

**Greenway Technical Committee
AGENDA**

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

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. Promotions Fund & Brochure – Kim Greendahl
- II. Trail Mile Markers
- III. Greenway Dedication/Grand Opening – Kim Greendahl
- IV. Upcoming special events – Kim Greendahl
- V. Greenway Agency Updates
- VI. Other new business

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Grand Forks Park District**

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Meeting Notes
Grand Forks Park District
10:30 AM – Tuesday, March 13, 2007**

David Hampsten, GF/EGF MPO
Steve Mullaly, GF Park District
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec.
Sgt. Jeff Burgess, GF Police

Marty Egelund, ND Game & Fish
Kim Greendahl, City of GF
Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. **Promotions Fund & Brochure** – Kim received a letter from the North Dakota Department of Commerce regarding 2007 program brochure. A map showing the rest area locations in ND that we currently stock the Greenway brochure in was distributed. The committee decided to drop distribution in the east bound rest stops on I-29, as those travelers are not coming in our direction. There is an annual \$100 fee whether you send to one rest area or all, but the cost of printing and shipping the amount of brochures can get costly. Kim distributed copies of a redesigned Greenway brochure with a fresh, updated look. Everyone agrees that the new design looks more eye-catching and cheerful. She is close to finishing map updates, and then will print new brochures in bulk.
- II. **Trail Mile Markers** – Kim has discussed this project with the City survey crew, and they will begin marking trails as soon as the snow is melted. They will measure in quarter miles starting from the obelisk and move clockwise.
- III. **Greenway Dedications/Grand Opening** – With all the trails finished, and anticipating taking full possession of the project this year, a sub-committee should be formed to plan a Greenway Dedication/Grand Opening. Dates are discussed, and while national Trails Day would be a good day, by June 2nd there are still some sections of EGF that will not be finished. Also, we won't find out whether or not our designation as a National Trail will be approved or not until sometime in May, leaving little time to plan. July 4th is also mentioned, and the general consensus is that this would be a better date, as there are already activities going on, and perhaps it would be less of a strain on all involved if we can just piggy-back on the Sertoma festivities.
- IV. **Upcoming Special Events** – A dedication of the Grand Forks bikeway system to Andy Hampsten is set to take place May 12/13. The YMCA is looking to have their annual half-mile marathon somewhere in the Greenway this summer, and would like to start in Lincoln Drive Park. A lot of groups have been scheduling run/walks on the Greenway, and it's nice that the community is utilizing it so enthusiastically. Steve would like to eventually see a calendar of Greenway events at the beginning of each year that shows what

events will be taking place. There is already a calendar of citywide events on the web, and another Greenway specific one on the Greenway website, but it's possible that a calendar could be published with all the dates in one document.

V. Greenway Agency Updates –

- a. **City of Grand Forks** – Kim has 4 interpretive plaques left in the works, and is about 75% through the design process. The plaques will be placed by Riverside Rapids (a brief description on how a rock damn benefits fish/fisheries), at Riverside Park (a list of recreation options available in GF), near Riverside Pool (a history of the Riverside Neighborhood and pool and its benefit to the community) and in Kannowski (formerly Central) Park (a history of Central Park and a brief bio of Frances Kannowski, for whom the park was renamed).

Kim has also been involved with the Park District, Public Works and Street Department reps to develop a Greenway Maintenance Master Plan. They hope to have a final plan in place before the project is officially turned over to the City of Grand Forks.

- b. **East Grand Forks** – The funding they hoped to get for a section of trail to be installed in 2011 has been approved. They want to add an underpass by Sherlock Park, and got money approved to do so, but during the approval process construction costs have sky-rocketed tripling the cost for their original design, and something else will have to be planned, perhaps a level crossing, however the State dollars they received will only allow them to construct the crossing on the site they originally designated for the tunnel.
- c. East Grand Forks' Jubilee is planned for July 18-22. They have bonfires, street dances, live music and an open house at the campground planned.
- d. **Grand Forks Park District** – They had a good crowd on Greenway Ski Days, despite two reschedules due to weather, and are now looking for some spring events. They are eager to take possession of the whole trail system and of Riverside Park. Have been working with City staff on the Greenway Maintenance Master Plan.

VI. Other

- a. **GF Police Department** – They have been investigating the best way to patrol/enforce the Greenway. Currently, they have bike patrol officers and an ATV available. Sgt. Burgess says that citizens really help in the reporting of any incidents. Looking forward to mile markers being added for ease of patrol.

