

Greenway Technical Committee (GTC) meeting
10 AM – Tuesday, May 21, 2024
Icon Sports Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club Meeting room
Grand Forks, ND
Meeting Notes

Jeremy King, EGF Parks & Rec
St. Krisopher Brown, GF Police
Steve Hell, GF Parks
Deputy Chief Chad Cutshaw, GF Fire

Carter Hunter, GF Engineering
Matt Arvig, GF Streets
Kim Greendahl, Chair
Lori Martinez, GF Public Works

I. Old Business

- A. Downtown Gateway + Greenway Renovation Master Plan update: The city of GF did apply for funding from the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program and there is no update on receiving any funding.

The area would include the South side of DeMera Avenue. The city is looking at funding opportunities for the North side of DeMers Avenue. Houston Engineering and RDG Architect were hired for the project. The Engineers will work on a map from the campground in EGF into GF.

The cost to cover the South side is \$3.5 million and the project would start in 2026. The cost for the pedestrian bridge is \$14 million.

Staff from the city and Houston Engineering did travel Omaha, NE, and met with the City Council Bluffs while in Omaha.

II. New Business: None.

III. Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway, Advisory Group update:

- A. Wayfinding sign plan
- i. Online questionnaire: A meeting was held and there was discussion on the Wayfinding signs. The public is very interested in the signs. Two items of interest are:
 1. Keeping dog on a leash.
 2. Cleaning up after the dogs.
- B. Requested drafts of the Wayfinding sign templates from Catie Trontvet at the GF Park District.
- C. The mobile app should be working in the spring. The City is hoping for 2 volunteers per section to assist in providing what information should be on the app. This should help with additional costs and assist the public that are interested in park rules and navigation to certain areas of the park.

IV. Other

- A. Deer management plan in EGF: The city administrator's office recently submitted a deer permit to the DNR and the permit was approved. The permit would be good for this year and a hunt could be as early as this Fall. The City of EGF is reviewing the current deer management plan used for the city of Red Lake Falls. An update to the City Ordinance would allow the hunt. The plan will be discussed at the July/August Council for the deer management plan approval.
- B. Dock installations: The dock in EGF is installed by a combination of city staff. Matt was down by the water this morning while the dock was being installed.
- C. Permanent canoe/kayak storage: A request was made from a resident requesting personal storage along the river. Ground Up Adventures is not interested in managing that type of facility. The City Attorney stated that the individual would need liability insurance to cover any damage according to the City Code. Kim will do some research on the purchase of lockers.
- D. Desiree Drive Fishing Spot: There is a meeting on June 4, 2024, of the Outdoor Heritage Fund and Kim will attend and request \$239,00.
- E. The city is buying buoys to place on the river. Kim will be working with the Sheriff's Department on the placement of buoys.
- F. The Community Foundation currently has a \$41,475.40 endowment with a \$1,500 distribution to be made by July 1, 2024. Does EGF have a specific project to use the \$1,500.00? If so, please let Kim know.

V. Agency updates

- A. City of EGF:
A proposal from 4th Street to connect the Greenway to the Library was finalized by City Council.

LaFave Park project will not start this Spring.

The ramp will be placed in the same area this Spring. Once the ramp closes after August 1, 2024, the City will start enhancing the area which would include wider ramps and 2 additional ramps; a new floating dock to be installed between the 2 docks; the parking lot will be enhanced to allow an additional 60 trucks/trailers.

Crystal Sugar was fined to pay \$140,00 back to a project that benefits the Community. The proposed project would go to the residents of the City for a survey. The City of EGF is talking with Polk County and addressing adding crosswalks/trees. EGF is the first community in the State to receive such funds.

- B. GF Park District: No updates.
- C. City of GF: No Updates
- D. Minnesota DNR: No Updates

VI. Next meeting date: Greenway Technical Committee 10 AM Tuesday, June 18, Icon Sport Center, 1060 47th Ave South, Blue Line Club meeting room.

Support documents: None

Minutes Submitted by: Lori Martinez, Administrative Specialist

Minutes Approved by: Kim Greendahl, Greenway Specialist