

COUNCIL MEMO

Date: May 19, 2017

To: Mayor Steve Gander, Council President Mark Olstad, Council Vice-President Chad Grassel, Council Members Clarence Vetter, Mike Pokrzywinski, Tim Riopelle, Henry Tweten, and Marc DeMers.

RE: Weekly Update

UPCOMING MEETINGS:

Special Meeting – May 23, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Work Session – May 23, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Council Meeting – June 6, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Council Chambers

Work Session – June 13, 2017 – 5:00 PM – Training Room

Department Update:

Parks and Recreation – Reid Huttunen

Greenway of Greater Grand Forks, Greenway Technical Committee awarded River Keepers Award. A non-profit group based out of Fargo-Moorhead with a mission of advocating for awareness, appreciation, and stewardship of the Red River recently awarded the 2017 Good Neighbor Award to the Greenway of Greater Grand Forks. The River Keepers of Fargo-Moorhead grew from a desire to rediscover the Red River's heritage, and to teach people to again appreciate the Red as a living River. The Greenway Technical Committee includes members from the City of East Grand Forks, Grand Forks, Grand Forks Park District, MNDNR, and many other community partners and interested users of the Greenway.

A transcript of the awards presentation is as follows:

2017 Good Neighbor Award recognizes individuals or organizations whose property touches the Red River. Their outstanding efforts may include upkeep of River property which maintains integrity of the river, activities which have enhanced the river or the enjoyment of the river, or any unique effort to befriend the River.

Our 2017 award is presented to the Greater Grand Forks Greenway, accepted by Kim Greendahl. Since we share the same river, River Keepers staff and the Greenway Technical Committee have learned from each other's experiences on river and greenway related issues such as access, trails, event management, and public perceptions. For this we are Grateful.

Most recently, the Greenway has worked with the boathouse on the Red to help a community group rent canoes, kayaks and stand up paddleboard. They also put in an accessible access downtown for fishing and launching vessels which is one more piece to the puzzle of making the Red River Water Trail something that everybody can enjoy.



2017 River Keepers'
Good Neighbor
Award

**The Greenway of
Greater Grand Forks**