

# ForeverGreen Trails Board Meeting Agenda

July 10, 2013

Metro Parks Tacoma Headquarters

President Barbara Skinner called the meeting to order at 12:05. The minutes were reviewed and approved.

Attending: Ernie Bay, David Boe, Bryan Bowden, Gary Cooper, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, Bob Myrick, Shawn Phelps, Lyle Quasim, Kendall Reid, Dave Seago, Barbara Skinner, Tony Tipton, George Walk, and Diane Wiatr.

**Financial Update** - There is no new income. Expenses were \$140.56 to Bicycle Alliance of Washington for our support of Transportation Advocacy Day and \$46 to the accountant. Next expenses will be to pay director 2nd quarter and employment taxes. Current funds are \$14,280.

**Continued discussion from June** - Survey results point to 3-7 pm as the best time for the conference. The conference fee can be kept to \$10 by limiting the food to appetizers. The Puyallup Tribe and Walmart were recognized as possible sponsors.

A Green Drinks event on Aug.1 will be an opportunity to promote the conference. Bob Myrick will host. Diane suggested Broken Spoke as a possible venue.

**Considerations for the future** – Bryan and Jane had a teleconference with Robert Warren of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation to learn as much as they could about the Russell Family Foundation's Communities of Interest funding support for organizations working on issues having to do with the health of the Puyallup Watershed.

Bryan and Jane, with assistance from Robert Warren will make a statement of interest in being a regional coordinator on the connection between watershed health and trail use by August 15. The Russell Family Foundation will respond to statements of interest in time to begin funding February 2014.

Discussion followed on the importance of FG establishing a track record of success with recreational issues related to land use and conservation, with recognition that a successful Puyallup Watershed Communities of Interest grant would meet that goal and provide operating funds for FG.

Can an all volunteer organization successfully advocate for and support important and visible trails projects? Can we be successful enough with projects to attract adequate funding for paid staff? Both of these positions generated interesting discussion.

There was agreement that the upcoming conference would be a good place begin a broad discussion of how to prioritize which as yet un-realized trail sections would be the best candidates for FG support and advocacy.

Meeting adjourned at 1:28.