

Greenway Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, November 13, 2007
Grand Forks Park District Office
1210-7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND
10:30 am- Noon

Steve Mullally, GF Park District
Teri Nelson, MPO
Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF
Sgt. Jeff Burgess, GF Police

Lonny Winrich
Dave Manthei, GF Fire
Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center
Kim Greendahl, City of GF

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. **Lincoln Drive Park dog park:** The fencing, sidewalk and fountain have been installed. Dakota Fence still needs to lower the fence in a few areas to prevent the opportunity for small dogs to escape the containment area. The fountain has been drained to avoid freezing over the winter. The park district will add temporary benches and trash receptacles until the donated materials are installed. It was suggested that consideration be given for paving the area just inside the entrance because it receives a lot of foot traffic and gets muddy after a rain. Although there have been complaints about needing a separate area of small dogs, there has only been one reported incident of a problem. The park district is watching the park for usage to determine if any improvements may be needed in the future. They have considered building a shelter for the dog owners. At this time licensing at the veterinarians office is not available but may be in the future. People are not complying with the one way signs to access the park so the city will change the upper road (formerly Lanark Avenue) to a two way street temporarily to see if that will work.
- II. **Greenway Survey update:** Copies of an initial summary were distributed to the committee. Surveys are being accepted until December 1. The participation of residents under the age of 30 has been disappointing. Hopefully that age group will be better represented through the online surveys. Laura is entering the data as she receives it and hopes to provide a comprehensive summary in early 2008.
- III. **Trail marking plan:** The committee will be meeting 3:30 pm November 21 to discuss a final plan.
- IV. **Greenway Agency Updates:**
 - A. **City of East Grand Forks:** The trails will be plowed in the winter when staffing is available. Restrooms will not be available because the water lines have been winterized to avoid freezing.
 - B. **City of Grand Forks:** Work is still being done to coordinate the possible reopening of the snowmobile route through Riverside Park. Kim is working

with the Phase III contractors, US Army Corps of Engineers and the city to finalize a few details.

- C. **GF Park District:** Santa Village will held in the Lincoln Golf Clubhouse December 7-9 and 14-16. The event is free and open to the public. Ski trails will be groomed as needed. Plans are to expand the trails both north and south of Lincoln Drive Park.
- D. **MN DNR:** No report

V. **Other new business**

- 1. **Bikeway map:** Copies of the 2007 bikeway map were distributed to the committee for review. Teri is working on an updated version of the map for the 2008 season and would like comments and updates for any changes to the map. Jeff suggested eliminating some of the route designations as he felt it was too difficult to find the bike paths.

Next Greenway Technical Committee Staff meeting: December 11, 2007 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District, 1210 7th Avenue South

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

Greater Grand Forks Resident Greenway Survey Initial Summary Nov 2007

Question 1

Do you use/visit the Greenway? (check one)

Never 293

Occasionally 572

Often 341

Question 2

What times of year do you use the Greenway? (check all that apply)

Spring 629

Summer 883

Fall 655

Winter 298

Question 3

How do you get to the Greenway? (check all that apply)

car 403

city bus 4

Dial-a- Ride 3

taxi 5

walk 566

bike 605

Question 4

How do you learn about Greenway activities? (check all that apply)

Grand Forks Herald _692_ East Grand Forks Exponent _18_ The Dakota Student _27_ The Leader GFAFB _7_ Greater Grand Forks Convention & Visitor's Bureau _23_ Television _336_ Radio _315_ Internet _51_ Greenway website _36_ Other _203_

Question 5

Gender (check one) male __702 female 454

Question 6

Age (check one) under 21 _3_ over 21 __97 over 30 _155 over 40 __246 over 50 __337 over 60 __110 over 65 __217

landing, GF		
15 Red Lake River boat ramp. EGF	Yes 51	No 475
16 Community Green Labyrinth	Yes 42	No 373
17 Christmas in the Park – Lincoln Park	Yes 477	No 220
18 Greenway Ski Days	Yes 137	No 409
19 Public races and walks	Yes 167	No 439
20 Bird Watching	Yes 148	No 418
21 Wildlife photography	Yes 81	No 460
22 Festivals/specials events	Yes 400	No 298
23 Fishing	Yes 104	No 518
24 Boating	Yes 74	No 513
25 Canoeing	Yes 45	No 520
26 Picnics	Yes 338	No 337
27 Walking	Yes 638	No 172
28 Running	Yes 218	No 399
29 Biking	Yes 591	No 219
30 Nature trails	Yes 313	No 333
31 Cross-country skiing	Yes 184	No 429
32 Ice-skating	Yes 187	No 435
33 in-ling skating	Yes 80	No 461
34 snowmobiling	Yes 50	No 403
35 Golfing	Yes 258	No 348
36 Star gazing	Yes 111	No 379
37 interpretative kiosks	Yes 87	No 389
38 educational programs	Yes 104	No 460
39 Athletic fields	Yes 131	No 450
40 disk golf	Yes 151	No 440
41 softball fields	Yes 99	No 488
42 basketball courts	Yes 73	No 512
43 Tennis courts	Yes 126	No 479

