Greenough Park Advisory Committee Minutes October 1, 2012

Present: Cyndy Braun, Kathleen Kennedy, John Pierce, Barbara Stanley, John Horrell, Morgan Valliant. Excused: Bill Burnett. Absent: Matthew Koehler.

Minutes: Barbara will fix the error in Steve Niday's name. Kathleen moved to accept the minutes. Cyndy seconded the motion and all approved.

Boundary survey: Steve Niday has asked whether a signature line for city official(s) is required on the park boundary survey. The response is that it is not needed. The survey can now go into effect.

Committee status: Morgan reported that Marilyn Marler and Dave Strohmaier are in favor of incorporating the committee into CLAC. Discussion of this agenda item is deferred until the November meeting.

Brochure: Kathleen met with Ed Jenne. He is only preparing the park map for the brochure. The deadline for the completion of the map is November 5, 2012, the date of the next GPAC meeting. The committee will add the text. Kathleen offered to do the layout. Morgan said that Donna Gaukler has stated that Becky Goodrich can do the layout as part of her work responsibilities.

Hazard tree walk: Three Parks and Recreation Department employees who work as tree cutters have inspected the park for hazard trees. Committee members accompanied them on an inspection of trees on the eastern side of the park between the lower parking lot and the picnic shelter. Several dying cottonwoods are leaning toward the light of Monroe Street. The street and private property across Monroe Street are in the danger zone from large trees that could fall. Two trees are across the street from 1244 Monroe and one from 1170 Monroe. It was recommended that these be removed.

There is a leaning cottonwood with its bark sloughing off north of the grassy area by the lower footbridge. This tree will fall onto the trail. It was recommended to fell the tree and leave it on the ground except for cutting a slot for the right of way of the footpath. There are several large hanging limbs in the vicinity of the new bridge by the picnic shelter. The limbs will be removed. North of the picnic shelter there is a tree with a hollowed out rotten base. It is in danger of falling on the trail. It will be felled.

The goal of the cutting team is to create habitat trees whenever possible. An alternative is to defray cutting costs by selling the cottonwood lumber for barn flooring material. The timetable for the work will be determined by the city arborist, Greg Howe. He will document the hazards and prepare a budget and work plan.

The next GPAC meeting will be held on Monday, November 5, 2012. Agenda items will include discussion of the status of the committee and management units to be addressed in 2013.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stanley, Secretary