

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)  
Wednesday March 14, 2017-7:00PM  
GF City Hall, 255 North 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Forks ND Room A102

### MEETING NOTES

David Kuharenko-City of GF Engineering  
Art Young  
Jane Croeker  
Stephanie Halford-City of GF Planning

Richard O'Connor  
Wes Rogers  
Kim Greendahl-City of GF Greenway

#### A. Bikeway and Pedestrian Items

1. Bike Share- Stephanie Halford GF Planning- Ms. Halford introduced the item stating that Pete Haga was leading this project. She informed the group of the history of what the city was looking at, and stated they are looking at doing a permit process to allow any company that wants to come into the city that can meet the permit requirements to do that. The companies they expect will be using a dock-less system that will be app based and the only involvement the city will have with it is the use of the City right of way to store the equipment. Each company will provide all of their own equipment and staff and the city would not be required to have any cost share on this process or any infrastructure. All of the companies involved will also be able to provide information to the city as to where the bikes are being used. The City attorney is looking at the language for the permit process now. Mr. Rogers asked if the information on travel routes would be shared with the public. Ms. Halford stated that she knew the city would have access to it and that they would be trying to get that information out via the Public Information Office. Ms. Croeker asked about the content of the advertising. Ms. Halford stated that she would check on that. Discussion was held about if the bikes could be used without a Credit Card. Mr. Kuharenko stated he thought there was some sort of prepaid option with at least one of the companies. Discussion was held about bike safety and helmets. Ms. Halford and Mr. Kuharenko stated the company would only provide the bikes, but there was talk in the community about having bike helmets given away. Ms. Halford stated she would bring more information as it became available.
2. Bike Map-Jairo Viafara GF/EGF MOP- Mr. Viafara was not in attendance so item was skipped over. Ms. Halford stated that if Mr. Viafara came in the item could be gone back to.
3. ND Moves Demonstration Project/Workshop Committee Opportunity-Stephanie Halford GF Planning Department- Ms. Halford stated she had attached information to the packet. The Engineering department received a letter asking if the City would be interested in participating in this. Ms. Halford stated they responded affirmatively. The project would be

a temporary “pop-up” project that could be placed either at an intersection or along a block of a road feature that will give the user the idea of what a permanent feature there would look and feel like. Ms. Halford stated this is being promoted by the NDDOT and Alta Planning. The company would like to come to GF to give a day and a half workshop in the beginning of April and the project would be implemented in July, it is the hope that whatever project is picked would eventually become a permanent fixture. The temporary time period is anywhere from one day to one month. Ms. Halford has started to gather a stakeholder group in order to come forward with a more directed effort rather than working out what they want at the workshop. She asked if anyone in the group would be interested in being part of it. Ms. Croeker stated she would like to be involved.

4. 2018 Projects-David Kuharenko City of GF Engineering-

a. New Projects

- a. Shared Use Path 55<sup>th</sup> Street from University Avenue to West Lanark Drive
- b. Shared Use Path Cherry Street from 55<sup>th</sup> Avenue South to 58<sup>th</sup> Avenue South
- c. Shared Use Path South 32<sup>nd</sup> Street from 43<sup>rd</sup> to 44<sup>th</sup> Street

Mr. Kuharenko spoke about these three projects and what the scope of the projects was and what the timeframe looks like for installation. Ms. Croeker asked if these will address some recent concerns of residents in regard to school crossings. Mr. Kuharenko stated these projects do not address those concerns.

b. Maintenance Project

- a. Asphalt Overlay on Shared Use Path North of Gateway Drive from 3<sup>rd</sup> Street to North Columbia Road
- b. Asphalt Overlay on the Shared Use Path in the Greenway from about Lincoln Drive to Elks Drive

Mr. Kuharenko gave information on the overlay projects, and the timeframe for these projects.

c. Projects in Design

- a. Shared Use path on 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue North from North 40<sup>th</sup> Street to the English Coulee for Construction in 2019

Mr. Kuharenko stated this is in design and should be going to the NDDOT for review, should be advertised either late this summer or early fall. Ms. Croeker asked when the project would be constructed. Mr. Kuharenko stated that it is looking to be constructed in summer of 2019 if approved. Information was given about some of the construction traffic control alternatives being discussed. Mr. Rogers asked about the reconstruction of 42<sup>nd</sup> street, wondered about the sidewalk. Mr. Kuharenko stated that there should be a shared use path being installed along with that project from Gateway Drive to University Avenue. Discussion was held about conditions of some of the shared use paths. Discussion was held about bidding costs when projects are bid in the fall and construction in the summer.

