

**Greenway Technical Committee Staff
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, October 12, 2010
Grand Forks Park District Office - 1210 7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND
10:30 am- Noon**

Lonny Winrich, chair
Steve Mullally, GF Park District
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Recreation

Melanie Parvey, City of GF
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

I. Old Business

a. Project request updates

- i. Electric assist bicycle** – Kim has been working with Sgt Love to determine what needed to be done to change the ordinance. From their research the only difference they could find between the Greenway ordinances and regular GF ordinances was the definitions for motor vehicles. The Greenway ordinances state: *“Motor Vehicle” means every device in, upon, or by which person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a roadway except devices moved by human power.*

This conclusion made it unclear whether an amendment to the ordinance was necessary and if so, what change was needed. Should the segment stating “human power” be rescinded or does the fact that the bike can be pedaled exclude it as a motor vehicle. Kim has not contacted Howard Swanson about this option yet but will do so this week. The matter will also be placed on the public service and safety standby committee as an informational item.

- b. Informational presentation to councils:** Kim is working to get on the GF council agenda either later in October or early November. The presentation to the Park District commission can be scheduled for any time as the commissioners have taken office. EGF elections have not taken place yet but there are no challengers to the incumbents so the personnel won't change.
- c. Greenway brochures:** Should be arriving any day now and Kim will let the group know when they are available for distribution.
- d. Tour box update:** Earlier this fall Kim received an inquiry from a company selling audio interpretive tour boxes. The cost of the boxes is: up to 9 boxes US\$1650 per box. (then there is a price break) Sales taxes, if applicable are additional. Pricing includes:
- Eco-Box Series Unit(s)+
 - Mounting hardware
 - 1 Mini SD memory cards for all units.
 - Processing, compression, and loading initial tour(s) into all units
 - System Shipment
 - 1 year Warranty

This price does not include the preparation of a script for the memory card, narration of the card or any graphics for the box. This will be placed on the wish list for future projects should funds be available.

- e. Trail marking project:** There have been some setbacks that have delayed the project but the final proofs for the large orientation signs should be ready soon. There was an issue with the distances between access points because the sign locations did not match up to the distance indicators on the greenway map. The next time the map is updated the 8th and 11th Street SE access points will be added to match the signs.

II. New Business

- a. **Cross country ski and snowmobile trails:** The City of Grand Forks will be advertising for bids to identify anyone that might be able to augment the grooming being done by the GF Park District. Last season the grooming was very time consuming because of the amount of snow received and weather conditions. Snowmobiles impacted a few areas but not a large percentage of the total trails. The sport is growing in popularity and skiers would like to see more trails but there is a limit to what the Park District can do.
- b. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** Laura Jelinek, race director for the 2011 inline skating marathon "Rollin' on the River", will be giving a presentation about the event. Other discussion items will be an update on the trail signs and the cross country ski for 2010 – 2011.

III. Other:

- a. **Greenway maps:** The Greenway maps are located in all the kiosks along the project but most are on the wet side of the flood protection system and not at every access point. This can be difficult for users to determine their location and what amenities are available in the area. Eventually the maps could be placed on the other side of the post that holds the orientation signs in the trail marker project. It might be beneficial to add map holders on the posts and at the trail heads. Kim will look into the cost for this project.
- b. **Seasonal water shut-off:** The outside fountains at all the trail heads and the dog park will be shut off later this week. The trail heads in EGF have closed for the season. Kim will send out a notice informing the public of this matter.
- c. **Dog park expansion:** Expand existing park and divide a piece for small dogs. Restrict access in small dog park? Yes. Use a height scale. Small dogs could be in both areas but no large dogs in small dog area might also be an option.

IV. Greenway Agency Updates

- a. **City of EGF:** The EGF City Council will be discussing whether they will accept the matching funds grant funds from the MN DNR to install a new trail in the LaFave Park area. Some council members do not like the idea but Dave thinks it will pass anyway. The campground has been three quarters full on weekends in October but will be closing in about one week.
- b. **City of GF:** No report.
- c. **GF Park District:** No report
- d. **MN DNR:** No report.

V. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: November 9, 2010 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South