

**Greenway Technical Committee Staff
Meeting Notes
Grand Forks Park District
10:30 AM – Tuesday, September 12, 2006**

Kim Greendahl, City of GF
Ann Sande, Friends of the Greenway
Dave Manthei, GF Fire Dept.
Dan Braaten, GFPD
David Hampsted, GF/EGF MPO
Laura Munski, Dakota Science Center

Corey Birkholz, Options
Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec.
Jim Richter, EDHA
Lonny Winrich, Friends of the Greenway
Gladwin Lynne, Red River SRA - EGF

Discussion Items:

- I. **Group Camp Site Proposal - Boy Scout Representatives** – No representative from the Boy Scouts Present, subject tabled.

- II. **National Trails Designation Application** – All managing agencies have agreed to submitting the application. Kim is waiting for a couple more pieces of information, then will send the document out for perusal by all interested parties before submitting it in December.

- III. **RRSRA Campground Promotion** – Jim Richter passed out a map of the campground that the MNDNR developed. This map will be available from the campground hosts, along with a new promotional packet. The packet includes information about the Greenway, and about nearby amenities in EGF. It also includes coupons from various downtown businesses. This packet is only available to campers. They will be polling the businesses who participated in the coupon program around mid-October to see how many coupons were redeemed. Campground attendance is up by approximately 1000 units this year, as of Labor Day, they have had 2,214 units. Minnesota residents are the #1 visitors, followed by Manitoba and North Dakota, but they have had residents from 24 states, 3 provinces, and 4 countries stay at the campground this year. One interesting statistic they learned this season is that 10% of out-of-towners coming to Altru for prolonged treatments are staying at the campground instead of at a hotel. Next spring they will hang advertisements on the bulletin boards at Altru and the cancer centers. This year they started a television advertising campaign focused mainly at Winnipeg, and are seeing some success. They have spent about \$4700 in ads, and hope to get a larger budget next year so they can expand their market. One thing it seems campers ask for frequently is whether there is an interpretive center, they often want to learn more about the history of the flood. Kim said that while the interpretive panels in EGF deal with nature facts, the panels on the Grand Forks side have more historical content. She also mentioned that the panels that used to be a flood memorial where the Brownstone condos are being built have been moved, and are now in the windows at the Corporate Center.

IV. Greenway Ordinances – The draft Greenway Ordinances has been looked at by the Grand Forks City Council, who sent it back to the City attorney to remove some duplicated information. It was their feeling that ordinances (such as leash laws and litter laws) already covered by City Code did not need to be repeated in the Greenway specific ordinances. After the City Attorney removed the duplicate ordinances, the document is ready to go to the combined committee.

Mr. Winrich asked Kim what could be done about people disobeying signs posted at construction area entrances. He said he has witnessed people ignoring them on a frequent basis. He worries that if people get used to disobeying posted signs without punishment, they will continue to ignore the rules when the ordinances are in place.

Kim stated that the reasons the City has a hard time enforcing the no-trespassing areas are first, that the police cannot have someone stationed at each sign location, and second, that these areas are not under City control until the contractor has received their final payment, and turned them back over to the City. Phase I is under City control, Phase II is mostly finished, but the contractors are still working on some minor punch-list items, and Phase III is still actively under construction.

Dan Braaten stated that there are many areas in the Greenway right now that are not technically in police jurisdiction, due to them being under the control of the Corps and contractors. Once the Greenway Ordinances are accepted and signed into law, it will be much easier to enforce rules and regulations.

V. Agency Updates –

EGF – Gladwin Lynne stated that the campground closes September 24, and the water pipes will be evacuated and turned off. After that, a clean-up will commence, and the picnic tables and hot-water heaters from the showers will be moved off-site. They will be planting some large trees to replace some that were lost to disease, and plan to install some shrubs for screening between sites. They also have some improvements to the handi-cap accessible shorebank fishing area planned. The last employees will be gone by October 15.

Dave Aker said that there is still some smoldering wood near the South End Pedestrian Bridge, where a citizen saw a large accumulation of drift wood and decided to have a bon-fire that got a little out of control and scorched the bridge and caused some spalling to concrete. This area is hard to police because it is behind the floodwall and somewhat dark and secluded. They may have to add more lighting, otherwise residents may be afraid to utilize this part of the trail and bridge after dark.

Options – Corey said that Options will be celebrating their 20th Anniversary with a party on September 28th.

Dakota Science Center – Laura said they are working on putting together a “teaching trunk” that teachers and scout troops can borrow out to learn more about the Greenway and the different natural habitats, plants and wildlife contained within it.

Grand Forks - Kim passed around the site plans for the GF side of the North End Pedestrian Bridge, depicting a parking lot, kiosk, and overlook area.