- d. TA Projects- Mr. Kuharenko stated they should find out about TA funding for other shared use paths in either June or July. Mr. Kuharenko stated that the MPO had followed the recommendations of the city for areas to be put into bike paths. Ms. Croeker asked about what areas were asked for funding. Discussion was held about the various projects and what the thoughts were for the future.

## **B. Greenway Items**

- a. East Side Projects-Ms. Halford stated that there was not a representative from East Grand Forks available for the meeting but that she brought updates from them. Ms. Halford stated that there are planned sidewalk improvements along Greenway Boulevard from Rhinehart Drive to Bygland Road before school starts, ADA improvements along 17<sup>th</sup>, addition of a sidewalk from 20<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> on Hwy 220 at one point there is no sidewalk.
- b. Freezeway Update- Stephanie Halford- A message was received from Nick he was out of town. Mr. Jensen stated the Freezeway was shut down for the season and the building materials will be removed once all the ice has melted from them. He will be looking at next year and would appreciate all feedback for next year. Discussion was held about how the Freezeway was used this year, it was noted that there were some challenges with getting it up and running and that this was a pilot project. Ms. Greendahl gave information on some of the challenges that were faced getting this project. Mr. O'Connor asked if any of the specifications were reviewed by anyone. Ms. Greendahl stated that the park district did issue some ideas to him that was implemented later in the process. Ms. Greendahl stated they hoped to take a more active role in the construction next year.
- c. Greenway Annual Report- Kim Greendahl-GF Greenway- Ms. Greendahl gave an overview of the accomplishments of the greenway over the course of the year. Ms. Greendahl stated that there had been suggestions to include 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary information but although it was 20 years since the flood, the greenway didn't start to be constructed until 2000's. Ms. Greendahl gave information about all of the different groups that are included in the governing of the greenway and that it is not just a city project. Ms. Greendahl gave information about the cut off at Lincoln drive. Ms. Greendahl said she is still seeking information on this. Discussion ensued about the skiing trail and some of the challenges of that.

## **C. OTHER**

- a. Ms. Croeker stated she wanted to give a mention to the snow removal staff for their great work in making sure the pedestrian areas were very clear. Mr. Rogers stated he had noted some areas need improvement along the Demers intersections islands.

- b. Mr. O'Connor asked about bridge buildings across the river, he wanted to know what the proposed sites were, and how it would affect the greenway. Ms. Halford stated that the sights narrowed down to 24<sup>th</sup> Street, 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, and 47<sup>th</sup> Street, and Merrifield Road. Mr. Kuharenko stated they are separated out into the traffic type. Mr. Kuharenko stated that due to Army Corps of Engineers is to not negatively affect the river flow or mitigate them, so that will be part of the determining factor. Ms. Halford stated there is no timeline and that the MPO is looking to fund a study.
- c. Mr. O'Connor asked what was recommended in the Reconstruction of Demers in the downtown. Mr. Kuharenko and Ms. Halford gave an overview of what was determined by council. Discussion was held about the different alternatives and what the many different options were and what advantages the approved plan holds from a planning and engineering standpoint.
- d. Mr. Kuharenko directed a question at Ms. Croeker what her memory was in regard to the Bike and Pedestrian Plan. Mr. Kuharenko stated that at the MPO/TAC meeting held today that there was discussion in regard to the MPO Bike and Pedestrian Plan; he questioned if she knew what the final motion language was at the September advisory group meeting. Mr. Kuharenko and Ms. Halford were under the impression that the motion was to continue moving forward with the understanding that blanket approval was not given on the goals, objectives and standards, and still reserved the right for comment. Ms. Croeker stated that she remembered the motion the same as they stated that they wanted the process to go forward but reserved the right for continued input. It was noted that Mr. Viafara stated he was under the impression that they had approved the goals, objectives and standards. Ms. Croeker stated that was not her understanding.
- e. Ms. Croeker asked about the status of Complete Streets. Ms. Halford stated she had just gotten comments from the City attorney, she will make edits and will forward stakeholders and when that comes back it will go to council. Ms. Croeker also asked about the Bicycle Friendly Community Application and if that had been submitted. Ms. Halford stated it had been submitted and they were waiting to hear on the determination but it would still be a few months before they were notified.
- f. Mr. O'Connor asked about general purpose greenway cleanup, and when it would be done. Ms. Halford stated that would be a question for Ms. Greendahl and they would forward information to her about concerns that were brought up.

**Next meeting date: 7pm Wednesday April 11, 2018**  
**GF City Hall, 255 N. 4<sup>th</sup> Street, Grand Forks, ND –Rm A102**

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