

**Greenway Technical Committee  
Meeting Notes  
Grand Forks Park District Conference Room  
10:30 AM Tuesday, February 10, 2004**

Participants:

Steve Mullally, GF Park District	Keith Schroeder, GF Police Department
Lonny Winrich	Marty Egeland, ND Game and Fish Dept.
Brad Durick, RR Hookers	Lane Magnuson, MPO
Ann Sande, Friends of the GW	Scott McNamee
Helen Cozzetto, MN DNR	Dale Skyberg, EGF Parks & Recreation
Gladwin Lynne, MN DNR	John Winter, MN DNR
Bryce Anderson, MN DNR	Kim Greendahl, City of GF

**OLD BUSINESS (Information distributed prior to meeting)**

- I. **Approval of meeting minutes:** No comments or corrections
- II. **Friends of the Greenway:** Ann Sande announced that she was appointed as the representative from the Friends of the Greenway at the annual meeting on February 4.
- III. **ND DOT Greenway Recreation Sign Request:** Steve gave an overview of the application process for requesting signage from the North Dakota Department of Transportation and the status of that application.
- IV. **Greenway Winter Trails:** Keith gave an overview of the snowmobile map. Question regarding who posted the metal signs and poles prohibiting snowmobiles on the levee in Grand Forks. It was determined that it was probably done by the street department. The GF Police Department has not issued any tickets for snowmobiling in the Greenway yet because no problems have been reported. Central Park is experiencing increased traffic because snowmobilers are using the streets to access the river. Snowmobilers have been staying out of the campground so far.
- V. **Greenway Rules and Regulations:** The City of Grand Forks was in the process of drafting and adopting the necessary ordinances to allow for enforcement. The document is still in the legal department of the other managing agencies.

Scott McNamee presented a roster of people opposed to the alcohol and hours of operation items in the rules and regulations. This is a standard rule of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and they do not experience problems in other parks. Officer discretion is the key to proper enforcement.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- VI. **Interpretative Plan Update:** Bryce shared examples of the interpretive plaques being completed by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Kim gave an overview of the Grand Forks interpretive plan.

VII. **Birding Guide/List for Greenway:** There will be no denotation of the individual cities, it will be titled Greenway. Another local group doing a guide as well. Helen will find out who it is.

In the future a birding list serve may be established.

Gladwin is still planning to work with all groups on both sides of the river.

VIII. **Greenway Dedication Ceremonies:** Ceremonies will kick off with a celebration for the Red River State Recreation Area on June 6. The Community Green/Rotary Park dedication will be June 8 and the Lincoln Drive Park celebration will be June 9. A central committee is overseeing the planning process, with sub-committees working on details for each event.

IX. **Adopt a trail program:** The City of Grand Forks would like to implement this program to utilize volunteers in the clean up of areas within the Greenway. The Minnesota Department will have to review the document with their legal department to determine if it something they are able to participate in.

Volunteer recognition may be an area that will have to be looked at. Once a year the GF Park District publishes a full page advertisement of thanks to all the groups and volunteers that help with their projects. Other incentives may be considered, including permanent recognition near trail heads or mounted on kiosk frames.

X. Friends of the Greenway- The Friends will be hosting a Greenway Expo on March 25 from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the Community Room of the Grand Forks Herald.

The Friends of the Greenway has elected a slate of officers for the 2004 season. Gerry Nies was elected president, Mike Porzywinski vice president, Helen Cozzetto Treasurer, and Jo Martin Secretary.

#### **OTHER:**

**Ski Events:** Several hundred skiers participated in Greenway Ski Day events February 6 & 7 at Lincoln Drive Park. Cross country skiing, snow shoeing, and ice skating were offered. Rides in a horse drawn sleigh and free chili and hot chocolate were provided by Southgate Grill and Early Morning Expresso.

The Rivers Edge Candlelight Ski was reschedule from the January 31 date because of inclement weather.

**Greenway Brochures:** The brochures will be available soon.

**Signposts:** East Grand Forks is unhappy with the metal sign posts, in particular the ones located near the levees. These present a safety hazard to sledders and snowboarders. Grand Forks does not permit or encourage the use of the levees for these activities.

#### **Upcoming booth opportunities:**

February 13 – 15 Grand Forks Herald Sports Show at the Alerus Center

March 19 – 21 Forx Home Builders Lifestyles Expo at the Alerus Center

March 25 Friends of the Greenway Expo in the GF Herald Community Room

**Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting date: April 13, 2004 10:30 am Grand Forks Park District- location is changed to the Lincoln Golf Course Clubhouse located off of Belmont Rd. and Elks Drive in Grand Forks**

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