

# Bicycle, Pedestrian and Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)

Tuesday, February 13, 2024 – 6 PM

GF City Hall, 255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street

## Meeting Notes

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Kim Greendahl, city of GF

### I. Citizen comments

- A. **Possible frost heave in trail:** South of the Myra Museum. It's possible that this is the same location as the sunken storm sewer pipe. Kim will investigate this item for any necessary repairs.

### II. Bikeway items: None

### III. Greenway Items

- A. **Enhancement project near Desiree Drive and Rivers Edge – update:** On January 16, the GF City Council approved moving forward on this project. KLJ Engineering will be working on a construction design for a new trail and enhancements at the fishing site. This will include adding height to the retaining wall for safety. Kim will submit grant applications for this project to the Garrison Conservancy District and the Outdoor Heritage Fund. Work will begin to clean out trees this summer and be funded from the Flood Protection Capital Fund account.
- B. **Proposed improvements to area surrounding the floodwall on DeMers Avenue:** The proposed improvements were presented to the GF City Council on February 12. The Council was supportive of the project and gave preliminary approval to move forward with the project. The final vote to approve the project will be on Tuesday, February 20.

There is a federal grant available through the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Program for possible funding. The grant is only for cities with a population over 30,000 and the project must be in an area designated as underserved through the Justice40 Program. The area south of DeMers Avenue on the downtown plan meets those criteria. This is a 1:1 match grant with a project minimum of \$600,000 a maximum of \$14 million. The pedestrian bridge is the largest component, and the City Council was in favor of the pedestrian bridge, but that's a project for down the road. Funds from the Flood Protection Capital Fund will be used for the city's portion of the expenses.

Phase I of the project will be the amenities south of DeMers Avenue and around the floodwall. This includes creating an adventure park, realigning the trails, removing the landscaping beds, and updating the entrance with new structures. There will be no

changes made to the Town Square at this time. Some demolition will start in 2024 and the large pieces could start in 2025.

**IV. Other:** None

Next Meeting date: Tuesday, March 12, 2024, 6 PM at GF City Hall, 255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, room A102

Supporting documents:

- Maps and drawings for project near Desiree Drive and Rivers Edge
- Downtown Gateway + Greenway Renovation Master Plan

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