

Greenough Park Advisory Committee
Minutes
December 11, 2012

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

Minutes: A minor correction was made to the minutes which were then approved.

Brochure: The revised park map has not been circulated to the membership for review. Further review of the brochure will continue through e-mail discussion.

Boundary survey: Steve Niday has informed Morgan that the survey has not been filed yet. Study is underway concerning a 1910 document pertaining to two parcels of land in the Parkside Addition on the east side of the park adjacent to Jackson Street. Morgan clarified that there are actually 24 residential encroachments on park land.

Merger of GPAC and CLAC: There was discussion of the merger criteria which were formulated at the November GPAC meeting. The criteria were refined. The Greenough family will be notified of the plans to merge GPAC into CLAC and will be given an update on what the Greenough Park Advisory Committee has completed along with the management plans for the park. It would be helpful for a family spokesman to write a letter to the City Council stressing the importance of meeting the criteria for the merger.

John Horrell presented a motion that the City Council is to merge GPAC into CLAC, and thereby dissolve GPAC. This motion is subject to and contingent upon City Council's commitment, to be made before dissolution of GPAC, to ensure compliance with the following criteria: respect for and compliance with the grant of park lands from the Greenough family, high priority of replacing the picnic shelter and adjacent restrooms along with updating the play structure with more environmental/educational-friendly infrastructure, the Parks and Recreation Department will consolidate and maintain materials recording park history, structures and documents so that there is continuity, CLAC will oversee the development of a master plan for Greenough Park, CLAC will conduct an annual field trip to monitor Greenough Park and compliance with the thirteen points, transfer of current chairperson (John Pierce) to CLAC membership for a three-year term along with amendment of CLAC bylaws to accommodate an additional voting member, CLAC will oversee Greenough Park in its entirety, and any monies in the GPAC bank account at the time of dissolution will be dedicated to the park brochure. Cyndy seconded the motion and all voted in favor.

Morgan noted that the Parks and Recreation Board will meet on January 9 and CLAC on January 14, 2013. John Pierce will attend the Parks Board meeting to present the motion for merger. Following that meeting the motion will be presented to the Conservation Committee. Morgan will circulate the motion and criteria to the members of the Parks Board and CLAC.

Scheduling of further meetings of GPAC is unknown at present.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Stanley, Secretary