

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 13, 2011 - 10:30 am- Noon
Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND

Lonny Winrich, Chair
Stacy Hagen, Young Professionals
Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center
Tom Reiten
Melanie Parvey, City of GF

Bill Palmiscno, GF Park District
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Recreation
Roxanne Achman, GF City Planning
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

a. Special project request updates

- i. Historical plaque at railroad bridge** – Prior to the flood, students from Central High School made a request to Mayor Brown's office to place a plaque in the Greenway near the railroad bridge. This request was approved prior to the flood and awarded beautification funds but the plaque was never installed. The plaque would focus on black history and acknowledge that a man was lynched at this site. The GF Historic Preservation Commission was asked by the Mayor's Office to find out if the plaque could be installed. Funding would come from the Mayor's Office. Peg O'Leary, Coordinator for the GFHPC) showed the desired location for placement of the plaque and an example of a bronze plaque that could be used for this project. There were no other concerns from the group so the consensus was to allow for the placement of the plaque. Melanie will inform the Service/Safety Committee but didn't feel it would need any approval because there was not a funding request tied to this project. The group left it up to Peg and the Mayor's Office to decide which type of plaque could be purchased and asked that she work with Kim Greendahl on the project.

II. New Business

- a. Updating the Greenway Plan:** The staff of the Greenway Technical Committee will be meeting to discuss the option of hiring an intern to coordinate the updating of the Greenway Plan. This person would be responsible for updating the maps and Greenway Plan document as directed by staff. Why give this to an outside person? This project needs to be done but no one has time to focus specifically on this. Guidance would be provided by staff and the Technical Committee and input from the public.
- b. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** The group will be discussing the results of the August 2 & 3 observational trail survey and ideas for improving trail etiquette.

III. Greenway Agency Updates

- a. GF Park District:** Staff has been working to winterize the pools for the season. The hockey boards will be going up soon in preparation for the season.
- b. City of East Grand Forks:** The construction of the new trail connection in the LaFave/downtown area should be starting this week. The community rebuilding of Sherlock Forest started this week. Gladwin is retiring after this season and Catherine Johnson has been hired to replace him next season.
- c. City of Grand Forks:** The Xcel Energy community tree planting went well with about 50 people planting trees near the 7th Avenue North entrance.
- d. MN DNR:** No report

- e. **City of Grand Forks Planning Department:** A new website has been launched to provide more information about construction projects in the community. The address is <http://gfplanning.weebly.com/>

IV. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: Tuesday, November 8, 2011 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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