

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff
10:30AM - Tuesday, August 12, 2014
Grand Forks Park District Office - 1210 7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND

MEETING NOTES

Steve Mullally, Chair
Catherine Johnson, RRSRA
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec

Sgt. Derrick Zimmer, GF Police
Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

A. Greenway brochure: Kim will send the newest edits from the group to the printer for corrections.

B. Boathouse & river access: Kim has met with representatives from GF & EGF fire and police, Polk & Grand Forks County Sheriff, Altru, and other public safety entities to discuss water access during high water times. The group is working to determine who has final authority in river related matters and the role of the Coast Guard in these situations. They are also looking at forming a group of representatives of public safety agencies to review water safety issues on the river. The Technical Committee supports a joint agreement between all agencies involved in water safety and rescue on the rivers.

The Greenway Technical Committee hosted a meeting several years ago to discuss this issue. The recommendation at that time was to close river access at minor flood stage. Derik suggested that a future recommendation use the designation of minor flood stage instead of a specific number, in case the number for minor flood stage ever changes. The group agreed to this recommendation.

The boathouse is still under construction and located behind the GF Public Works building. No date for installation has been determined.

II. New Business

A. Special project requests - updates

i. Boxing equipment: The requestor has not contacted Kim to review proposed site.

ii. Pump bike track: Jim Grjalva made this request at the June 10 GTC staff meeting on behalf of Ground Up Adventures. At that time, the committee discussed overall planning for the Greenway. There were concerns about when would we consider the Greenway overdeveloped, what is the role of the Greenway in overall recreation, and long-term maintenance of facilities. It was agreed that a pump bike track would be better suited on land owned by the park district.

Since then, Kim met with others who have expressed an interest in a pump bicycle track. A representative from that group has approached GF Park Commissioner Molly Soeby about the possibility of building a track on Park District property. Aaron plans to submit something to the district for consideration

iii. Unpaved trail system: 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 be a part of an upcoming Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group agenda.

I. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update

a. Bicycle Friendly Community application: The application will be submitted tomorrow for consideration.

II. Greenway Agency Updates

- A. City of EGF:** The summer activities are done for the season. Crews were busy cleaning up after the July windstorm. The campground is planning to add electricity to more sites. The money is in place for the project. This campground is second in the state for attendance and profitability. Favorable reviews have been received from all over the United States. American Crystal would like to contract 50 sites, beginning August 22.
- B. GF Park District:** Crews have been working to cleanup from the July windstorm. Riverside Pool will be closing August 31.
- C. City of Grand Forks:** Staff has given several tours to groups and conference attendees this summer.
- D. MN DNR: No report**

III. Next Greenway Technical Committee STAFF meeting: October 14, 2014 at 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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