

**Greenway Technical Committee  
Meeting Notes  
Grand Forks Park District Conference Room  
10:30 AM Tuesday, March 8, 2005**

Steve Mullally, GF Park District  
Keith Schroeder, GF Police Dept.  
Foster Hudson, MN DNR  
Kim Greendahl, City of Grand Forks

Melanie Parvey-Biby City of GFSgt.  
Gladwin Lynne, MN DNR  
Cory Birkholz, Options

**I. Greenway Birding Guide and Kick-off Event:** Ten thousand copies have been printed and are now available. Checklists are available at the RRSRA office, GF Park District, GF & EGF City Halls, GGF Convention and Visitors Bureau and the GF & EGF Chambers of Commerce.

The committee will host a kickoff event Tuesday, May 24 at 7:00 am at Lincoln Drive Park warming house. Mike Jacobs will lead a bird walk through the area, followed by a short ceremony to acknowledge Dave Lambeth's assistance with the project.

- Refreshments GF Park District
- Invitations Kim (GW Technical Committee, local bird club and dignitaries)
- News release Kim, with input from the committee
- Web promotion Kim

The committee may want to consider alternative formats like audio or Braille besides large print for ADA users.

**II. Greenway Promotion Fund & Brochure Distribution:** There is approximately \$400 in the fund. Last year the Greenway brochures were distributed to all ND rest stops through the ND DOT distribution program. This year ND DOT has contracted with an outside agency to distribute the brochures and there is a \$100 fee to participate. Members of the Greenway Technical Committee Staff agreed via email to participate in this program again using funds from the promotional fund. Sticky notepads with the Greenway logo and website address are now available to committee members for distribution to the public at presentations, booths, etc. The ND Educators Association conference will be held in October at the Alerus Center. Booth cost is \$300 for the three days. The committee did not feel it was worth the money for the booth but would like to explore opportunities to partner with another agency who may be attending. Kim will look into this.

**III. Greenway Rules and Regulations:** The City of Grand Forks will need to move forward with final approval from Council. The City Attorney has reviewed the document and written ordinances to address items not already covered in city code, now the documents need to work through the approval system.

**IV. Greenway Sign Plan:** GF is still working on adopting these. The MN DNR is holding off on implementing the plan for now. Mile markers on the bridges should be a priority for the committee as well.

**V. Pedestrian Bridge Dedication (south end):** Construction on the bridge is progressing well. Pictures of the construction can be found on the website in the photo gallery. The plan is to start on north end bridge this fall. There have been rumors that the north end bridge has been eliminated; this is incorrect. In order to plan a dedication, the committee will need to know when the EGF trail connection to the south end bridge will be complete. Melanie will ask Greg Boppre about this.

**VI. Recognition of volunteers:** The GF Park District thanks people twice a year with an advertisement in the paper and sending personalized letters. The MN DNR does a wall of honor for sizable gifts to the park. Each agency should keep a list of people they would like to thank and the committee can consider using promotional fund to pay for an advertisement thanking volunteers.

**Other:**

- Campground: Calls for reservations are increasing. People attending the ND State Track Meet over Memorial Day weekend have expressed interest.
- Big Event (UND Volunteer project): Gladwin was pleased with the crews that came out to help him with removing debris this spring.
- Mileage markings on the trails: The committee would like to continue to explore finding a system to mark the trails for distance. Some ideas are plaques embedded in the asphalt, paint on paths every half mile or so, or using GPS coordinates. The kiosks will have maps with mileage and "You Are Here" markers, but visitors would have to stop to see this information. Steve and Melanie will bring back information about marking options to June meeting.
- Interpretive plaque in alternative formats

**Next meeting: Tuesday, July 12 all day meeting in Itasca State Park. Watch for details.**

**Next Greenway Technical Staff Mtg. June 14, 2005 – 10:30 am at the Grand Forks Park District**

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