

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)  
Tuesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2016  
GF City Hall, 255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Forks, ND – A102

## Meeting Notes

David Kuhrenko, GF Engineering

Jane Croeker

Travis Hagen, Disc Golf

Richard O'Connor

Aaron Kennedy

Justin Kristan, ND Active Transportation

David Sears

Nelson Rosit

Jairo Viafara

Kim Greendahl, City of GF Greenway

Wes Rogers

- I. **Greenway Items** (The meeting agenda went in a different order due to people running late).
  - i. **Disc Golf** – Travis Hagen introduced himself; he is part of the Disc Golf group. The group is looking to bring the 2017 State Competition to the area but there is a few improvements that need to happen such as new baskets and concrete pads. Either Travis Hagen or someone from the group plans on attending future meetings. Jane Croeker asked if Travis Hagen would share a message with the Disc Golfers if they would not walk on the Cross Country Trails. There seem to be people playing Disc Golf even in the winter months. Travis said he would pass on the message. David Sears asked if there is a rule about walking on the trails? Stephanie Erickson replied that she did not know that answer and should talk to Kim Greendahl about that.
- II. **Bicycle and Pedestrian Items** (The meeting agenda went in a different order due to people running late).
  - i. **Bike and Ped Plan Update** – Jairo Viafara shared information from a Public Attitude Survey of Bicycle and Pedestrian Planning was developed to build public support for the plan development, foster public involvement, and determine current levels of use of the existing transportation network for bicycling and walking trips and activities. Jairo Viafara also passed around the newspaper article about the plan update that was in the Herald recently.
- III. **Greenway Items** (The meeting agenda went in a different order due to people running late).

- i. **River Access Master Plan Update** – Kim Greendahl will collect public comments and revised the plan as needed. The plan will be brought back to the Greenway Tech Committee and then to the both City Councils for final approval. Jane Croeker asked if access can be looked at just off of Bygland Road right before the winery? Kim Greendahl said she would look into it but was pretty sure it was private property.
- ii. **Unpaved Trail System** – In GF, the cross-country trails have been maintained in the past, but not this year because of all the rain fall. The Northern Star Cycling wants to help with the maintenance/clean up along the routes. Kim Greendahl has asked Howard Swanson, GF city attorney, to determine what kind of work volunteers can do with power tools. It will follow along part of the cross-country trail so there won't be new trails being made at this time.

**IV. Bicycle and Pedestrian Items**(The meeting agenda went in a different order due to people running late).

- i. **North Dakota Active Transportation Alliance** – Justin Kristan has started a non-profit for active transportation. The non-profit is looking at how do we reduce distracted driving? He is aware of other groups but wants to build upon it. The non-profit wants to take a bill to get strong enforcement for texting and driving. The non-profit is also looking at the State Bicycle Plan that is 22 years old and is trying to get it revised and having it be a more active transportation plan and not just for bicycles. Some of the initial actions the non-profit is looking at is Share the Road Week campaign, the update to the Bike Plan and distracted driving. Jane Croeker asked Justin Kristan is your focus on prevention or punishment? Justin Kristan answered, both. Jane Croeker feels prevention and punishment is different and she is more interested in prevention. Aaron Kennedy asked Justin Kristan has spoken with law enforcement, Justin Kristan replied with a no. Jairo Viafara brought up the program FAST and how it favors the trucking industry. The measures are off. Justin Kristan said he would look into it. Richard O'Connor asked about the law on rolling stops, Justin Kristan said he was not sure what the law was. Richard O'Connor also asked about the three foot law, Justin Kristan said that it did not go over very well at the senate level but is still being looked at. Justin Kristan asked for contact info and passed around a sheet of paper so he can inform the group on updates and opportunities on involvement.
- ii. **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP)** – David Kuharenko with the Grand Forks Engineering Department asked for feedback from the group on some ideas/routes for the TAP program at the last meeting. David Kuharenko let the committee know that he was putting in

applications for 6<sup>th</sup> Ave N. English coulee to N. 40<sup>th</sup> Street, 47<sup>th</sup> Ave S. Columbia to S 20<sup>th</sup> Street, S Columbia 40<sup>th</sup> to 47<sup>th</sup> and asked if the committee would submit letters of support for each application, the GBPAC committee agreed to submit letters of support for the projects.

**V. Other**

- i. **Where do you want this group to go?** – Stephanie Erickson asked this question to the group, and they were asked to think about it and bring their thoughts and ideas to the next meeting. Jane Croeker response to this question was what was the the vision statement that went before council? Kim Greendahl said she would look into it.