Question 12

Source of survey Water bill = 1206 The Dakota Student = 5 The Exponent = 7

Visit Spring	Checked	Not checked
Never	4	289
Occasionally	309	261
Often	312	29
Spring Use	52%	48%

Visit Summer	Checked	Not checked
Never	9	284
Occasionally	533	37
Often	336	5
Summer Use	73%	27%

Whether you're cycling to work or just for fun, the communities of Grand Forks and East Grand Forks have plenty of bikeways to choose from. With over 56 miles of marked bike routes and paths woven throughout the two cities, bicyclists can enjoy many hours of bicycle recreation in a variety of settings.

Reasons to Bike

- Bicycling instead of driving is a great way to reduce air pollution and help the environment
- Improve your health! A twenty-minute bicycle commute, at a moderate speed, can burn 280 calories round trip
- Upkeep and maintenance of bicycles is relatively inexpensive and the only fuel needed is you
- Bicycling is an activity everyone can enjoy — from beginners to advanced riders
- Everyone living in the metro area is within 5 flat & easy miles of work, school, or shopping

Bike Safety Tips

- Always wear a helmet
- Follow traffic signals and road signs
- If in a group, ride single file. When passing other bikers or walkers, let them know your position
- Watch out for danger in your way
- Ride at least 3 feet away from parked cars
- Always signal before making a turn
- Dress appropriately for the weather and wear bright colored clothing
- Be like a car, never ride against traffic
- Bike defensively as many car drivers don't "see" bicycles. When in doubt, yield to cars
- Use lights or LED flashers at night
- Look out for road hazards, such as sewer grates, railroad tracks, gravel, & ice

Bike and Bus Program

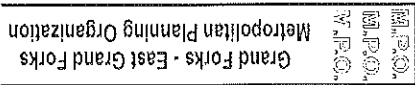
- Greater Grand Forks Buses now feature bike racks
- Loading a bike on a bus rack takes less than 20 seconds
- Call (701) 787-9120 for free training & certification
- Racks are convenient for traveling to work, school or local bike trails

Just the Facts

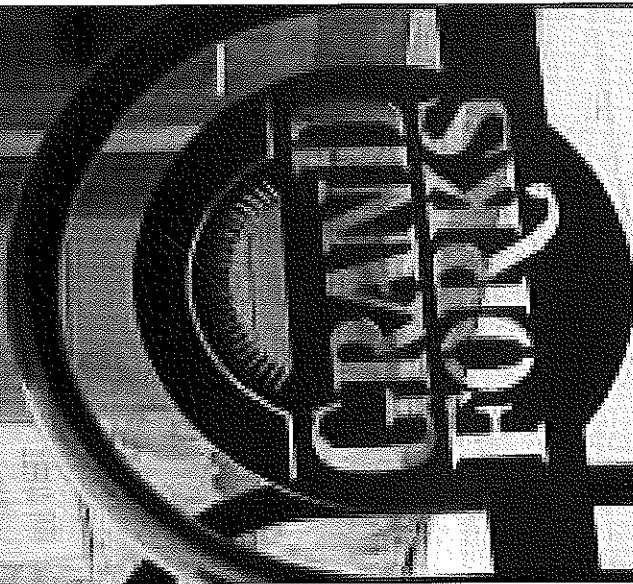
- Metro population: 62,560 (2006 est.)
- 50 miles paved paths of 8' wide or wider
- 4 miles of designated bike routes
- 1.5 miles of bike lanes

Follow the Law

- Bicycles are permitted on all public streets, including the interstate, as well as on residential sidewalks, but must use roadways in commercial districts and must use bike paths whenever available along arterials
- Riders must yield the right-of-way to any pedestrians and give audible warning before overtaking and passing pedestrians
- No bicycle may carry more persons than the number for which it is designed or equipped



Bike Map



Grand Forks
North Dakota
&
East Grand Forks
Minnesota

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