

**Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group (GTUAG)**  
**Meeting Notes**  
**Tuesday, May 10, 2011 - 7:00 PM**  
**Grand Forks Public Works Facility, 724 North 47<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Forks, ND**

Matt Yavarow, City of GF Engineering  
Margaret Zidon  
Teri Kouba, MPO  
Dan Splichal  
Wes Rogers  
Dave Sears

Bob Seabloom  
Nikki Seabloom  
Dick O'Connor  
Art Young  
Rick Blair  
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**I. Previous discussion items and updates:**

**a. Changes to ADA compliance rules for Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices**

**(OPDMD):** A committee of representatives from the Greenway Technical Committee, law enforcement, fire, disability advocate agency, and user group met this morning to develop a policy for OPDMD on the greenway and community trails. The committee decided to handle the entire Greenway and trail system as one piece instead of dividing each area out for separate policies and causing confusion for users. It is the goal of the committee to provide access to as many citizens as possible while still providing a safe, enjoyable experience for all users. Each of the items listed on the assessment guideline provided by the Department of Justice was reviewed for relevance to the Greenway and larger trail system.

It was decided by the group to adopt the following policy: *Other Power-Driven Mobility Devices (OPDMD), not specifically designed for disabilities may be used on the trail, provided the devices is no more than 36" wide, Internal combustion devices, including but not limited to all-terrain vehicles (ATV), golf carts or dirt bikes are not allowed except on trails designated for that purpose..*

Kim will draft the policy with the reasons for rationale and distribute to the group for edits and approval. The policy will then be sent to Howard Swanson, GF City Attorney, for review.

- b. Flood 2011 cleanup:** The water is still high so the lower trails are still under water. Crews are hoping to be able to scrape and sweep the trails for use. The wet weather has made the trail cleaning difficult. The campground will be opening later than expected because the water can't be hooked up until the water recedes off River Road. They are offering some primitive sites for people who want to camp for UND graduation this weekend but full services will be another week or two.

It doesn't look there is much physical damage to the Greenway. The lack of ice on the river was probably a big factor in the limited damage. In years past, the ice has smashed against trees and other structures and broken off pieces that float to another structure and cause more damage. That doesn't seem to have happened this year.

**II. New discussion items**

- a. Trail user survey:** The group would like to assist with an observational survey of Greenway trail users. The Metropolitan Planning Organization has been conducting some trail counts as part of their traffic counts but it has been a few years since the last survey was done. We can look at using the same locations so the data is more consistent. Surveys would be done one day during the week and weekend. Kim will contact Tim Schroeder from the UND recreation department to ask if there might be students interested in helping with this project.

**III. Next meeting date: 7:00 pm, Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at the Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Avenue South**

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