

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
June 8, 2011
Tacoma Metro Parks
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attended: David Boe, Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Grant Griffin, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, Kendall Reid, Dave Seago, and Barbara Skinner. Guests: Hans Zeiger (WA State Representative, 25th District) and Emi (Snake Lake intern).

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introduction: ForeverGreen President Dave Seago called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

May Board Meeting Minutes:

- *Jane moved to approve the May board meeting minutes as presented. David B. seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Budget and Finances:

- Jayme recently updated the budget to reflect the first quarter account statement from GTCF. There has been no new income since the end of the fundraising effort, and expenses have been minimal.
- Dave S. stated that he would like to see some funds spent on updating ForeverGreen's display and outreach materials – e.g. the large trail map and listing of board members.

Director of Government Relations Report:

- Kirk is on vacation and there has been little in the way of government relations development.
- The Open Space Task Force is still working to finalize their report and recommendations to the County Council (presentation scheduled for July).

Old Business

- The conference planning committee will meet immediately after the board meeting. In the month since the committee last met, Dave S. has been in communication with Mia Birk (Portland) about delivering the keynote speech, but her fees are proving to be too high. He has followed up with an invitation to Peter Lagerwey (Seattle), who has agreed to be the keynote speaker for no charge. Peter has requested input on we would like as far as content and direction of the keynote speech. Discussion.
- The board brainstormed possible breakout session topics for the conference. These were noted for follow up discussion by the conference committee.
- The Schedule of Work Plan Activities was reviewed and updated. Progress needs to be made on board development actions and making the ForeverGreen presentation to various groups.

New Business

- Jane has been approached about assuming Executive Director responsibilities when Jayme leaves at the end of the summer. Jane has expressed interest. *Kendall moved for the Executive Committee to draft a contract for Jane's services as Executive Director, and will include an hourly rate. Terry seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.* Jane abstained from voting.
- It's never too early to start thinking about nominees for the Pierce County Trail Awards, which will be presented at the Trails Conference in November. Jayme will send the various award

categories out with the minutes, and the board will begin soliciting nominations at the July board meeting.

News, Updates, and Announcements:

- Please send an email to Jayme with an accounting of your ForeverGreen time for the month of June. If possible, also include date and brief description of activity.

Information Sharing:

- Jane – Will be bringing the ForeverGreen display to a Complete Streets event in Kitsap Co. on June 9. Tim Payne will also be there.
- Grant – Pierce County Parks is negotiating with Mr. Partin on the section of Foothills Trail going through his trailer park property in South Prairie. A new route has been proposed, but it is different from the route that was approved for condemnation by the County Council last year. If negotiations of this new route move forward, the trail transaction could occur without condemnation.
- Terry – Pen Met Parks is continuing to work with WSDOT on acquisition of two surplus parcels from the Narrows Bridge construction; one is about seven acres that would be developed into a trailhead. Appraisals of these parcels have been completed and they are now waiting for the state to review and approve the proposal. An RCO grant of \$620k has been received to acquire and develop a master plan for these properties. Pen Met is also developing a partnership with the Peninsula School District that among other things could allow for connecting trail networks at Sehmel Park and McCormick Forest via PSD property in between the two. They are proposing a pedestrian crossing over SR-16 to the Cushman Trail which would greatly expand and link the area's trail networks. And they are also pursuing a new spur off the Cushman Trail that would connect to the city's waterfront sidewalks.
- Dave S. – The Rainier to Ruston relay was held on June 4. It was very successful and had a record number of participants (over 700 people).
- David B. – The United Way is interested in purchasing a section of the Prairie Line Trail between Pacific Ave. and Dock St. The Children's Museum is also looking into expanding their parking, which could impact the proposed location of the trail. The section of PLT running through the UW-Tacoma campus looks to be secure. The city is in the process of updating the Shoreline Master Plan, part of which concerns the section of trail along Schuster Parkway that is in poor condition. Alternatives to the current trail as well as the "Bayside Trail" are being proposed, ultimately to improve the connection between Freighthouse Square and Ruston Way. The city council is also negotiating with Point Ruston on easements, etc. that could ultimately result in an almost seamless non-motorized connection from Ruston Way to Point Defiance.

Meeting adjourned at 1:25 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.

There is no board meeting scheduled for August. Monthly board meetings will resume on Wednesday, September 14, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.

The Trails Conference Planning Committee will meet in July, August, September, and October.