

**Greenway Technical Committee Staff
Meeting Notes
GF Park District Office Conference Room
10:30 am – October 9, 2007**

Ann Sande,
Gladwin Lynne, City of EGF
Dave Aaker, EGF Parks & Rec

Steve Mullally, GF Parks District
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

Guest: Lynne Roche, GF Park District

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. Trail mile marker project:** A meeting has been scheduled Tuesday, October 16 at 10:30 am at GF City Hall, Room A101 to discuss this issue. The group will be discussing options for marking distance and providing location information for emergency services. The trail system throughout the city presents some logistical roadblocks that will have to be considered for expanding the program outside the greenway loop.

Kim will forward the committee's ideas of having the signs placed on both sides of the poles and using a brown background. The Greenway Technical Committee resolved that they would move forward with their plan to mark the trail loop through the Greenway if the larger project does not materialize.

- II. Greenway survey:** The Greenway survey is a project by Laura Munski, a doctoral candidate for a doctorate in Educational Foundations of Research and member of the Greenway Technical Committee, for use for her dissertation. The survey is designed to gather input on who is using the Greenway, when they are using the facility and how they are getting information. Participants also have the opportunity to give their comments about the Greenway and sign up for the mailing list for event updates. Approximately 100 surveys have been received so far, most via the website.

The survey was included in GF Utility bills, EGF Exponent, Dakota Student, UND Housing, Options & NDAD and is due by December 1. Laura will compile the results and share with the GW Tech Committee in early 2008. The results will also be posted on the website.

III. Other new business

- A. **Trail counters:** The MN DNR has one, but it was unclear if it was available for use. Cabella's sells a motion detector for use in hunting. Kim will look into the cost of purchasing this for use on the trails. The information would be useful in supporting the popularity of the trail system.
- B. **2007 Marketing fund invoices:** Steve wondered if everyone had received the invoices last month for the 2007 combined marketing fund. Kim has sent

the invoice for payment from the City of Grand Forks. Dave didn't think he had received an invoice. Steve will look into this.

IV. Greenway Agency Updates

A. **City of East Grand Forks:** Rentals are up from the 2006 season for the campground. They hope to add more campsites for 2008. Planting of 100 bushes was done recently and 25 trees will also be added to the campground soon. The disc golf course will not go in until next spring. Xcel Energy did some clean up work in the restoration area below the Sorlie Bridge. A group of EGF students worked on a project to remove the Buckthorn in an area of the southern portion of the Greenway in EGF.

B. **City of Grand Forks:** The management plan for the GF portion of the greenway has been completed and will be distributed next week. This manual was developed to serve as a guide to city staff for the operations and management of the Grand Forks Greenway and also provide the history, development and current projects and programs associated with the Greenway. Copies will also be shared with the GF Park District and City of EGF.

The trail has been replaced at the lower Sunbeam trail to connect the higher trail.

C. **GF Park District:** Steve asked the committee to reconsider their stance on allowing motor vehicles on the trails. The GF Park District is hosting tours of the Greenway trails for senior citizens October 11 & 12 and planned to use golf carts for transportation. The weather forecast is predicting cold temperatures with wind and the park district would like to use passenger vans to transport participants for the tour. This request was denied by the City of Grand Forks through the special events process and Steve would like the committee to discuss suspending the no motor vehicles on the trail policy. The discussion centered on why the policy had been adopted by the managing agencies and how it affects the intended purpose of the trail. There was concern that suspending this policy would set a precedent and make denial of similar requests difficult in the future. There was also concern that the heavy traffic would damage the trail. Kim will discuss this request with city staff for a one-time suspension of this restriction but would like guidance from the committee as to whether they would like to change the policy entirely. No action was taken to change the policy.

D. **MN DNR:** No report

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: November 13, 2007 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District

Submitted by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Coordinator, City of Grand Forks