

Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG)
Meeting Notes
Tuesday, March 8, 2011 - 7:00 PM
Grand Forks Public Works Facility, 724 North 47th Street, Grand Forks, ND

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I. Previous discussion items and updates: None

II. New discussion items

- a. Report from bike rack subcommittee:** The group met February 28 to discuss where racks could be placed in 2011. It was determined by the City Finance department that the dollars set aside for the bike racks could not be given to private entities to purchase bike racks for their property. The funds would have to be listed as a separate line item in the City budget and designated for the purpose of a grant program, which would also require approval from the City Council. The bike subcommittee decided to pursue installation of the racks on public land and sending a letter to private land owners identified on the 2009 survey letting them know that their business was identified by users as a potential rack location.

The location for the newest racks will be determined at a later date but areas of priority will be near Amazing Grains and Town Square. Any money used for installing concrete for the racks would have to be taken from the costs for purchasing racks. The GTUAG also suggested the need for more bike racks at the EGF movie theater complex, EGF disc golf course, along the trails, near restrooms, and in the parks. There are racks in the parks now but increased park use seems to warrant the addition of more bike racks.

- b. Flood preparations 2011:** Flood preparation meetings are happening every week to plan for the coming flood. The expected crest is 50 – 51' by mid-April.
- c. Changes to ADA compliance statutes:** The Department of Justice (DOJ) has issued new regulations regarding trail accessibility for people with disabilities who choose other power-driven mobility devices (OPDMD), like Segways, all terrain vehicles (ATV), and golf carts instead of wheelchairs that will go into effect March 15 of this year. This will not affect any policies for wheelchairs, which are allowed wherever foot traffic is allowed.

This change affects what power-driven devices are allowed on the trails and requires that the agency managing the trail review the situation and develop a policy regarding the use of other power-driven mobility devices on the trail. The Greenway managing agencies and representatives from related agencies and groups will meet soon to discuss the change and review how this affects the Greenway trails. The group will evaluate segments of the Greenway and determine what, if any, power-driven mobility devices should be excluded from areas.

The criteria that the DOJ has recommended for developing a policy for the use of OPDMD include:

- Type, size, weight, dimension and speed of the device
- Volume of pedestrian traffic
- Legitimate safety requirements and concerns

- Substantial or serious risks to the immediate environment
- Noise levels

III. Other

- a. 2011 GGF Bikeway map:** Any suggestions for the 2011 map can be sent to Teri at teri.kouba@theforksmmpo.org before March 10 for consideration.

IV. Next meeting date: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, April 12, 2011 at the Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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