

## Greenough Park Advisory Committee

### Minutes

February 2, 2009

Present: John Horrell, Cyndy Braun, Susie Spindler, Barbara Stanley. Also present: Jim Habeck. Excused: John Pierce, Kathleen Kennedy. Absent: Matthew Koehler.

In the absence of the chair and co-chair, Barbara presided over the meeting.

**Minutes:** The spelling of Tim Bechtold's name was corrected. John moved that the January minutes be approved as emended. Susie seconded, and all approved.

**Public comment:** Jim Habeck noted that there is graffiti in the park, that the fencing by the lower parking lot has been removed, and that residents are still parking along the west side of Monroe Street. Barbara responded that Morgan Valliant is aware of the graffiti and that some of it cannot be removed until temperatures are warmer. Jim asked about the status of the park boundary survey. A memorandum was sent to the mayor in December. None of the committee members present are aware of a response.

**Park vision discussion:** Susie led this discussion by explaining that nonprofit organizations have a strategic plan which guides public participation and funding and provides a mechanism for evaluating actions by the organization. The discussion revolved around the question: what does the committee see as a vision for the park.

There was discussion about the mission statement and the committee's charge to follow the mandates of the thirteen points. Susie questioned whether all the points are still valid. John explained that we are bound legally to follow them. Consensus was that reframing the thirteen points for the twenty-first century was an appropriate short-term goal for the committee.

Susie discussed Greenough Park and the City of Missoula serving as role models for the management of an urban park. She envisions Missoula joining other small cities in seeking sources for park funding. The roles of ecosystem management and current scientific practices were stressed. Susie, Cyndy and Barbara shared their comments from the planning worksheet. Barbara will request that Kathleen solicit comments from the absent members. Susie has agreed to compile all the comments for presentation at the next meeting.

**Other agenda items:** The remainder of the agenda (updates on possible grants and the educational brochure) will be presented at the next meeting on March 2, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. in the Jack Reidy Conference Room.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stanley