Greenough Park Advisory Committee Minutes August 3, 2009

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

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Public comment: Jim Habeck expressed concerns about legal issues and liability regarding the barricades and the public crossing the east channel of Rattlesnake Creek without the bridge being in place. He questioned whether the park management plan should be rewritten. Susanne Bessac pleaded for stream access for children when the bridge is reinstalled.

Bridge Fund-Raiser: At least 100 people attended the ice cream social on August 1 with \$1,330.25 donated on that date. Big Dipper provided us with five gallons of vanilla ice cream at half price. John Pierce has been discussing a run sponsored by Runner's Edge as a fund-raiser. Cyndy suggested that the Shack (Robin Hamilton) might join as a sponsor.

Brochure and stream access tour: The group looked at the site where the footbridge will be reinstalled. It was decided that there would be stream access just below the bridge on the east side and that this would be a good access point for children. West side access will be discouraged. Consideration of additional access points will be done on a tour to be scheduled for an evening during the second or fourth week of August. Committee members will contact John Pierce with preferred dates for the survey. Ladd Knotek will be invited to participate.

Strategic planning document: There was discussion of postponing further work on this project until the conservation lands document is drawn up. Kathleen is participating in the conservation document and feels there is no conflict between the two plans. She felt it would be worthwhile to examine the thirteen points in light of state-of the art conservation practices and restoration ecology.

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2009 at 4:00 p.m. at the Greenough Park picnic shelter.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stanley, Secretary