

**ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting  
Metro Parks Tacoma  
November 12, 2014**

Brianna Charbonnel, Bryan Bowden, Kendall Reid, Shawn Phelps, Tony Tipton, Barbara Skinner, Ernie Bay, Chris Beale

President Bryan Bowden called the meeting to order at 12:02. Barbara moved approval of minutes, Shawn seconded. The motion was approved.

**Financial Report** Executive Director Jane Moore sent report. There is \$25,622 in the total of US Bank and GTCF accounts; all payments are current. Total received from the 2014 fund raising campaign is \$3,050. Total income for the 2014 Trails Conference was \$1822, with expenses of \$1452. The net conference income is currently \$370 but not all sponsorship funds have been received.

**Retreat Planning** The retreat will be held January 14, from noon until 4:00 **at** the Nature Center to develop a work plan for the coming year within the context of the five year plan.

Tony recognized the significance of working with the Russell Family Foundation and the Active Transportation COI, who share our interest in identifying and securing public support for trails. Specifically we would need to coordinate and allocate goals in discussion with the Active Transportation COI's community organizer. He suggests we devote the first hour to this discussion.

Providing an ongoing clearinghouse for trails information is a related topic. Trails stewardship was a successful topic at the Trails Conference. Chris Beale is very interested in continuing to explore the topic.

Fundraising and 2015 finances were also a concern of the group. A return to a strong relationship with municipalities and government agencies was recognized as an important topic. We should seek strong support and respond to sponsorship with reports back to the sponsoring communities and agencies. We also need to establish events for educating public officials about our mission, vision and accomplishments.

## **Review of Trails Conference**

Both Tony and Shawn felt that the presentations offered important information and that a broader discussion including urban sidewalks was appropriate to the direction our interests are taking. Brianna suggested we consider broadening our audience.

Barbara suggested we start planning for next year's conference sooner. The conference serves an important outreach mission that should make it a good candidate for some Active Transportation COI funding.

Brianna pointed out that the Star Center is centrally located. Chris Beale recognized that a pre-conference tour of the facility used for the conference would be an attractive offering. This would be especially significant if we were successful in broadening our audience.

## **Tacoma Puyallup Trail Linkage**

A Resolution of the Forever Green Council Board Expressing Support for Completion of a Regional Trail Connection Between Tacoma and Puyallup Paralleling the Puyallup River was approved with slight changes.

Jane, Bryan and Shawn have drafted a letter to Kevin Dayton, WSDOT Region Administrator suggesting the creation of graphic concepts for the "redesign of River Road to accommodate a bicycle/pedestrian trail separated with a barrier." Barbara moved we authorize the letter. Shawn seconded. The motion was approved.

Bryan adjourned the meeting at 1:32.