

Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Wednesday, October 14th, 2020 – 6:00PM
Grand Forks City Hall room A101, Grand Forks, ND

Meeting Notes

Stephanie Halford, GF Planning
Christian Danielson, GF Engineering
Kim Greendahl, GF Greenway
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I. Bikeway & Pedestrian Items

- a. North 5th Street from Demers Avenue to Gateway Drive and University from North 25th Street to North 3rd Street: University Ave and N 5th St Mill and Overlay Projects are now fully striped, including the sharrow symbols.
- b. Shared Use Path Project on Columbia from South 40th Street to South 47th Street: The bid opening is scheduled for October 16. The project will be constructed in 2021.
- c. Shared Use Path on University from 48th to the Mobile Home Park driveway: Engineering is working on the design for this path. It will likely be constructed in 2021 or 2022.
- d. Proposed Shared Use Path on 32nd Avenue South from Heartland Drive to South 48th Street. The path is currently gravel and is slated for a paved surface.
- e. Railroad crossing by Red Pepper on University Avenue: The City is in the process of purchasing the property at the NW corner of the RR crossing so the flashing lights and drop-down arms can be installed. This will not make it a Quiet Zone.

II. Greenway Items

- a. **Wildlife Management in the Greenway:** Kim is working with UND Fisheries and Wildlife student Gunnar Patz to write an executive summary for the report. The report will be reviewed by the Greenway Technical Committee and then distributed to the city councils of both cities. The report will also be shared with this group and available online after distribution to the Councils.
- b. **Unpaved Trails and Ski Routes:** The ski trails have been cleared and marked for the season. The GF Park District removed some trees that were infected with Dutch elm disease. Kim is working to incorporate these new open areas into the unpaved trail system.
- c. **Walk-in fishing site a Kannowski Park:** Directional signing has been installed from the parking lot to the wet side of the levee. An informational sign has been ordered and will be installed next spring at the entrance to the fishing site.

III. Other

- a. **Downtown North 3rd Street project:** Will the stop signs at the corner of North 3rd Street and 2nd Avenue North be reinstated? GF Engineering is considering reinstalling the signs but hasn't reached a decision. The diagonal parking makes the intersection a challenge for visibility, but the pedestrian bump-outs should improve that situation.
- b. **Roundabout on DeMers Avenue:** Is a roundabout still planned for DeMers Avenue near North 8th Street? That has not been decided yet.
- c. **River access LaFave Park:** The growth of trees has limited access to shore bank fishing areas in LaFave Park. Can this be opened up more? Kim gave a brief history of the site and what EGF is trying to do with natural vegetation to limit vehicle traffic and riverbank erosion in the river fork area. Some open spots remain along the shore, but the goal was to restrict access to avoid erosion.
- d. **Up & Over @ Red Dot. Road:** Can signs or road markers be placed on Red Dot Road from the up and over on North 3rd Street? The trail dumps users into the street with no options or directional signage to lead them to Riverside Dam or the rest of the bikeway system. Christian will look into this option.
- e. **Crossing lights at Cherry & 47th Avenue South:** Could crossing lights be installed on the east side of the intersection crossing 47th Avenue South? There are lights on the west side of Cherry, but not the east side. There are some specific rules about where pedestrian crossings can be placed, which may have impacted the lights at this crossing. Christian will look into this item.

Next Meeting date: 6PM Wednesday, November 11, 2020, Room A101, GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street.

Supporting documents: None

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