

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting  
October 14, 2009  
Tacoma Metro Parks, Tacoma  
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

**Attended:** Brianna Charbonnel, Jayme Gordon, Terry Lee, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, John Olson, Tim Payne, Dave Seago, and Barbara Skinner.

**Minutes Taken by:** Jayme Gordon. President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

**Approval of Minutes:**

- *Barbara motioned to approve the September board meeting minutes as written. Kirk seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

**Finances:**

- Jayme passed around a copy of the current budget (profit and loss statement). It included expenses incurred to date, as well as a reimbursement check from the Pierce County Council grant in the amount of \$568.11. The current balance is approximately \$10,980.
- Jayme presented an invoice from the Pierce Conservation District for third quarter expenses covering the executive director's salary, mileage, and copies in the amount of \$2,249.24. *Barbara motioned to approve payment of the invoice. Terry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*
- Looking ahead to 2010, ForeverGreen should not expect to receive funding from our usual sources (e.g. Pierce Co. Parks, Tacoma Metro Parks, etc.). A funding request to the Tacoma Wheelmen Bicycle Club, the Foothills Coalition, or any of the cities has not been pursued at this time.
- Barbara suggested holding a fundraiser, and there has been discussion at the committee level of doing this at the trails conference. Jane asked about federal money that may be available through a Community Wellness grant, which Terry clarified was mostly for "shovel ready" projects. Terry said he'd see what he could do with council funding, but it would be difficult.
- On the sales tax legislation front, Jane and Kirk met with staff from the Pierce Co. Executive's office to request a letter of support from Pat McCarthy to the Pierce County delegation in Olympia. Terry also said he had presented a support letter signed by six members of the Pierce County Council to the Pierce Co. delegation. Kirk will continue meeting with our lobbyist, Jim Hedrick, through the end of the year. Kirk has been meeting with legislators and will continue to do so. Kirk and Ryan Mello have also had a meeting with the lobbyist for Tacoma Metro Parks and there is a chance he will help with this effort in the next session. ForeverGreen will not have enough money to hire our own lobbyist.

**Old Business:**

- Trails Advisory Committee Meeting – The TAC meeting was held September 29 at the REI store in Tacoma. There were seven TAC members and seven ForeverGreen members in attendance. Jayme had a list of at least three others who contacted her about being new members of the TAC but could not attend on Sept. 29. Discussion at the

meeting covered the trail award nominees, the sale tax legislation, and the idea for a trail use survey in Pierce County.

- Open Space Task Force – The grant application to form an Open Space Task Force has been approved by the National Park Service. Final funding depends on budget approval by Congress.
- Puyallup-Tacoma Trail – Kirk has submitted a letter to the Puyallup Tribal Council soliciting their support for a trail connection from Puyallup to Tacoma. The current proposal does not recommend using any tribal land. Kirk also presented a recently released report on the Freighthouse Square trail linkage study.
- Annual Trails Conference – The keynote speaker has been confirmed: Charlie Howard, Puget Sound Regional Council Transportation Director. Diane Wiatr has been added to the opening panel to present Tacoma's Mobility Plan. Displays are confirmed for Cascade Land Conservancy, Foothills Coalition, Fennel Creek, Thurston County, and Cushman Trail; still not confirmed are displays from REI, the Puyallup Riverwalk Trail, and the Washington State Trails Coalition. It was suggested that the new Freighthouse Square linkage study be included in the fundraising pitch with other ForeverGreen accomplishments. It was also suggested that if Tim, Jane, and Barbara could get images from the Tacoma Wheelmen, Tacoma-Pierce Co. Health Dept., and the Foothills Coalition, respectively, Kirk could put together a slide show for the conference.
- Washington State Trails Coalition Conference – There will be a conference call on Oct. 15 and a 2010 planning meeting at Joeseppi's on Oct. 22, 3:30-7:00 p.m.
- Green Drinks: ForeverGreen will host the Tacoma Green Drinks' monthly gathering at the Hub on November 5, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Kirk will speak about the ForeverGreen Council and John will bring handouts for the trails conference.
- Other: Kirk has drafted a letter in regards to the Pierce County Regional Trail Plan that includes suggestions to enhance the section of the plan that describes implementation and prioritization of trail projects.

#### **New Business:**

- Election of Officers – Jane, Tim, and Kirk have all agreed to stay on for one more year in their respective positions as ForeverGreen President, Vice-President, and Secretary-Treasurer. *Barbara motioned to approve the existing officers be reappointed to their current positions for 2010. Terry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*
- 2009 Trail Awards – Tim gave a recap of the discussion that took place at the Trails Advisory Committee meeting where the nominees were selected. Tim went through the list of nominees and the reasons for their nominations: Marian Betzer (Fennel Creek), Foothills Trail Coalition, Katrina Asay (Milton mayor), Puyallup Riverwalk, Pierce County Parks, City of Tacoma, Pierce County Council, and the Carbon River Coalition. Discussion followed. *Jane motioned to give the "Outstanding Individual" award to Marian Betzer. Barbara seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dave motioned to give the "Outstanding Government" award to Pierce County Parks, with a special mention to the City of Tacoma. Terry seconded the motion. Discussion. Dave amended his motion to strike the special mention to Tacoma. Terry seconded the motion, which passed unanimously. Dave motioned to give the "Outstanding Elected Official" award to Milton mayor Katrina Asay. Barbara seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*

- Open Board Member Positions – This topic was tabled due to a lack of time.

**Information Sharing:**

- Barbara: \$40 million is now in the Sound Transit budget for parking solutions. This can include funding for commuter trails to get to and from local transit centers.

**Meeting adjourned at 1:49 p.m.**

**The next board meeting will be Wednesday, December 14, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.**