

**Greenway Technical Committee
Meeting Notes
Grand Forks Park District Conference Room
10:30 AM Tuesday, June 15, 2004**

Participants:

Troy Schroeder, NWRC

Ann Sande, Friends of the GW

Dale Skyberg, EGF Parks and Rec

Lane Magnuson, MPO

Helen Cozzetto, MN DNR

Melanie Parvey Bibby, City of GF

Kim Greendahl, City of Grand Forks

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- I. **Approval of April 13, 2004 Meeting Minutes:** No corrections were made
- II. **Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Bikeway Network:** Maps showing the current and proposed snowmobile, unpaved and bike trails and Section 5.1 of the Grand Forks/East Grand Forks Bikeway Network were distributed. This is a twenty-five year plan that is updated every five years.

Note: The map shows only snowmobile trails located in Greenway and does not designate which side of the road routes are located on. Would like to see the connection with other city trails and designated routes (snowmobiles). Construction of underpass on 4th in East Grand Forks is planned for 2007.

Question was asked, how will snowmobiles cross the rivers and where does the trail meet the existing north and south routes? No decisions have been made so far. Do these trails include ATV's? At this time ATV's are not allowed by Grand Forks City Ordinances or MN state statues but that doesn't mean we shouldn't consider them during the planning process.

Goals & policies: Discussion about appeal of state law regarding using the path, not roadway. Lane researched this matter and reported that the reason for the recommendation may be because of the difference in local and federal regulations. Local ordinance states that bicycles are not allowed on road when a path is offered. Federal regulations consider bicycles a motor vehicle and so not allowing them on road may be a conflict with this regulation.

Lane expects to have a full draft of the plan is in August from Lane, with an open house in July or August to present to the public for comment. All individuals from this group are welcome to attend the open house.

- III. **Greenway Adopt a Trail Program:** Ron Galstad has reviewed the plan on behalf of the City of East Grand Forks. The program was approved as presented.
- IV. **Birding guide/list for Greenway:** The list has been completed and is now being edited for seasons and sighting frequency. The project will then be brought to the Greenway Technical Committee in September for ideas. At this time there is no information regarding current local projects such as the Wood Duck and Bluebird houses located in

the Grand Forks Greenway, but this could be added, as well as a section on plantings that attract birds.

- V. **Fishing Access and Boat Ramp Plan:** The June 29 meeting may be cancelled or remain internal with the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. The City of Grand Forks feels it would be beneficial to be included in this meeting once it is rescheduled, may also benefit to meet with ND Game and Fish representatives.
- VI. **Equestrian trails:** Update from the April meeting-horses are allowed in Grand Forks. Horses are allowed only on special trails with a special permit on Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Trish Clayburgh has not responded about her progress in generating support for equestrian trails in the Greenway.
- VII. **Other:**
 - Pedestrian bridges:** Currently being bid; bid opening is scheduled for late July.
 - Fishing licenses:** MN DNR has been receiving a lot of requests for licenses. Area outlets include Cabela's, Home of Economy, Hardware Hanks, as well as several other businesses.
 - Kid fishing pool idea:** This is a project that creates and stocks temporary ponds for young anglers. The ponds are drained each fall. This could be located in the campground. This has been done successfully in Utah.
 - Kiosks in East Grand Forks:** The interpretive plaques have been completed.
 - Parks & Trails Council:** This group may be hosting a bike run here in August as part of their 50 state tour. Final details are not known at this time.

Next Greenway Technical Staff Mtg. July 13, 2004 10:30 am, 2004 @ Itasca **Helen and Gladwin will make arrangements with the Itasca staff.

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting date: August 10, 2004, 10:30 am at the Grand Forks Park District Office

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