

**Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) Staff  
Meeting Notes  
Tuesday, August 9, 2011  
Grand Forks Park District Office - 1210 7<sup>th</sup> Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND  
10:30 am- Noon**

Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Recreation  
Melanie Parvey, City of GF  
Rick Ziegelman, GF Park District  
Gladwin Lynne, EGF Parks & Recreation  
Peg O'Leary, GF Historic Preservation Commission

Lance Crandell, MN DNR  
Nancy Ellis, GF/EGF MPO  
Dave Manthei, GF Fire  
Lonnie Winrich, Chairman

**I. New Business**

**a. Special project requests**

- i. Plaque at RR Bridge from Historic Preservation Commission (GFHPC) and Mayor's Office:** Prior to the flood, students from Central High School made a request to Mayor Brown's office to use some beautification funds to place a plaque near the railroad bridge. The plaque would focus on black history and acknowledge that a man was lynched at this site. This request was approved and awarded beautification funds but the plaque was never installed so this past August students asked about it again. The GF Historic Preservation Commission was asked by the Mayor's Office to see if this could be done. Funding would come from the Mayor's Office. Peg O'Leary, Coordinator for the GFHPC) showed the committee the desired location for placement of the plaque and an example of a bronze plaque that could be used for this project. The plaque is similar to other historical plaques that have been placed around the community.

Melanie brought up the design palette and that those interpretative plaques were a bit more encompassing but bronze plaques were placed on the flood wall on DeMers Avenue for the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the flood. so this is not a request for a new type of plaque design. There were no other concerns from the group so the consensus was to allow for the placement of the plaque. Melanie will inform the Public Service/Safety Committee but didn't feel it would need any approval because there was not a funding request tied to this project. The group left it up to Peg and the Mayor's Office to decide which type of plaque could be purchased and asked that she work with Kim Greendahl on the project.

There were questions about whether or not existing plaques are removed from the greenway and it was confirmed that both GF and EGF remove their plaques that are located in the areas that are flooded. Melanie agreed to send her the information on the estimates for costs for the type of plaques that are in the greenway and purchased by Pannier.

- ii. Addendum to the Greenway Plan manual:** Representatives of the City of East Grand Forks and the GF/EGF Metropolitan Planning Office (MPO) are in the process of reviewing the Greenway Plan that was dated Sept. 2001 and May 2001. Since that manual was approved in 2001 there are projects in the plan that are not going to get done. The plan is 10 years old and should be updated to include what has been done and what the intent is in some areas that may have changed. For example the pond that is in the EGF plan between the Sorlie and Louis Murray Bridge will not go in. There was a discussion about the importance of updating the plan both from the staff's perspective as well as providing a chance to gather public input on what the public would like to see in the future for the Greenway. This would also give the public a chance to understand the process on how things are added. The group would like to

pursue the possibility of hiring an intern to update a plan and then look at hiring consultants to do additional renderings if needed for some areas. Rick and Melanie will talk with Bill Palmiscno when he returns as he still teaches a class at UND regarding recreational planning and might have an opportunity to connect with a student needing or wanting to do a project like this. This would allow the group to look at addressing how known or used fishing sites could be established. EGF Public Works will be installing signs to control motor vehicle traffic along the trail along the river in EGF.

## II. New Business

### a. Special Project Request Updates

i. **Boat House-** Dave Aker cannot locate the title or deed for the property of interest to this project, also there is not going to be a structure that will be allowed in the floodplain by the Corps of Engineers. Lance Crandell, District Supervisor for MN DNR is interested in assisting with this project. There was a discussion about bidding out the concessionaire for this area of interest so that it is treated fairly. All the agencies would like to see this succeed but not sure that we can provide an actual structure but may be able to allow this on property of one of the agencies. Representatives of the committee wondered if they could work out of an enclosed trailer so that it is mobile in the case it needed to be moved during high water situations. There will be continued discussion on this topic in a meeting in EGF today with their Administrator.

b. **New ADA regulations regarding Other Power Driven Mobility Devices (OPDM):** Melanie reported that Kim developed the policy and shared with the Attorney's Office and is still waiting to hear from them, no progress has been made on this item.

c. **Greenway & Trail Users Advisory Group update:** The group will be discussing the observational survey along the trail in the Greenway and well as grant funds that were applied for a number of transportation enhancements including bike rental racks.

## III. Greenway Agency Updates

a. **City of EGF:** Will refer to Gladwin on all the activities/events coming up.

b. **City of GF:** An item will be on tonight's Service/Safety agenda that will discuss the boat ramp closing criteria. A Community Tree Planting Event will be held on Sept. 10, 2011 in addition to the event that Kim highlighted on the agenda- the Rockin Rollin Rally on August 26, 2011.

c. **GF Park District:** There will be a hooked on hunting event this upcoming week-end at the Gun Club, this is the first time that this event will be held.

d. **MN DNR:** There are a number of upcoming events including this week-ends dedication of the playground to honor Dick Grassel at 9 am on Saturday morning- this will include the unveiling of two plaques. There will be Archery lessons and instructions on Aug. 20 from 1-4 pm in the Campground as well as I Can Camp program the week-end of Labor Day as well as music. On October 1, 2011 there will be a Fall Festival.

**Lance Crandall attended the meeting and is with the MN DNR Division of Parks and Trails his contact information is [Lance.D.Crandall@state.mn.us](mailto:Lance.D.Crandall@state.mn.us) and phone 218-699-7296**

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