

**Greenway Technical Committee Staff
Meeting Notes
GF Park District Office Conference Room
10:30 am – October 10, 2006**

Present: Anne Sande, Dave Aaker, Kim Greendahl, Steve Mulally, Gladwin Lynne

- I. **National Trails Designation Application** – Kim has submitted the completed application to Arik Spencer at North Dakota Parks & Recreation. Once he has approved it and written a letter of support, the application can be formally submitted.
- II. **Emergency Response in the Greenway** – A Grand Forks councilperson has requested that street signs be placed along the trails in Grand Forks to denote what street you are on, making it easier in case of emergency to describe your location to emergency personnel. This idea was discussed, and found to be unnecessary. With cellular phones being equipped with GIS technology, most emergency services can find your location quickly. There is also a pre-existing plan in place to embed mile markers along the trails, to make it even easier to pinpoint your location. The committee believes that adding street signs would create confusion and clutter, as well as maintenance issues in the winter when plowing and during flooding. The committee does not support this request based on cost and duplication of services. Kim will discuss this with the Police Department for their input.
- III. **Promotional Fund/Brochure** – The brochure has been much more popular than anticipated, and we have already exhausted the supply. Kim has ordered about 3000 more to tide us over the winter. Next year the brochure will get a redesign, as all the trails and amenities should be finished. The Downtown Leadership Group and the Friends of the Greenway have both offered to be contributors.

IV. **Greenway Agency Updates** –

MNDNR – They have planted more than 300 native trees and shrubs in the campground recently, some as replacement and some for screening/aesthetics. Gladwin clarified that the campground is owned by the state, and that the city of EGF gets reimbursed for maintenance/employee hours.

EGF – Dave mentioned to Kim that her Winter Park presentation the other day was very good. This is an idea that he is very excited about, and looks forward to seeing it develop.

GF – More and more of the trails are getting finished, and it is anticipated that if the weather cooperates, the majority of the unfinished trails could get done by the end of this fall. Kiosks have been installed at Kannowski Park, Riverside Park and Riverside Rapids. They have not had signs installed yet, but the areas are still under construction and so not usable by the public yet.

Park District – New aerial photos were taken of the Lincoln Drive Park area, they generally update their aerials every two years.

V. **Other New Business** –

- a. **Seasonal Maps of the Greenway** – Kim is interested in getting seasonal maps of the Greenway printed, which would better clarify all the amenities available each season. She was wondering if the MNDNR would be able to help with this, or if an independent graphic artist would have to be retained. Gladwin advised her to speak with Bryce at the MNDNR before hiring an outside consultant.
- b. **Plans for Winter Trail Maintenance** – There is some confusion over whether the trails will be cleared this winter. It had been mentioned that they could freeze them, allowing people to ice skate along the trails, or to compact snow along the trails, which would make them less slippery and also help to prevent the formation of potholes and cracks. This will have to be discussed further at a later date.
- c. **Upcoming Events** – Veteran’s Day 8K Cross Country Race, 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 11 in Lincoln Drive Park. Visit www.grandforksgov.com/greenway more details.

The next Greenway Technical Committee Meeting will be on November 21, 2006 – 10:30 am at the Grand Forks Park District

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