

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
September 14, 2011
Tacoma Metro Parks
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attended: Jack Wilson, Barbara Skinner, Lyle Quasim, Terry Lee, David Boe, Kirk Kirkland, Bryan Bowden, Ernie Bay, Brianna Charbonnel, Kathy Kravit-Smith.

Guests: Shawn Phelps, Senior Transportation Planner, Pierce County Public Works.

Presenter: Steve Knauer, MetroParks Tacoma

Minutes taken by: Barbara Skinner

Meeting called to order: at 12:00 by Kirk Kirkland, in the absence of President David Seago.

Jack Wilson and Steve Knauer, of Metro Parks, gave a special presentation: **“Point Ruston – Point Defiance Connection.”** A power point program highlighted the improvements Metro Parks hopes to make on land owned by Metro Parks near the Tacoma Yacht Club (TYC) and on the bluff above it. They will be working with the TYC, through their lease, to address opportunities available because of the new Pt. Ruston project, on the waterfront below Pt. Defiance. Some possibilities: **1)** A new driveway to the TYC; **2)** The promenade along the waterfront would extend to the land next to the TYC, and that land would become “Peninsula Park”. This passive park would be on land that is a depository of slag from the Asarco plant (next to TYC). This area has been “environmentally restored” and would create a nice place for people to enjoy the waterfront quietly.

MetroParks will also examine future land use possibilities on the bluff overlooking the yacht club. Possible development could include hotels, restaurants, etc. They will examine the traffic caused by the ferry landing and the TYC, with the intention of improving the traffic flow in that area. One option is to connect the promenade with a switchback trail to the bluff. This would require some “ecological restoration”. The general intention is that this will be an opportunity to connect the people who reach the western end of the Promenade to activities and opportunities up on the bluff. There will be much more study, discussion, and public input on this subject.

July Board Meeting Minutes:

Lyle Q. moved to approve the July 13, 2011 minutes, seconded by Barbara S, and the motion passed unanimously.

Budget & Finance:

A written financial report from Jane was discussed. *David Boe moved to accept the report and Kathy K-S seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

Director of Government Relations Report:

Kirk K. reported that:

- 1) The Pierce County Council passed a resolution in August 2011, accepting the recommendations of the Open Space Task Force. One of their recommendations was for a public opinion poll and public workshops to determine support for new funding for parks, trails and open space.
- 2) On Tuesday Sept 20, the County Council will pass another resolution appointing a new Task Force to supervise public outreach, the opinion poll, and to determine the feasibility of creating a Greater Pierce County Metropolitan Park District to fund new parks, trails and open space programs. Kirk K and other ForeverGreen Board members will serve on this new Task Force, including Dave Seago and Terry Lee.
- 3) The Open Space Task Force also asked for a new county coordinator and a new Open Space Council to supervise open space purchases. Kathy K-S, Pierce County Parks Director, reported that her staff is making progress toward achieving these goals, with an announcement to be made public in the near future.

Old Business:

- **2011 Trails Conference.** Jayme and Jane were absent from this meeting. Brianna stepped in to report to the Board on the planning committee progress.
 1. **Sponsorships Reviewed:** We currently have four sponsors, at \$500 each, confirmed: (Tacoma Bike, Dave and Ann Seago, Bruce Dees and Jerry Korum). Tim will be talking to the Tacoma Wheelmen and Bike Tech; Ernie will speak to Rick Steves. Board members can check the minutes of the July meeting for info on who should be contacting which sponsors. We all need to review *logical contacts in our communities* to see if they will support our efforts – especially trail related businesses: bike shops, Fleet Feet, etc. **Final reports on contacts are due at the October meeting.**
 2. **Caterer:** After reviewing four restaurants and comparing their proposals, a *motion was made by Brianna to select “Joeseppi’s” as the caterer. Second by Barbara, passed unanimously.*
 3. **Registration Fee:** After discussion, it was decided that the registration fee should be \$25, if paid by Nov. 1st and \$30, if paid after Nov 1st. *Motion by Lyle and seconded by Barbara, passed unanimously.*
- **Trail Awards.** Kirk reported that three nominations have been received for the two Trail Awards, which go to an individual and an organization. Nominees are:
 - a. **Bob and Diane Kastama**, for their volunteer work on, and support of, the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail.
 - b. **The City of Sumner**, for this year’s construction of a trail segment through their golf course that will connect with the Interurban Trail coming down from King County.
 - c. **The City of Tacoma**, for their “Bike Boulevard” and other bike and pedestrian planning efforts in the last several years.

Barbara moved to present the two awards to (1) the Kastamas and (2) the City of Tacoma, seconded by Kirk. Motion passed, with one abstention – David Boe.

New Business:

▪ **Board Officers - Nominations:**

Kendall Reid is on a round-the-world tour and will not be available until after the first of the year. Therefore, he has asked that we not consider him for President in 2012. He offered to be the recording secretary of the ForeverGreen Board, upon his return, which could save our Executive Director Jane several hours each month. All of the above leaves a vacant seat for President in 2012. Consensus was reached quickly – we will ask Dave Seago to continue in his position for another year. (Lyle remarked that he is just getting good at the job!) Kirk and Lyle will approach Dave on this question.

ForeverGreen also needs a Vice-President for 2012. David Boe was asked and indicated interest in the position, depending on the outcome of his Council race. He will serve if he is re-elected.

Board elections take place at the October meeting.

▪ **New Board Member :**

Shawn Phelps was introduced, again, to the Board. He was asked if he would like to be a member of the Board, having attended a typical meeting. Shawn stated that he would enjoy working with ForeverGreen and that he was interested in the future of trails in Pierce County. He also stated that he would like to be able to take part in the discussion and have a vote. Members all appreciated his comments.

Motion was made by Kirk and seconded by Terry to appoint Shawn Phelps to the Board, effective immediately. Motion passed unanimously.

▪ **Meeting Day/Time:**

After discussion of the best days & times for the Board to meet, consensus was that Brianna would send a message, using “Doodle”, for us to indicate when we are available. Any permanent changes will be made at the October meeting.

Meeting Adjourned: at 1:35 pm.