

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**Tuesday, July 8, 2014 – 10:30AM**  
**GF Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, Grand Forks, ND**

## Meeting Notes

Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District  
Tom Reiten  
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec  
Corey Birkholz, Options

Stephanie Erickson, MPO  
Sgt. Derrick Zimmer, GF Police  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

### I. Old Business

#### A. Policy for advertising in the Greenway

- a. **Disc golf tee pad sponsors:** The list presented by the Disc Golf Association was approved at the June 10 staff meeting. Kim and Melanie will be working with both city attorneys to develop a policy for future requests.

#### B. Special project request

- a. **Boathouse & river access:** Ground Up Adventures (GUP) hopes to have the boathouse installed by the end of the month. There are still lots of work to be done before it is suitable for use. The Greenway Technical Committee staff has asked Kim to request an invitation to a future GUP meeting.

River access in that area has been a challenge. The riverbank in that area is very steep and not favorable for carrying a kayak or canoe. Kim is working with the group to provide a better access for that site.

The City of GF was awarded funding through the ND Outdoor Heritage Fund to provide access to the river. Melanie and Kim are working with CPS Engineering on some site ideas. An area north of the boathouse area has been identified as a site that would be more accommodating for ADA accessible and offer options for adding public meeting areas. Corey would like to review the plans for this site. The project is still in the concept stages but will be shared when the design begins to take shape.

### II. New Business

#### A. New special project requests:

- i. **Boxing equipment stand:** The requestor has not contacted Kim to approve the location of the stand.
- ii. **Pump Bike track:** Jim Grjalva made this request at the June 10 GTC staff meeting on behalf of Ground Up Adventures (GUP). There is concern about how this fit into the overall planning for the Greenway and whether GUP has too many pending projects without any finished results.

Dave is interested in locating the track in near the Louis Murray Bridge or the Sacred Heart athletic facilities.

- iii. **Unpaved bike trail:** This was another idea brought forth by Jim Grjalva and Ground Up Adventures at the June 10 meeting. The GTC staff requested that Kim host a meeting of all interested parties regarding the unpaved trail system. That meeting will a part of an upcoming Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group agenda.

- B. **Greenway brochure:** The first draft is ready for edits from staff. Kim will forward the online link to the draft to staff.
- C. **Greenway Design Palette:** Kim will bring the design palette to a future staff meeting for review and possible updating.

III. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update – the group does not meet in June & July**

IV. **Agency Updates**

- A. **City of EGF:** There were vandalism issues at the Griggs Park trailhead after the 4<sup>th</sup> event. Vandals shot fireworks and sprayed paint in the trailhead. The pool is open. The campground is full for most of the month. They have filled the staff openings for the season.
- B. **GF Park District:** The temporary two-way traffic has started to accommodate the roadwork at the entrance. A temporary gravel trail and road have been installed. Large events and picnics have been moved to University Park during construction. Pool numbers are down because of the cool weather.
- C. **City of GF:**
- D. **Minnesota DNR:** No report.
- E. **MPO:** The sharrows have been painted on University Avenue.
- F. **Options:** Corey would like to review the plans for the river access north of the boathouse site.

V. **Other**

- A. **River access and the swimming ordinance:** Ordinances in both cities prohibit swimming in the river. The swim and canoe endurance race has caused some problems for law enforcement. Race participants have been practicing in the river and that has fueled calls from concerned citizens.

There were also concerns about allowing the swim and canoe race to proceed when the river was in flood stage. The river was 6 feet over flood stage and had floating debris but the race happened anyway. Who regulates when the public is no longer allowed to access to the river?

Jurisdiction of the river is the responsibility of the property owner, which in this case was the City of East Grand Forks. The race began outside of city limits so the City had no authority to cancel the event. It ended in East Grand Forks but it is unclear if they were including in the decision making process. Kim will host a meeting of all law enforcement and other affected agencies to a meeting to discuss this matter.

- B. Tom stated that the bike route signs are working fine on 47<sup>th</sup> Avenue South but some people are still parking on Loamy Hills.

VI. **Next meeting date: Next meeting date: 10:30AM, Tuesday, September 9, 2014, GF Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**

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