

**Greenway Technical Committee
Meeting Notes
Grand Forks Park District
10:30 AM – Tuesday, May 9, 2006**

Dale Skyberg, EGF Parks & Rec
Troy Schroeder, NWRDC
Brad Durrick, Red River Hookers
Marty Egeland, ND Game & Fish
Julie Romig, MPO
Ann Sande, Friends of the Greenway

Melanie Parvey-Biby, City of GF
Steve Mullally, GF Park District
Keith Schroeder, GF Police
Lonny Winrich
Brad Dokken, GF Herald

Guests: Bob Backman, River Keepers
Don Schempp, Bill Vacek, Myron Barnes, Andrew Gleich from the Boy Scouts
John Stalely, GF Park District

Working Session:

- I. **Canoe and Boating Guide maps for the Red River:** Bob Bachman of River Keepers is working on a map in partnership with the MN DNR. The map is primarily for people canoeing and boating on the Red River. The first map developed was from Wahpeton to Georgetown. The second map will be from Georgetown to Grand Forks/East Grand Forks and a third map will be from Grand Forks/East Grand Forks to the Canadian border. Bob is coordinating this project with agencies along both sides of the river. There will be a three year supply of 10,000 printed with funding received from the MNDNR, which designated 100% of the canoe and boat licensing fees toward the project.

Bob has asked the Greenway Technical Committee for information about the Greenway for inclusion in the map. The map being used for Grand Forks/East Grand Forks for the canoeing and boating maps was distributed for corrections. The committee would like Bob to consider including information on obtaining the Greenway Birding Checklist. Kim will send the web link to Bob.

Any other information the committee would like Bob to consider for inclusion can be sent to Melanie's office and should be to Bob by mid July. The plan is to have all information gathered by mid summer and be 100% done in October to turn the project over to the MN DNR for printing.

Discussion Items:

- II. **Proposal to Develop Group Camp Site in Greenway:** Representatives from the Boy Scout office approached John Staley with the idea for a potential day or evening camp site in the greenway, similar to camps in Minnesota and North Dakota. They would like something local so they don't have to travel. John

Staley suggested Kannowski Park (formally known as Central) as a potential site. The boy scouts also would like to consider the area below Lincoln Golf Club House.

The group is looking for a primitive camp area to host no trace style camping for their members and other troops. Facilities that would be needed are fire rings, sites for tents, shelters, restrooms, and possibly an area to build other features such as a high ropes course. Scouts have been going to Larimore Dam since 1990 because they can accommodate 250 scouts plus parents. The committee is unsure there is an area in the greenway that could accommodate large groups. The representatives felt Kannowski had adequate space for their needs.

Sgt Schroeder had concerns about the downtown location and wet side because of the safety of the campers as well as providing a campsite for indigent residents from the Mission. There is a holding pond in Kannowskil Park that could also be a problem.

The committee questioned if this conflicts with the campground already available in East Grand Forks. The boy scouts have a concern with using campground in EGF because they don't want to disrupt other campers.

The Greenway Technical Committee asked that the group bring a written request to the June 13 meeting. The Technical Committee will review the request and make a recommendation on how to proceed with the request.

- III. **Adopt a Trail Program Materials:** Copies will be available at the next meeting.
- IV. **Tour of East Grand Forks Shore Bank Fishing Access Sites in July:** No action taken.
- V. **Agency Updates:**
 - a. **City of East Grand Forks:** Setting up agreement with MN DNR for managing the campground. Poured the footing for the shower building May 8 with a targeted completion date of July 1. Campground will open May 19 and close September 17. Gladwin is returning as the Park Manager. June 4 is the MN DNR Open House day. Eagle Point is still under the control of the City of East Grand Forks and will be partially blocked off for the contractors who are painting the Point Bridge this summer. The bridge is expected to be closed for 8 – 9 weeks. Bike trails are clean, but hard to access in certain areas.
 - b. **City of Grand Forks:** Crews are still working to clean the trails after the spring flooding. The ground is very saturated so some areas won't be cleaned until the ground is dry enough to withstand heavy equipment. Kim gave an update on upcoming activities.
 - c. **Grand Forks Park District:** Cleanup work after the flood, most park areas are open. Riverside Park will open next year.

VI. Other outstanding Issues:

- a. Red Lake River Boat Ramp:** Will there be a sign at the entrance for visitors? Kim will ask John Winters about this.
- b. Golf carts in the Greenway:** Citizen inquiry regarding use of golf carts on the pedestrian bridge. No. This is addressed in the rules and regulations. The citizen can also bring the issue to both city councils.

Upcoming Meetings:

Greenway Technical Committee's Staff meeting June 13, 10:30 am at the Grand Forks Park District Office

Greenway Technical Committee Mtg. July 11, 2006 – Tour - Location: TBD