

**Greenway Technical Committee  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, March 9, 2010  
Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND  
10:30 am- Noon**

Steve Mullally, GF Park District  
Lonny Winrich, Chair  
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec  
Cory Birkholz, Options

Sgt Dwight Love, GF Police  
Teri Kouba, MPO  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**I. Old Business**

- a. Winter Fest wrap up:** The event took place along the riverbank in downtown Grand Forks & East Grand Forks on Saturday, February 13. The event was sponsored by the cities of Grand Forks & East Grand Forks, GGF Convention and Visitors Bureau, USCC racing, Ski & Bike Shop, Dakota Science Center, Clear Channel, Leighton Broadcasting, UND Wellness Center, Red River Runners, Blue Moose Bar & Grill. Estimated total attendance is 1,200 with highest attendance in order: snowmobile race, soup tent, Frozen Feat, ski rentals, hands on activities, ice bike race

The warmer weather over a three day holiday weekend may have cut into the UND student attendance. A switch to Sunday might encourage more attendance and more marketing will have to be done, both in and out of the Grand Cities. The mixing of sport type activities and the snowmobile race was not a good mix. The race group has been encouraged to host their event on a different weekend in 2011. We will be looking to add more opportunities for trying winter recreation and introducing different ways to enjoy winter. Conversations have begun with the Red River dog sled derby and Ice Man Triathlon hosts to consider combining events. This was a good opportunity to show some key players that winter recreation is appreciated by the public and developing an area to host winter events is a good investment.

**II. New Business**

- a. 2009 Accomplishments and milestones:** A copy of the 2009 Greenway Year End Wrap Up. It was agreed that even though the extended flood season in the spring slowed some things down the committee and staff was still able to complete some important projects in the Greenway.
- b. Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group:** Agenda items include Winter Fest 2010 wrap up, EGF trail connection letter of support, recreation instruction opportunities and possibly changing the meeting dates and location. The meetings are open to the public and members of the Greenway Technical Committee are encouraged to attend.

**III. Greenway Agency Updates**

- a. City of Grand Forks:** The City of Grand Forks accepted an offer of a free dock from the ND Game & Fish and has applied for funding for a second dock. The first dock will be installed at the Lincoln Drive Park boat landing this season. Some work may have to be done on the slope and terrain may have to be done before installing the dock. A proposal to install the small dog park near the dog park in Lincoln Drive Park will be brought to the Public Service Safety Sub-committee. The plan is to get bids for the fencing and determine how the project would be funded.
- b. City of East Grand Forks:** Keeping up with the trail plowing has been a challenge this season.
- c. GF Park District:** Grooming the cross country ski trails has been more labor intensive than in previous years because of the amount of snow but the trails have held up well.
- d. MN DNR:** No report.
- e. Options:** Cory is working on an article highlighting the ADA features of the Greenway.
- f. MPO:** The 2010 bike map should be ready for distribution by late March.

**IV. Other:** None

**V. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: May 11, 2010 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**

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

## 2009 GREENWAY YEAR END WRAP UP

### **Greenway Technical Committee:**

- Elected Lonny Winrich as the new chairperson.
- Developed project request and assessment forms to document requests from the public.  
Requests from the public included:
  - o Boat docks in Grand Forks
  - o Community gardens
  - o Model T parade on the trails
  - o Disc golf improvements and tee pads
  - o Solar lights on the trail
- Adopted a design palette for trail signage and mile markers.

### **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group:**

- Provided input on the bicycle and pedestrian portion of the Metropolitan Planning Organization Transportation Plan.
- Provided opportunities to hear about birding and the Extreme ND Adventure Race
- Provided opportunity to more about the funding and planning process for trail maintenance and installation in Grand Forks.
- Provided written support for the funding application submitted by the City of East Grand Forks for the rerouting of the trail in the LaFave Park area.

### **Greenway Projects:**

- A nature play area was installed in Grand Forks portion as part of an Eagle Scout project
- Twenty two campsites were added at the Red River State Recreation Area campground, bringing the total to ninety eight.
- Continued to work on the reduction of burdock in public areas at Elmwood, Kannowski Park and Lincoln golf area. The project at Kannowski Park is complete and the Lincoln Golf area is showing progress in establishing grass. More areas along the outer ridge of the Elmwood area could be cleared for more public access to the river if desired.
- Approximately twelve trees were planted near Riverside Dam with funding provided by Xcel Energy. This project was to replace trees not included in the original construction plan and to provide a visual buffer to the industrial facilities in the area.
- Cross country ski trail and no snowmobile signs were installed along the majority of the ski trail. The Red River Snowmobile Club increased signs along the snowmobile route from downtown to Riverside Dam.
- City crews and contractors worked for several months to reopen and clear the Greenway for public use after the spring flood.
- Working with police department to combat vandalism at Sunbeam Trail Head
- Asphalt overlays were done on some of the Phase I trails. Areas included were north of the Sorlie Bridge, Lincoln Drive Park and Elmwood Access.
- Landscaping was done at the south pedestrian bridge.