Greenway Technical Committee Meeting Notes

Tuesday, September 11, 2007
Lincoln Golf Course – Off Belmont Road on Elks Drive
Grand Forks, ND
10:30 am- Noon

Steve Mullally, GF Park District Dave Aker, EGF Parks & Rec Gladwin Lynne, City of EGF Lonnie Winrich Ann Sande Marty Egeland, ND Game & Fish Laura Munski, Dakota Science Sgt Jeff Burgess, GF Police Melanie Parvey Biby, City of GF Kim Greendahl, City of GF

DISCUSSION ITEMS

- I. Lincoln Dog Park: The dog park committee has reviewed the bids for the park and chose Dakota Fence as the winning bid. Construction costs came in higher that expected so the committee decided to eliminate the separate park for small dogs so the project could remain within the budget constraints. Construction is expected to begin September 24 and be completed by November 2. This park will be operated and maintained by the park district through a lease agreement with the city.
- II. Promotions Fund & Brochure: Kim has not been able to connect with the Park District to identify the final fund balance but she believes it is \$817. 44. Note: Steve updated Kim after the meeting that the fund balance is \$1,238. The 2007 invoices will add \$1,400 for a total of \$2,638. The estimated cost of printing about 10,000 brochures will be approximately \$1,200. There is a supply of about 1,500 brochures in stock. Other advertising can be done on an as needed basis.

III. Greenway Agency Updates

- 1. City of EGF: The disc golf equipment has been ordered but has not arrived. Installation is expected to happen in the spring. Dave has been working with the middle school Green Club to remove buckthorn along the river on the southern edge of the trail in EGF. The campground will officially close to the public October 1 but will remain open for seasonal employees of American Crystal Sugar. The campground is expected to reopen May 17, 2008. Camperships are up about 550 from last 2007.
- 2. City of GF: Staff is working toward a priority project list for 2008 to include a comprehensive marketing plan and working with outside groups to develop more special events within the greenway.
- **3. MN DNR:** The MN DNR will be celebrating their 150th anniversary in 2008 and Gladwin has been working on a few events to celebrate in EGF. He has

been seeking funding for a program to demonstrate the history of camping and outdoor cooking to be presented in early June.

4. GF Park District: No report.

IV. New business

- 1. Heritage Village: Laura reported that the Dakota Science Center donated a building to the Heritage Center in EGF. The Heritage Village Board of Directors has to accept and pay for the moving of the building and are trying to gauge support for the having the building on their site. Motion to send a letter to the Heritage Center outlining how the building could support Greenway related activities. Munski/Lynne M/S/A
- 2. Eating fish from the Red River: Melanie received an inquiry about the safety of eating fish caught in the Red River. Kim will forward the information she has on hand to Marty for review and if it meets the ND Game & Fish approval, will post the information on the website.
- **3. Trail counters:** The committee would like to do a trail user count to establish trail use for future projects and supporting the popularity of the trail system. The MN DNR has one, but it was unclear if it was available for use. Kim will look into the cost of purchasing this for use on the trails.

Next Greenway Technical Committee meeting: November 13, 2007 – 10:30 am at Grand Forks Park District