

**Greenway Technical Committee
Meeting Notes
GF Park District Office Conference Room
10:30 am – May 8, 2007**

Ann Sande, Friends of the Greenway
Dave Aaker, EGF Parks & Rec
Kim Greendahl, City of GF
Shawnn Balstad, Pembina Trails
David Hampsten, GF/EGF MPO
Marty Eglund, ND Game & Fish

Sgt. Jeff Burgess, GF Police
Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center
Lt. Jim Reimer, GF Police
Dave Manthei, GF Fire
Lonnie Winrich

- I. **Greenway Grand Opening Event:** Discussed the September 9th “Tour the Trails” event as a potential date to hold a Greenway dedication ceremony of some kind. This would be a good time to show off the warming houses, picnic shelters and pump stations along the loop by offering hospitality stops along the trail. This would give the public an in depth look at the full scope of the project, as well as allow the contractors, city and Corps to get some recognition for their work. There will be “fun runs” (non-competitive) of 5k and 10k set up through “Tour the Trails”.
- II. **Mile markers project:** This project has been delayed until the trail segment on River Road has been completed.
- III. **Greenway Map Updates:** Needs final updates from EGF. Kim will meet with Dave later this afternoon. She hopes to be able to start printing in early/mid June.
- IV. **Red River of the North canoeing and boating guides:** River Keepers has completed all three maps (Breckenridge – Georgetown; Perley – Grand Forks; Oslo – Pembina), although some are printed in limited quantity. Kim will be requesting a larger amount for circulation locally. The map is also available online, but the print quality when shrinking the large map to letter size is very bad.
- V. **Greenway Agency Updates:**
 - A. **EGF Parks & Recreation:** Arbor Day festivities turned out well, despite a few cancellations. They managed to plant about 100 trees. The campground will be open in about a week or so, and Gladwin Lynne is back to manage it. EGF is redoing the bathrooms in Sherlock Park, so there are port-a-potties in place until August 1st when the restroom will be finished. The RRBIT bike tour will be coming through town June 18th-22nd.
 - B. **City of Grand Forks:** The dog park idea is back on the table, thanks to some hard work by interested parties and a new idea for location/funding. There are 2 locations within Lincoln Drive Park that are now being considered a location. A committee has been formed with city staff, Park District reps,

Roaming Paws reps, and Eliot Glasheim (GF City Council). Costs would be shared between the Park District, City and Roaming Paws.

C. GF Park District: No

D. MN DNR: No report.

IV. Other:

E. MPO: The new bike maps are finished, and they have printed 11k in the first run. They have begun distributing them around town. The City has earmarked \$250k/year for bikeway improvements. The Grand Forks bikeway will be formally dedicated to Andy Hampsten on Sunday, May 13th.

F. GF Police: Lt. Reimer has been organizing patrols of the Greenway using squad cars where possible but also bicycles and ATV's. He says that the public has reacted positively to seeing a police presence in the Greenway. He also mentions that there are a couple of areas where homeless people have been camping.

G. Dakota Science Center: Laura has been working with a couple of area teachers to prepare nature themed "lesson plans" for parents to download and print for the summer.

H. GF Fire: Have been going over Greenway access points and working on mapping widths of access points so they will know in an emergency what vehicles will fit through, or if they need to enter at a different location.

I. Pembina Trails Council: Shawnn Balstad, RC & D Coordinator, came to meet the committee and give an overview of her organization and what they can offer to the greenway. The Pembina Trails Council is a member of the Red Lake River Corridor (RLRC) Joint Powers Board, whose mission is "To protect and restore the Red Lake River's natural corridor and enhance water quality and fish and wildlife habitat that will provide for educational, recreational and economic opportunity." Currently, RLRC is hosting a canoe trip from Red Lake to East Grand Forks over several days, culminating on June 10th, which is the weekend of Art Fest. RLRC can help with project management, promotion and with researching/applying for grants, mainly for programs involving natural resources, sustaining rural life and creating/maintaining jobs. Her district is actually Minnesota, so technically her region only covers East Grand Forks, but since the Greenway is really one entity, she would be willing to assist on Greenway related projects

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

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