

**Greenway Technical Committee  
Meeting Notes  
Grand Forks Park District  
10:30 AM – Tuesday, January 10, 2006**

Steve Mullally, GF Park District  
Ann Sande, Friends of the Greenway  
Lonnie Winrich  
Dale Skyberg, EGF Parks & Rec  
Foster Hudson, MN DNR

Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF  
Lynne Roche, GF Park District  
Marty Egeland, ND Game and Fish  
Kim Greendahl, City of Grand Forks

**I. Committee Chairperson for 2006:**

- a. Steve explained the history of Committee, which was formed to continue coordinating the work of the greenway with all managing agencies. The Park District would continue to offer to host the meetings and the City of Grand Forks Greenway Staff will still provide support staff for the Committee, but Steve would like to relinquish his position as the chairperson. The committee would like someone not associated with managing agency to consider this role for 2006.
  - i. Steve Mullally contacted Ann Sande following the meeting and she agreed to fill the position.
- b. Also noted Dale Skyberg is retiring June 30, no replacement has been identified for him at this time but that is what he would like to see for committees such as this that he is involved in.

**II. Trail Marker Options:**

- a. Recommend using the obelisk as the starting point, marking both miles and kilometers using spray paint for the first year. This is plan A. Motion: Sande/Winrich M/S/A.
- b. The actual mile markers won't be able to be placed on the trail until all trail sections are complete, this should be by fall of 2006.
- c. There is a desire to also sign bridges with river miles as discussed with the River Keepers organization also interest in placing Lat./Long. markings on the pedestrian bridges.
- d. Should consider at a future meeting to sign the riverbank including access points available, portage ahead, etc. Staff will consider this and bring back to the Committee at a future date.

**III. Greenway Map Update:**

- a. Kim is getting ready to send map updates to Bryce Anderson, MN DNR. The DNR has agreed to make edits to this map. Foster Hudson mentioned that the Greenway boundaries in East Grand Forks might change a bit in the south end. Foster will discuss with Bryce and Dale about these boundaries and how to show them on the map.

**IV. Promotions Fund & Volunteer Recognition 2005:**

- a. Dale Skyberg made a motion: Each managing agency will contribute \$350 toward the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Greenway Promotion Fund. This fund is managed by the Committee, the book work is performed by the Park District. Ann Sande seconded the motion. Steve Mullally will send an invoice to each agency.
- b. Discussed not using funds to place an ad in the CVB guide, the consensus was that the greenway is a community amenity and that they should want to use it to promote our city. Kim will talk with them about including the greenway in the guide.
- c. Many different ideas were shared as to how to recognize volunteers. Some suggestions include holding an annual meeting to honor volunteers, providing individual plaques, or traveling trophy. Could consider recognizing them at another established public meeting such as the council meeting. If there is one volunteer honored each year should consider developing basic criteria by Committee. Consider working with GF Herald, Kim will talk with Mike Jacobs about writing an article instead of paying for advertising. To place an ad to recognize volunteers it could cost between \$400-\$600.

**V. Other:**

- a. Deer problems in Fargo: ND Game and Fish is working with Fargo on this issue and recommends a city wide ordinance banning on baiting and feeding deer. The Committee asked Marty to work with the Director of the ND Game and Fish and send the Committee a letter which can be then forwarded on to the City Council for consideration. This is the appropriate time to discuss this as the ordinances are being developed, the Committee has recommended to the Council in the past to not allow feeding wildlife in the greenway, this would be an extension to not allow it any where in the City. The ND Game and Fish does not have plans for contraceptives or traps; working with Fargo to do a controlled archery hunt in the City and will recommend the same thing for Grand Forks to consider.
- b. Greenway User Guide: It is time to update this document, as several features have been added to the greenway since the first issue. Please send any edits to Kim. Does the MN DNR want a description about the campground in the booklet like all the other features? Recommend to list the number in which camping reservations can be made as that number will not change with other changes that the City of East Grand Forks and DNR are considering for the management of the campground.

**Next- Greenway Technical Committee Mtg. March 14, 2006 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District**

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