

Greenway Technical Committee Staff (GTCS)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, August 17, 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
Melanie Parvey, City of GF

Gladwin Lynne, City of EGF
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

Guest: Trent Ertman, Clean Republic

I. Old Business

a. Project request updates

- i. Boat dock at Lincoln Drive Park:** A small skid type dock (I shape) was installed at the Lincoln Drive Park boat ramp. A representative from the dock manufacturing company met with city staff at the site and it was determined that because of anchoring needs and access for pedestrians the T shaped dock was not going to work at that site. The funding for the second dock to be installed at the north boat ramp was returned to the ND Game and Fish until the anchoring and riverbank issues are resolved. Melanie will continue to work to find the best dock for the site.
- b. Informational presentation to councils:** Kim and Lonny will work on the details of the materials needed for the presentations. The main focus of the presentations will be to educate the governing bodies of the managing agencies on who the committee is and what we do in the Greenway.
- c. Greenway brochures:** The brochures should be ready for distribution by late October.

II. New Business

a. Project request

- i. Electric assisted bike on Greenway trails:** Trent gave a presentation about the electric assist product for bicycles that his company, Clean Republic, sells. He tried to donate one to the GF police bike patrol but was told the Greenway ordinance prohibited the use of the product. Trent is requesting that the Greenway Technical Committee consider removing the ordinance restriction for only devices using human power. The unit is attached to the bike hub and has a maximum speed of 20 mph.

The committee is supportive of this request as a way to provide an opportunity for trail users who no longer ride a bicycle because of knee or leg issues to "get back on the bike." Staff will work with the GF Police Department on a request to be forwarded to both councils for consideration.

- ii. Lights in trees for Christmas in the Park:** Request was granted. Kim will inform the Lions' of this decision.
- b. Greenway promotional budget:** All agencies have paid the 2010 fees. The current balance is \$3,346 and of that amount, \$1,282 is committed to the printing of the Greenway brochures. The only other outstanding cost is the advertisement in the GGF Convention and Visitors Bureau guide book.
- c. Tour box information:** Kim has been receiving emails from a company in Canada that sells audio interpretive boxes powered by hand cranking. Similar boxes have been used at Lake Bronson and Old Mill State Parks. The committee is interested in the idea but would like to know about cost. Kim will look into the cost of the product.

- d. **Greenway tour:** Dave will provide a people mover bus and driver. The tour will begin at the GF Park District office and head to Riverside pool, the campground, EGF disc golf course and Ryan Lake. Kim will send out an invitation to the full committee.
- e. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** The agenda for tonight is short: update on trail marking project and the electric assist bicycles request.
- f. **Bikes and Bells program:** Kim is working with the Ski & Bike Shop on the possibility of hosting a trail etiquette project. The idea is for volunteers to hand out bicycle bells and educational pieces on trail etiquette to bicyclists along the trail. The Greenway and Trail Users Advisory Group is interested in assisting with this event.

III. Greenway Agency Updates

- a. **City of EGF:** There has been some vandalism of broken glass and graffiti at the underpass on Gateway Drive. The campground is ahead of rentals over 2009. Labor Day weekend is completely booked.
- b. **City of Grand Forks:** No report.
- c. **Grand Forks Park District:** The ND state disc golf tournament went very well and people were very happy with the course. Break-ins have been a problem lately at the pools and golf courses.
- d. **MN DNR:** No report.

IV. Other

- a. **Vagrants:** Vagrants have been a problem at the campground, some of the parks and under the bridges. Vagrants have always been a problem but it seems to have increased this year with the nicer weather. Increased activity in an area tends to make them leave the area.

V. Next Greenway Technical Committee staff meeting: December 14, 2010 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South