- b. **MPO** – The 2007 Bike Maps are slightly delayed, Dave says that the map is finished and he is working on the front of the document. He says that the map looks radically different than the previous document.

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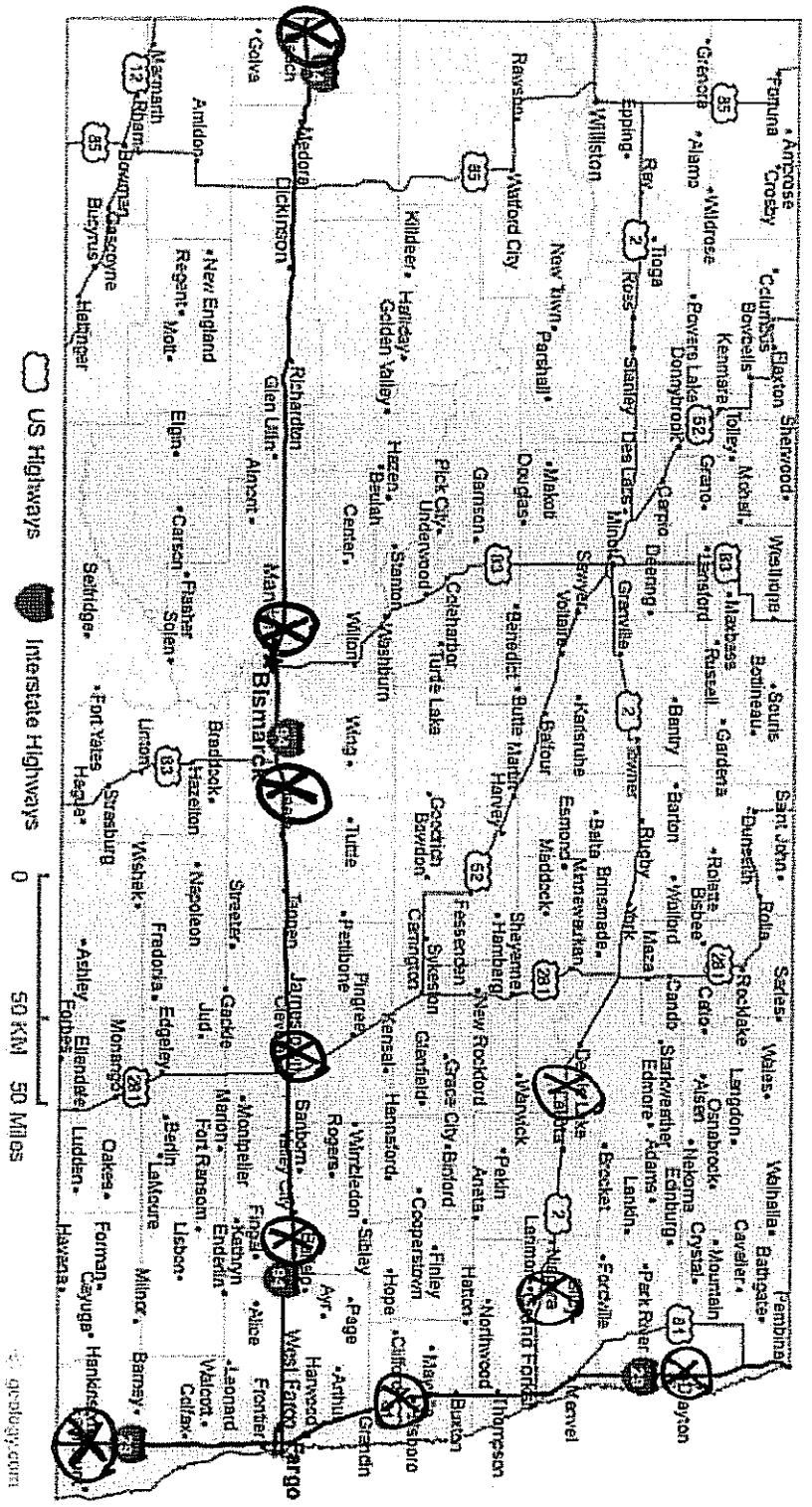
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UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS IN THE GREENWAY:

- April 19 – 22: Flood anniversary events
- Saturday, April 28, Alpha Phi 5K race in Lincoln Drive Park
- Saturday, June 2, National Trails Day
- Monday, June 18 – 22, Red River International Bike Tour: Tour begins in GF and ends near the campground in EGF.
- Wednesday, July 4, YMCA Firecracker half marathon: Will be moving to the Greenway. May move to August for Cats Incredible.