VI. Other: Greenway Survey – Kim has been working extensively with Laura to develop a Greenway Usage Survey that they will add to the web-site, and also make available to the general public by either sending it out with water bills, or making it available in public places. The survey was handed out to all present to take, and then improvements were discussed. Corey said they could go to a web-site and get the survey “Bobby-Approved” which means it is acceptable to the disabled community. He also suggested releasing it in Braille and sending it to group home administrators.

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Next Greenway Technical Committee Meeting: November 14, 2006 – 10:30am @ Grand Forks Park District

Submitted by: Kelly Kennedy, Office Specialist, City of Grand Forks

Greenway Technical Committee
AGENDA

September 12, 2006
Grand Forks Park District Office
1210 7th Ave. S. Grand Forks, ND
10:30 am- Noon

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- II. National Trails Designation application – Kim Greendahl
- III. RRSRA Campground promotion – Gladwin Lynne and Jim Richter
- IV. Greenway Ordinances – Kim Greendahl
- V. Agency Updates- All
- VI. Other outstanding issues
- VII. **Next Greenway Technical Committee Mtg.: November 14, 2006 – 10:30 am at the Grand Forks Park District Office**

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Greenway Technical Committee's Staff will meet again on October 10, 10:30 am at the Grand Forks Park District Office

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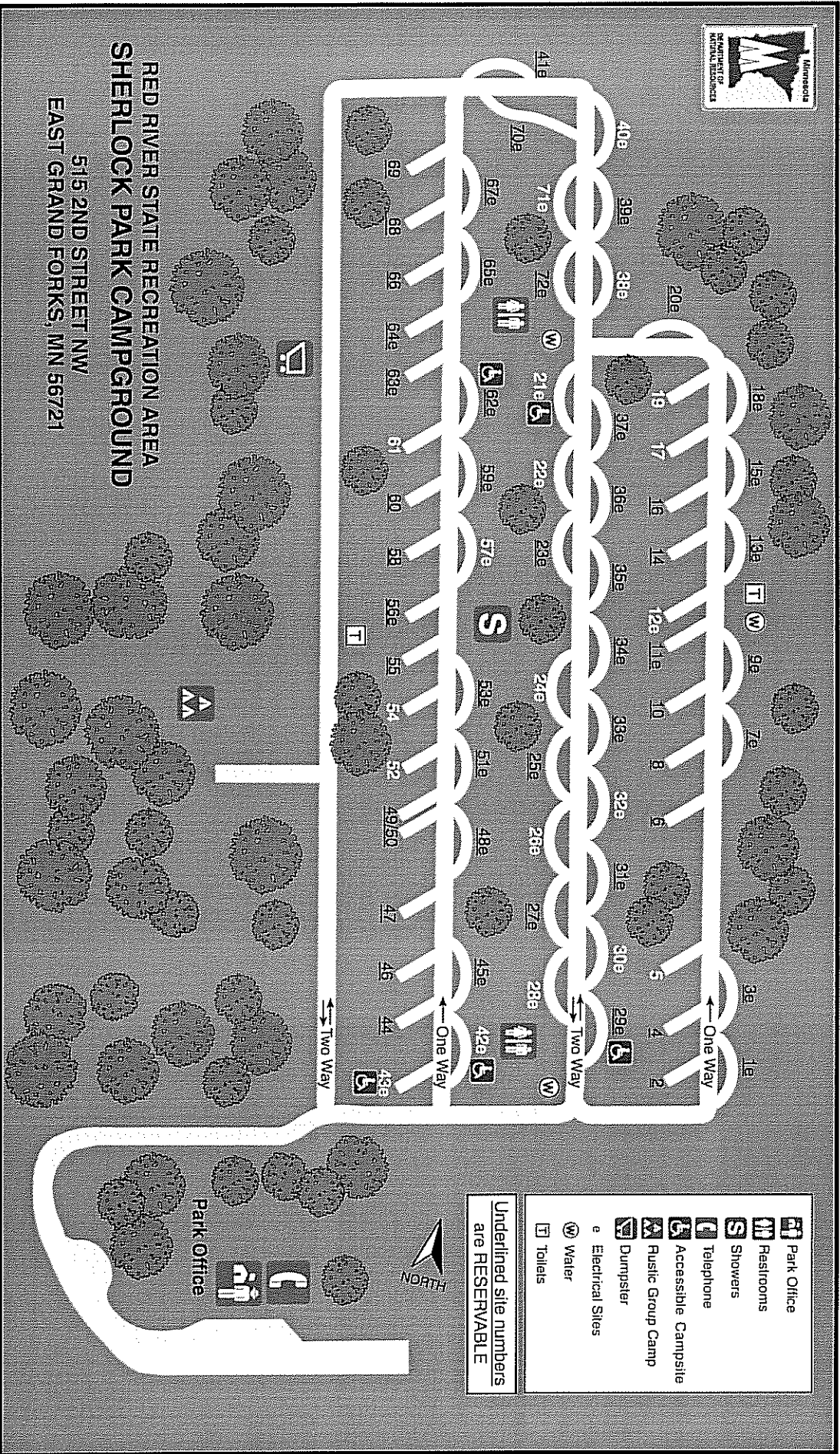
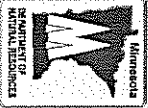
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- Park Office
 - Restrooms
 - Showers
 - Telephone
 - Accessible Campsite
 - Rustic Group Camp
 - Dumpster
 - Electrical Sites
 - Water
 - Tolls
- Underlined site numbers are RESERVABLE

