

Greenough Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
October 4, 2010

Present: John Pierce, John Horrell, Cyndy Braun, Barbara Stanley, Bill Burnett, Kathleen Kennedy, Matthew Koehler, Morgan Valliant. Also present: Jim Habeck, Cara Nelson, Dave Strohmaier.

Minutes: The minutes were approved as written.

Public Comment: Jim Habeck commented that he appreciated the recent *Missoulian* coverage and mentioned that the new bridge is shorter than he expected it would be.

Bridge: Morgan reported that the bridge is in. Stream bank stabilization work still needs to be done, but hopefully it would be done by week's end. Approximately 450 trees and shrubs are to be planted. Much of this should be done by volunteers on 10/10/10, if not Parks will have to plant them. Approximately 500 shrubs were planted by volunteers on public lands day.

A log will be placed north of the new bridge for high water diversion as has been done in the past.

John Pierce shared that there will not be a run as a fundraiser this year. Perhaps in the coming spring there will be some sort of annual run, but it will not always be at Greenough.

Norway Maple Removal: John P. said there will not be a new unit this year because those that are not yet done require major work. The value of the "control" unit (unit 15) was discussed. Might it be possible to open up the canopy in 15 adjacent to cottonwoods where there are root sprouts? Cara Nelson mentioned that there are social questions that need to be considered. What should be done with the slash that results from Norway removal?

John mentioned that Maples along the stream on the west side could be removed. It could be possible to finish units 19, 20, 21 and 23 this fall.

Morgan said that Parks has discovered N. maples moving up the woody draws on Jumbo. They are working on a standard form letter to notify residents about removals and that letter could be applicable for work going on in Greenough.

Barbara moved that Norway maple removal should proceed in Spring 2011 in a newly created unit 24 comprised of the southwest end of unit 7 to the southwest end of the park. The motion was seconded by Matthew and passed unanimously.

Survey: Bill mentioned that he feels the survey should be a priority. Matthew stated that he does not believe that illegal structures would be tolerated in other city parks. Dave Strohmaier said that this issue could be referred to City Council if we developed a plan. Bill suggested that we reference liability issues. Matthew recalled that the letter we sent to the Mayor long ago asking for action, expressed these concerns.

Dave suggested that a representative from GPAC come before the Conservation Committee to give an update.

Brochure: A map will be available soon. Morgan will send out a call for photos to an email list. There was discussion about issuing a call for a logo as well.

Next meeting: We will not meet in November. It was decided that we should meet again in February or March when we have more materials for the brochure.