

**Greenough Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
March 2, 2009**

Present: Matthew Koehler, Kathleen Kennedy, Cyndy Braun, Susie Spindler, Barbara Stanley. Also present: Morgan Valliant, Conservation Lands Manager, and Hank Butzel.

Minutes: Cyndy moved that the minutes be approved, Susie seconded, and all voted in favor.

Public comment: Hank Butzel asked about the scope of the Conservation Lands Working Group and whether the group would address issues such as replacing the bridge span in Greenough Park. Morgan explained that the bridge would qualify as an access/connectivity issue and thus could be studied. The first meeting will be held tonight with an agenda consisting of introduction, background and ground rules. Morgan suggested that Hank attend the public comment meeting in late March.

Parks update: Morgan has volunteered to remain the liaison between the Parks and Recreation Department and the GPAC committee. Due to a busy work schedule, he cannot meet every month and recommends a schedule of regular meetings during spring and fall, one meeting during the summer, and winter meetings as needed. Susie suggested that this schedule be incorporated into the strategic planning document. Morgan announced that an urban forester has been hired and will begin work on April 1. The committee agreed to accept Morgan as Parks Department liaison.

Pedestrian bridge replacement: Morgan reported that the College of Technology can repair/replace the gabions and reinstall the bridge span for approximately \$6,500. Rod Frost is a heavy equipment operations instructor with ecologically sensitive experience. The work would take about thirteen days and could be done in between other jobs. Fall and winter would be the ideal time to do this. Matt and Tim Bechtold have discussed involvement of Friends of Missoula Parks in fund-raising with a matching funds appeal to replace the bridge. There was discussion about having a fund-raising event at the picnic shelter during the summer. The slogan "help us bridge the gap" was suggested for the campaign. Plans for a fund-raising event will be made at the next meeting.

Educational brochure map: Kathleen and Morgan are preparing a map for the brochure. Kathleen passed around a mock-up and examples of brochures from other parks. Photographs of park features would enhance the brochure and the lower footbridge could be featured on the front page. Susie volunteered that her sister can do a professional layout for the brochure. Kathleen will send the text to committee members for another review.

Update on vision and planning document: Susie distributed a summary of committee members' comments. Members will revise, prioritize and make additional suggestions and forward these comments to Susie before the next meeting.

Other agenda items: Matt commented on the abandoned vehicle parked in the 1100 block of Monroe Street. He will report the vehicle to the police.

The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2009 at the Greenough Park picnic shelter at 4 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stanley