

**Greenough Park Advisory Committee  
Minutes**

**February 7, 2011**

Present: Bill Burnett, Matthew Koehler, Kathleen Kennedy, Cyndy Braun, John Horrell, Barbara Stanley, Morgan Valliant, Jackie Corday. John Pierce participated by conference call.

**Minutes:** Cyndy moved to approve the minutes as written and Barbara seconded. All voted in favor.

**Public comment:** No members of the public were present.

**Discussion regarding CLAC (Conservation Lands Advisory Committee):** It was explained that the proposal to form one advisory committee to manage all city parks and adjacent open space lands is an outgrowth of the Conservation Lands Management Plan. It was stressed that all existing conditions from the 1955 court order must be honored in the CLAC bylaws before GPAC can be incorporated into the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee. Kathleen has been in communication with Jane Greenough Green, and Kathleen feels that the family is trusting GPAC to act in the best interests of the Greenough heirs in maintaining Greenough Park according to their wishes. General discussion followed regarding membership of CLAC vs. membership of GPAC. Concerns were voiced that residents of the Rattlesnake would not have as large a representation on the new committee. It was noted that the 1993 city council resolution mandated specific membership requirements for GPAC.

John Pierce made several points: First, that Jane Greenough Green as representative of the Greenough family has final say in finding CLAC an acceptable body to administer the park. Second, CLAC as proposed in the bylaws has a good working knowledge of Greenough Park maintenance and preservation. Third, there must be an annual field trip by CLAC members to Greenough Park as mandated by the court order.

Discussion continued with introduction of the idea of "Friends" groups being formed for specific parks to do service projects. Kathleen noted that these semi-official groups would not be subject to official state and city laws regarding open meetings and posting of agendas and minutes. Bill emphasized that the mandates of the 1955 court decree must be adhered to and that CLAC would have this responsibility, rather than the members of GPAC determining whether CLAC could comply.

Jackie announced that the Conservation Committee, chaired by Marilyn Marler, is scheduled to meet on February 9 at 10:05 a.m. in the City Council Chambers. Preliminary discussion of CLAC is on the agenda. The Parks and Recreation Board meeting will be held on February 8 at noon and CLAC will also be discussed during that time.

Jackie summarized the possibilities for action regarding CLAC: First, revise the CLAC bylaws to address the concerns expressed during this meeting such as number of members on the committee and how many members would be Rattlesnake residents and an annual field trip to assess Greenough Park maintenance. Second, GPAC could maintain its identity but operate as a subcommittee of CLAC. Third, GPAC could be retained as the current bylaws state.

Matthew is in favor of the third option of retaining GPAC and striking any language addressing Greenough Park from the CLAC bylaws. Matthew proposed a motion that Greenough Park Advisory Committee does not approve the Conservation Lands Advisory Committee bylaws as discussed and presented today. Barbara seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

John Horrell suggested that committee members begin developing a formal statement as a response from GPAC to the proposed CLAC bylaws. Kathleen said that it would be helpful to review the Missoula Conservation Lands Management Plan. The plan is available online or can be borrowed from the Parks and Recreation Office.

Morgan will keep GPAC members informed about conservation committee and Parks and Recreation board meetings.

The remainder of the agenda was tabled and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stanley, Secretary