

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC)**  
**9:00AM – Tuesday, September 21, 2021**  
**Icon Sport Center, 1060 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S, Blue Line Club Room**

**I. Present:**

Reid Huttunen, Chair

Sgt. Kristofer Brown, GF Police

Rick Ziegelmann, GF Park District

Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

**II. Old Business**

**A. New Logo Progress**

- The group reviewed the three draft options.
- Kim has sent the logos to a few graphic artists for their input. She has requested information on how well each logo will transfer to apparel, etc.
- Reid plans to set up a polling station at an event later this week in EGF. The poll is an opportunity to engage the public and get the residents preference on the name, look, etc. of the logo.
- One logo has eliminated the word “the”. It was brought up that many people and agencies use “the” as part of greenway. The “the” makes it a place not a thing. The group decided to keep “the” in the title and remove the state designations to keep the design simple.
- Kim will send the comments to the artist for his consideration and hopes to have the new logo decision by mid-October.

**B. EGF Ordinance Update:**

- The EGF Ordinances were given a second reading with council approval.
- The Exponent, the East Grand Forks newspaper, wrote an article on the changes and approval of ordinances.
- Some residents would like to have an ATV Park in the Greenway. One idea is to create a course at the old storm water ponds. The ponds are located out of town so not convenient for everyone.

**C. GF Ski Trail Update:**

- The southern trail leading into Lincoln Park will change a little bit to make a better connection away from the parking lot.
- Kim is talking to the trail groomers to create one flat track loop downtown. This will help accommodate skate skiers, although it might not meet their needs because walkers will probably use it too.
- New signage will be placed near Lincoln Drive Park to direct skiers to the warming house. Signs will also be installed around the disc golf course reminding players not to walk on the tracks. Hopefully they will also know enough not to shovel the tee pads off and throw the snow on the tracks.
- Kim is working with the sign shop to create portable signs.
- The disc golf course should be usable for ski trail signs as disc golf has its own season. There are only a few people that play disc golf in the wintertime, but they ruin the ski trail by shoveling and walking through the tracks.

### III. New Business

#### A. **Community Green & Entrance – potential updates and renovations:**

- There are 4-5 cottonwood trees near the boathouse that need be removed because they are dead. These trees help stabilize the riverbank and removing them could weaken the riverbank and surrounding area. The low river has exposed the roots of the trees, making them more vulnerable to washout.
- Kim is working with the engineering department on a concrete structure to stabilize the ground after the trees are removed. The goal would be to design something that strengthens the area but also has some recreational benefits for the public, like an overlook or fishing area.
- The Greenway Takeover Festival has made a request to level areas for easier event setup.
- It may be possible to combine the two projects into one larger project. Kim will bring more details to a later meeting.

#### B. **Disc and Foot Golf Course Updates:**

- Kim is working with IT intern to map out the course so signposts and baskets can be installed.
- Kim toured the foot golf course in Fargo and learned a few things about merging the two activities together.
  - The baskets and holes need to be aimed in different directions.
  - The baskets should not be too close together because it doesn't work well for play.
  - The par scores are the same for both sports.
  - The holes for the foot golf course should be marked with a large flag for play and safety.
- Flooding might make maintenance challenging but we won't know until it happens.
- The disc golf signs that were installed this summer have already been damaged.

### IV. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway – Advisory Group

#### A. **Motorized Vehicles in Greenway:**

- Motorized vehicles were the main focus of the meeting.
- Most complaints are coming in from the south trails. In both communities. Motorized vehicles are coming out of woods and onto the paved trails. A few people talked about being on an unpaved trail and encountering a motor vehicle.
- Law Enforcement is trying to assist as much as they can, but they can't be everywhere all the time.
- The small, motorized transportation is also becoming an issue. Many are using the new one-wheel skateboard and electric Razor scooters.
- The E-bikes ranked as a class two are not allowed on the trails. It is hard to differentiate the difference between the ranks.
- Education is key to helping reduce the number of incidences.
- Kim sent out messages via social media regarding the trails we have for ATV's. That message was the most opened and shared campaign in at least the past five years.

### V. Other

No other to discuss.

**VI. Agency Updates**

- A. City of EGF:** The restrooms will close for the season on October 1. Announcements for awards from the Greater Minnesota Parks and Trails grant program are expected in November. Reid applied for improvements at LaFave Park, to include building a natural playground. The trail overlay near the south pedestrian bridge is complete and went well.
- B. GF Park District:** The Park District is starting to put up boards for hockey rinks.
- C. City of GF:** The engineering department is working on extending the north boat ramp to accommodate boats during low water times. Some of the features at the greenway entrance on DeMers Avenue have started to peel. Kim is working with the engineering department to find a consultant to redesign the entrance.
- D. Minnesota DNR:** There were a few issues in the campground from the Greenway Takeover Festival. Some campers were continuing the music back at their campsites into the early morning hours, but they stopped when the campground hosted ask them to stop.
- E. Police Department:** The PD is continuing efforts to increase their patrol of the greenway. As with most areas, the PD is short on resources. Kim was hoping that the Community Resource Officer Intern would be able to help out but it is unclear how much presence that position was able to provide in the field.

Minutes Submitted by: Theresa Flitter, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist

Supporting documents: Examples of motorized vehicle impact on levees

# Impact of unauthorized motor vehicles

Tracks on levee in north EGF July 2021



Riders in south EGF 2020



