

**Greenway Technical Committee  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, May 11, 2010  
Grand Forks Park District Office, 1210-7<sup>th</sup> 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 Grand Forks  
Marty Egeland, ND Game & Fish

Teri Kouba, MPO  
Roxanne Achman, GF Planning  
Rick Ziegelmann, GF Park District  
Jeff Burgess, GF Police  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

Guest: Sarah Reese, Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP)

**I. Old Business**

- a. **2010 Flood cleanup:** The cleanup in East Grand Forks is complete. In Grand Forks the contract has been awarded and work began this past week. Cleanup shouldn't take very long because there seems to be fewer trees that washed up. The dog park is still closed because the ground is still very wet and the grass hasn't been able to grow. Riverside Park did better this year than last year because the water did not get as high.
- b. **Special project request update:**
  1. **Community Garden:** Melanie has been working on a request on a request for a community garden in the downtown area. Amazing Grains would like to rent spaces near the water intake and treatment plant facilities for use as community garden. Right now the city is taking neighborhood comments and will be presenting a proposal to the Public Service Safety Committee tonight. Some neighbors are concerned about the potential to attract vandalism and vagrants to the area but there has been discussion about installing a surveillance camera as a deterrent to vandalism.
  2. **Solar Lights:** Kim has been working two sales representatives that may have solar lights available for the project. The problem has been that solar lights have not performed well in our climate. She is putting together a list of specifications that can be distributed to the companies to determine whether there is a product that can address the winter use concerns so potential vendors can be rated on the same criteria.
  3. **Sign plan:** Sarah shared information about the Statewide Health Improvement Program (SHIP), a project of the Minnesota Department of Health through the public health offices. The program is designed to provide funding to create sustainable, systemic changes in schools, worksites, communities and health care organizations that make it easier for Minnesotans to incorporate healthy behaviors into their daily lives. The trail marking project that the Technical Committee has been working on is an example of the things SHIP is interested in providing funding to implement. They can only fund projects in Minnesota and Sarah is working with Dave on applications for the EGF portion of the trail marking project.

**II. New Business**

- a. **New brochure ideas:** The supply of brochures is almost gone so Kim will be getting quotes on design and printing costs. Copies of the brochure were distributed and members were asked to let Kim know if there was information in the brochure that should be updated or eliminated or if something should be added to make the brochure more useful to users.
- b. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** Agenda items include the GF bike rack project, the 2010 Grand Forks bike path improvement and construction plan and the trail along the English Coulee behind the UND Wellness Center.

**III. Greenway Agency Updates**

- a. City of Grand Forks:** Preparation for the installation of a boat dock at the Lincoln Drive Park boat ramp will begin after the water recedes. Some engineering of the ground around the installation area may have to be redesigned to accommodate the dock.
- b. City of East Grand Forks:** Crews are catching up with the mowing after the rains last week. The campground expects another good year and the weekend of the Canadian Memorial Day (May 22) is already booked solid. The campground is also working on providing educational programming every other Saturday throughout the season. The MN DNR "I Can Camp" program will be taking place in late July. This is a program geared to provide assistance and education to novice campers. Everything but a sleeping bag and food is provided. The Y Family Center will be assisting with the project. An open house is scheduled for Sunday, June 12 with a car show, wood carvers and cake.
- c. GF Park District:** Riverside Pool is scheduled to open in June. Crews have been doing cleanup in Riverside and the park is available for use by the public.
- d. MN DNR:** No report.
- e. MPO:** The 2010 bikeway map is available at various outlets. The Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD) has been updated to include new signs and sharrows.

**IV. Other**

- a. Pursuit of 501 (c) 3 status:** Lonny, Dave and Kim will be meeting with the staff of the Community Foundation of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks to discuss how the foundation may be able to assist the managing agencies in the pursuit of grant funding when a 501 (c) 3 non-profit status is required.

**V. Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: July 8, 2010 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**