

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 10, 2013 - 10:30 am- Noon
Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND

Steve Mullally, Chairman
Catherine Johnson, RRSRA
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Recreation
Cory Birkholz, Options

Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Stephanie Erickson, MPO
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

a. Project request updates

- i. Temporary bocce ball & horseshoe pits at 7th Avenue North:** Participation still seems to be minimal. Only two responses have been received online, and no responses have been received via email or phone. Kim will try schedule a meeting with representatives from the Near North Neighborhood group to discuss their ideas for this area.
- ii. Disc golf course in Riverside Park:** The course has been installed but signs are needed to direct players to the course. Kim will work with Rick Ziegelmann on this project.
- iii. Boat house:** The use agreement was approved by city council but has not been signed by both partners. Ground Up Adventures (GUP) is working with JLG Architects on the design of the facility and grounds. Water and electrical supply issues are being explored. GUP would like to install a dock for but this may require the installation of piers for stability. Melanie is coordinating the permit process with GUP and the city. The container will need to be inspected by fire department and will require a building permit. GUP is scheduled to bring a report to the GF Park District Commissions meeting in October.
- iv. NASA picture posts:** The toppers have arrived and will be installed within the next few months.
- i. Cabela's wood duck house project:** Staff from Cabela's installed some wood duck houses that were constructed during Art Fest. Melanie & Kim met with staff from Cabela's to discuss their interest in soliciting for sponsorships to install more trashcans and benches along the Greenway trail.

B. Visual Survey results: Three visual counts were completed this summer. This information is used to monitor the popularity of Greenway amenities. Could this be a project for a UND recreation class to manage in the future? Kim will talk to Tim Schroeder in Recreational Studies at UND about this opportunity.

- i. Trail users:** The age groups and types of use for this year are very similar to the results from the 2011 count. Biking is the most popular activity and the 19 – 40 year olds are the highest users. This data has been shared with the MN & ND Departments of Transportation for their bridge studies.
- ii. Dog park:** Aubrey conducted the visual studies over the course of two weeks. The most common characteristics of the users were that they arrived in groups and tended to socialize with other park users. The data is still in a rough format so Kim will work with Aubrey to compile the data into a report format.
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II. New Business

- a. Social media overview:** This summer we began using www.mailchimp.com to deliver email notifications for Greenway news and events. This service has many good options for tracking user engagement. A downside may be that some messages could be going

to junk mail depending on security settings. Low attendance for today's meeting could be due to new format or because people aren't used to seeing it this way. This could also be a seasonal adjustment from the slower summer months.

b. Trail etiquette signs:

III. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update: The meetings will resume tonight taking a break over the summer.

IV. Greenway Agency Updates

- a. **City of EGF:** The summer help is gone for the season. The campground is closed to the public but will remain open for the beet harvest employees. The campground was recently featured in Trailer Life magazine.
- b. **GF Park District:** No report
- c. **City of Grand Forks:** The cross-country ski trails will be mowed this week.
- d. **MN DNR:** No report

V. Other

- a. **Uff Da Mud Run:** The race went well and was a good way to highlight the river as a recreational facility. There were plenty of safety and rescue features in place for the river crossings.
- b. **Advertising on fence at dog park:** The GF Park District has received a request from a local business that would like to purchase advertising to be placed on the fence. This will be an item for discussion at the October meeting.
- c. **Eagle Scout projects:** Kim has a request from an Eagle Scout candidate to replace the gazebo in the Community Green. The managing agencies have had some success with these types of projects but many projects have not been completed as anticipated. Sometimes the effort spent coordinating with scout can be very time consuming compared to the results.

VI. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, November 12, 2013 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

VII. Adjournment

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

Support documents:

- 2013 Trail Count tally results
- 2013 condensed results

**2013 Observational Trail Count Results
Grand Forks, ND & East Grand Forks, MN**

	Total	Age						Activity					Helmet		
	Total	Infant	3 to 12	13 - 18	19 - 40	41-60	60+	Walking	Biking	Running	Blading	Other	Yes	No	N/A
Byland Road	134	7	43	40	38	8	-	13	107	7	2	5	24	95	14
Eagles Point	422	6	35	106	203	46	26	28	328	23	30	11	87	287	47
South Pedestrian Bridge	871	18	71	118	439	184	42	90	587	91	80	38	194	438	259
7th Avenue North	974	29	53	111	488	246	87	158	606	80	79	38	203	556	214
Sorlie Bridge	1,206	31	68	171	408	295	69	642	339	17	24	35	35	312	667
Kennedy Bridge	454	13	15	32	274	100	21	66	292	34	46	15	81	262	104
Riverside Dam	400	7	26	107	131	72	14	65	224	19	24	27	104	153	98
FINAL TOTALS	4,461	111	311	685	1,981	951	259	1,062	2,483	271	285	169	728	2,103	1,403

Highest use by age group

	2013		2011
19 -40	46%	19 -40	54%
41 - 60	22%	41 - 60	19%
13 -18	16%	13 -18	12%
3 to 12	7%	3 to 12	9%
60+	6%	60+	3%
Infant	3%	Infant	3%

Highest use by activity *trails only

	2013		2011
Biking	58%	Biking	67%
Walking	25%	Walking	16%
Blading	7%	Running	8%
Running	6%	Blading	7%
Other	4%	Other	2%

2013 GGF Trail Count Results

- 7 sites along trails located in the Greenway (except Bygland Road site)
- Conducted over three days – Tuesday, June 18, Wednesday, June 19, and Saturday, June 22
- Three 2-hour time periods each day

