and ages. A final report will be available in August or September.

III. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update – group does not meet June – August.

IV. Agency Updates

- A. City of EGF:** No report
B. GF Park District: No report
C. City of GF: Intern and bike patrol.
D. Minnesota DNR: An agreement has been reached with the City of EGF for the management contract. Eighteen sites will be updated to full service. Six primitive sites were added. A resource specialist from the MNDNR will coming to take a look at the invasive species in their areas.
E. MPO: Jairo will be meeting with the stakeholders for Safe Routes to School at Discovery elementary. There will be an open house at the school for students and parents on August 25. Information about safe routes for drop-off and pickup will be available at that event. School starts August 31.

V. Other

- A. Homeless:** There has been an increase in the number of homeless people in the Greenway this season. Staff has witnessed some illegal activity and police has increased patrol in the downtown area. The biggest issue seems to be a group of about eight people that wander around the downtown area. On the fourth of July they were in the campground asking people for cigarettes and other items.

The question was raised about using the Greenway promotional money to pay for extra security. That fund would be depleted quickly, especially for extended hours. Staff will continue to work with law enforcement on this issue.

VI. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee, 10:30AM Tuesday, November 17, 2015, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Room

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