RED RIVER STATE RECREATION AREA
SHERLOCK PARK CAMPGROUND
 515 2ND STREET NW
 EAST GRAND FORKS, MN 56721

Park Office



The Greenway (logo)
Grand Forks/East Grand Forks

Greater Grand Forks Resident Survey

The purpose of this study is three fold:

1. to determine how the Greenway is being used,
2. to determine how the public is kept informed about Greenway activities,
3. and to provide an opportunity for public comment.

We appreciate you taking the time to complete this 3 minute survey. The Greenway has been under development since the flood of 1997. As an addition to our community the Greenway provides the setting for many activities. This study will help the Greenway Technical Committee better serve the Greater Grand Forks community.

You can complete the survey online or by mail. We would like to get the opinion of everyone in the household. Feel free to make additional copies of the survey for others. Please mail the completed surveys to PO Box 5200, Grand Forks, ND 58206-5200.

The results of the study will be posted on the Greenway web page.

Do you use/visit the Greenway? (check one)

Never _____ Occasionally _____ Often _____

What times of year do you use the Greenway? (check all that apply)

Spring _____ Summer _____ Fall _____ Winter _____

How do you get to the Greenway? (check all that apply)

car _____ city bus _____ Dial-a- Ride _____ taxi _____ walk _____ bike _____

How do you learn about Greenway activities? (check all that apply)

Grand Forks Herald _____ East Grand Forks Exponent _____ The Dakota Student _____
The Leader GF AFB _____ television _____ radio _____ web page _____

What Greenway amenities do you use and which do you feel are an asset for our community even though you do not use them. Place an X in each column that applies.

	Yes, I use this part of the Greenway.	No, I don't use this but I feel it is important to have.
Riverside Park		
Community Green Rotary Park		
Town Square		
Kanowski Park		
Lincoln Drive Park		
Sunbeam Park		
Sherlock Park		
Minnesota Red River State Recreation Area		
Griggs Park		
O'Leary Park		
Crestwood Park		
Sherlock Campground		
Sherlock Park swimming pool		
Sherlock Forest Playground		
Lincoln Golf Course, GF		
Valley Golf Course, EGF		
Timberline Nature Area		
North Landing boat ramp		
Lincoln boat landing		
Red Lake River boat ramp		
Community Green Labyrinth		
Christmas in the Park -- Lincoln Park		
Greenway Ski Days		
Arbor Day		
Public races and walks		
Bird watching		
Wildlife photography		
Fishing		
Boating		

Canoeing		
Picnics		
Walking		
Running		
Biking		
Nature trails		
x-country skiing		
ice-skating		
in-ling skating		
snowmobiling		
golfing		
star gazing		
interpretative kiosks		
educational programs		
athletic fields		
disk golf		
softball fields		
basketball courts		
tennis courts		
cultural/artistic programs		
festivals/special events		

Comments:

I want the kiosks on the Greenway to: _____

What activities or facilities would you like to see on the Greenway?

Completing this part of the survey is optional. The information will be used to determine the demographics of Greenway users.

Gender (check one) male _____ female _____

Age (check one) under 21 _____ over 30 _____ over 40 _____ over 50 _____ over _____ 60 over 65 _____

How many of your children are under the age of 16? _____

Do you rent or own? (circle one)

Where do you live? (check one)

Within the Grand Forks city limits _____

Outside city limits but within Grand Forks County _____

North Dakota resident not in Grand Forks County _____

Within the East Grand Forks city limits _____

Outside city limits but within Polk County _____

Minnesota resident not in Polk County _____

Employment (circle one) Full-time, Part-time, Multiple jobs, Unemployed, Retired

Yes, I would like to receive email updates on Greenway activities.

Email address:

I would like to be kept informed but I do not have email.

Name and mailing address: