

Bicycle, Pedestrian & Greenway Advisory Committee (BPGAC)
Wednesday November 14th 2018-7:00pm
GF City Hall, 255 North 4th Street, Grand Forks, ND –Rm A102

Meeting Notes

Nancy Ellis-City of EGF Planning

Art Young

Richard O'Connor

Jonathan Haug

Kim Greendahl-City of GF Greenway

David Kuharenko-City of GF Engineering

Jane Croeker

Jairo Viafara-GF/EGF MPO

1. Bikeway and Pedestrian Items

- a. Request for a letter of support for TA Applications- Mr. Kuharenko from Grand Forks Engineering came forward to ask for a letter of support for projects on South Columbia Road (40th -47th Avenue South) and University Avenue (N. 48th St Entrance to the Mobile Home Park). These will complete the connection of bike paths. It would be on a shared plan 80% federal and 20% local. They would look to be constructed in 2021. The group stated they would be happy to provide a letter of support.
- b. Parklets-Ms. Halford gave a recap on the pilot program that lasted for 3 years. It has been an asset to the community and they are looking to transition this into a permanent program. Details on that are not yet finalized but will be worked on over the winter. Ms. Halford will bring forward updates as they come. It was asked if there would be a cap on the number allowed. Ms. Halford stated that she was thinking due to the nature of the regulations it would self-regulate.
- c. Proposed 2045 Bike Plan Map- Mr. Viafara came forward and presented what they bringing forward for the 2045 Bike Plan for approval. Mr. Viafara stated that they need comments by Wednesday 21st. Discussion was held about some of the components of the plan. Ms. Ellis stated that the city of East Grand Forks commissioners are not amenable to on street bike riding. They would like to have some lanes on Bygland and Rhinehart Road. Ms. Ellis also stated that the other area they would look at having bike paths on Highway 2. This discussion then moved forward to different areas that East Grand Forks would be looking at for access to property on both the North and South Side of Highway 2. Discussion of signage in the greenway was discussed. Discussion was held about the possibility of some docks coming in that would be placed on the Red Lake River.

2. Greenway Items

- a. Wildlife Population Survey- Ms. Greendahl stated there had been a group put together to come up with how to report and manage any animal incidents within the greenway. There was discussion about Deer in the greenway and the high population and the deforestation that is occurring due to that high population. There is going to be a visual survey of the deer population. After the survey is done they will look at possible solutions to reduce the population. Ms. Greendahl stated that she sent a mailing to nearby residents to not feed the deer.

- b.** Winter Recreation update- Ms. Greendahl stated that ski signs are in and up. Ms. Greendahl stated that they reduced the number of signs; she stated that the snowmobile trails will be closed this year. Ms. Greendahl said the skating rinks are being put up. Ms. Greendahl noted that she is working with the grooming staff to make the trails as user friendly as possible. Discussion was held about some of the routes and the sharpness of the turns.
- c.** Ski Sign Update- Ms. Greendahl mentioned that she put up less signs this year, and actually took some down. Ms. Greendahl stated she has ordered some new signs that are larger.
- d.** Summer Wrap Up- Ms. Greendahl stated that the tree's that were down in the greenway and some deferred maintenance impacted some of the summer activities they wanted to get done in terms of budget and what they could get accomplished.

3. Other

- a.** Moving forward into next year
 - 1. Who is missing at the table- Discussion was held about who would possibly be interested in being part of the group and whether it would be advantageous to have a more formal group of participants rather than the current structure. Discussion was held about the day and time of the meeting and whether that was the most appropriate time to be able to capture as many people as possible for input. Discussion was held about the differences between this group and the Greenway Technical Committee.
 - 2. Topics