

**Greenough Park Advisory Committee
Minutes**

September 7, 2010

Present: John Pierce, Kathleen Kennedy, John Horrell, Cyndy Braun, Bill Burnett. Excused: Barbara Stanley, Matthew Koehler. Also present: Morgan Valliant, Jim Habeck, Hank Butzel.

Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Public comment: The committee introduced itself to new member Bill Burnett and he was welcomed to the committee. Jim Habeck commented that kids had picked up sticks in the control unit and used them to construct a fort.

Bridge update: Morgan showed the group the recently-installed rock piers. The bridge was constructed out of beetle-killed trees from the park by Gordon Construction and will be installed by them with the help of College of Technology (COT) students. It should be reinstalled by the end of September. COT will put strainer Norway Maples above the bridge to split the channels 50-50, and will also fill and replant the bank by the old Dipper sign. Everything needs to be completed by September 30th to submit reimbursement receipts, but some items, such as vegetation and trail work adjacent to the bridge, will remain to be done after that date.

Trees: Morgan showed the committee several Norway Maples just south of the control area and east of the picnic shelter that will be cut down to be used by COT for stream diversion and fish habitat near the new bridge. He also said the cottonwood with the large cavity at its base in the northwestern area of the park, which was identified as a hazard tree during the last hazard tree walk, will be cut down.

Brochure: Morgan said that the final edits of the city parklands map has been sent to various agencies for review. He is waiting for the final version of the map. Photographs of Greenough Park are needed for the brochure. Kathleen will determine photograph parameters (e.g., size, pixel requirements, etc.) then Morgan will email contacts with a request to submit photographs.

Fundraiser run: John Pierce announced that The Runner's Edge is still interested in sponsoring a benefit run, which could be an annual event. At this point, any income from the event is likely to be directed towards constructing new bathrooms, but where the money is directed is dependent on how much is raised.

Other agenda items: John Pierce announced that most of the plantings in Unit 7 have died, but that most of the plantings in Unit 23 have survived. Jon has been removing the seed from Burdock and Houndstongue. Morgan announced that the patch of Japanese knotweed was sprayed today. Morgan also announced that the Bolle birding trail signs will be replaced.

The next meeting will be held on October 4th at 4 p.m. at the Greenough Park picnic shelter.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

John Horrell