

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
May 12, 2010
Tacoma Metro Parks
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attended: Ernie Bay, David Boe, Brianna Charbonnel, Scott Gallacher, Jayme Gordon, Kathy Kravit-Smith, Jane Moore, John Olson, Tim Payne, Kendall Reid, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introduction: ForeverGreen President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Board Meeting Minutes:

- *Barbara motioned to approve the April board minutes as presented. Brianna seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Finances

- There has been no activity with our account since the budget/profit and loss statement was presented at the April board meeting. Jayme is still waiting for the first quarter statement from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation to add in any investment gains and/or administrative fees.
- There has not been a follow up yet with either Metro Parks or the Tacoma Wheelmen re: funding. The plan was to wait until after Parks' levy vote and the Wheelmen's Daffodil Ride event.
- The finance sub-committee has not been able to schedule a meeting yet, but they are working to set that up.

Old Business

- Ernie and Jayme reported that the host committee is meeting regularly, although they don't know much about what the program committee is working on at this point. Bob Myrick is taking the lead to develop some tour offerings, and Ernie continues to move forward on planning the social mixer event at the WA State History Museum on October 22. A save-the-date notice should be available soon; early bird registration will likely be \$99 and regular registration \$125. A suggestion was made to solicit donations from downtown Tacoma restaurants for conference attendees. Barbara and Ernie said they would follow up on this. Also, discussion took place regarding the logistics of moving people from the La Quinta conference center to the museum and back for the Friday night mixer. Although a plan for this is not set, it will likely involve stops at the Link light rail and a Thea Foss walking tour.
- The April Open Space Task Force meeting featured a presentation on urban parks by Lois Stark. She talked about the differences between urban parks and open space compared to rural areas. And she brought up the importance of using parks and open space to combat public health issues like obesity and lack of activity. The final watershed presentation – Key Pen, Gig Harbor, Islands – will be on May 27.

New Business:

- Dates being considered for the next Trails Advisory Committee meeting are June 17 or 22; alternate dates are June 16 or 29. A location has not been set, but Jayme will look into whether space is available at the Lakewood Community Center. Topics for the TAC

meeting will include: annual Pierce County trail awards, promotion of the state trails conference, Pierce County trail use survey, and ForeverGreen's financial situation.

- Kirk has resigned as Secretary-Treasurer and has asked that a new position, "Director of Government Relations," be created. *Kathy motioned to create a new position on the board of officers for the Director of Government Relations. Ernie seconded the motion. Discussion followed. The motion was approved unanimously.* The executive committee will draft a job description for this new position. *Tim motioned to appoint Kirk to the position of Director of Government Relations pro tem, pending completion of an official job description. Kathy seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. John motioned to confirm Tim as the new Secretary-Treasurer. Scott seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously. The motion was then amended to say that it would become effective after Tim first resigned as vice president. The amendment was approved unanimously.* Tim resigned as vice president and assumed the Secretary-Treasurer role. *Tim motioned to nominate Dave Seago for Vice President. David Boe seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.* Jane will stay on as President through the end of 2010. The ForeverGreen bylaws state that the board officers need to be confirmed at the annual meeting; it has not been officially decided when or where the annual meeting will be in lieu of the ForeverGreen trails conference.
- Ernie has approached Senator Jim Kastama about joining the ForeverGreen board, and he was receptive to the idea. Ernie will invite him to the next board meeting.

News, Updates, and Announcements:

- In order to better capture the in-kind contributions made by board members, the following suggestion was made at the January board retreat: Each month, board members should track and report the time they spend on ForeverGreen related activities. This time can then be shown as a financial contribution, which will illustrate the value and work that is not reflected in our bare bones budget and capture the work that board members do on a voluntary basis. Board members can report their time to Jayme via email, by submitting a hard copy, or verbally at the monthly board meetings.

Closing Comments:

- David B. – May is bike month in Pierce County. Starting May 17 is "Bike to Work" week, and David has challenged other Tacoma council members to bike into work on the 18th. There will also be a bicycle fashion show at Wright Park on the 21st. The master Mobility Plan is moving through the approval process and there will be a public hearing in front of the Tacoma City Council on May 25. Tacoma has applied for a state grant for the Prairie Line Trail section from S. 15th to 21st St. This piece will connect to another section in the city's Brewery District. The "Bikes for Kids" program won a Tacoma "City of Destiny" award on May 11. The Murray Morgan bridge is now open to bikes and pedestrians. And planning is underway for transportation and mobility issues related to the Amateur Golf Tournament at Chambers Bay; bicycling will be promoted.
- Kendall – Tacoma Community College recently held their "Wine Classic" fundraiser, and one of the auction items was a guided tour of the Foothills Trail.
- Ernie – The "Families in Motion" event will be May 22 on the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail. Lots of fun activities are planned. Barbara and Brianna volunteered to staff a ForeverGreen booth at the event.
- Kathy – There will be a grand opening event on June 5 for the new Pierce County park in Ashford. The 30 acre park will include a trail, and there will be a dedication to Pierce County officer Kent Mundell later in the year.

- John – The Cascade Land Conservancy held their annual awards breakfast on May 6. Jayme and the Pierce Stream Team were honored with the John Stanford Environmental Education Award.
- Jane – There will be a lunch time walk with free lunches on the Thea Foss esplanade on June 4. This event is being put on by “Downtown on the Go” and the city of Tacoma.
- Jayme – Don’t forget: National Trails Day is June 5, the same day as the Rainier to Ruston Run. Ernie says more than 200 runners are already registered.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 9, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.