

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting
December 9, 2009
Tacoma Metro Parks, Tacoma
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

Attended: Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Brianna Charbonnel, Skip Ferrucci, Jayme Gordon, Terry Lee, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, John Olson, and Dave Seago.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon. President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:11 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- *John motioned to approve the October board meeting minutes as written. Terry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

Finances:

- Jayme presented a copy of the current budget (profit and loss statement). It included most – but not all – of the expenses and donations from the trails conference. It did not include any 4th quarter expenses for salary, mileage, and/or copies. The balance as of 12/9/09 is \$13,471.63.
- In light of the need for a quick turnaround time at the end of the year to submit the 4th quarter invoice to the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation (GTCF) in order to expedite the reimbursement request for the Pierce County Council grant money, *Kirk motioned for a conditional approval of 4th quarter expenses, with Jane to review the invoice before it is submitted to the GTCF. Terry seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*
- Kirk and Tim have been working with Bob Myrick to seek funding from the Tacoma Wheelmen and/or Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition.
- On the sales tax legislation front, Tami Green and Jan Angel have recently signed on as supporters of the bill, and there is now good bi-partisan support. Steve Conway is the primary bill sponsor. Kirk still has two more legislators to visit. Kirk also met with Jeannie Darnielle earlier today, and she does not appear willing to cooperate, help, or avoid hurting the bill. John noted that the Cascade Land Conservancy made the decision to back off legislative action in 2010, and will refocus on 2011.

Old Business:

- Green Drinks – ForeverGreen hosted the November 5 Tacoma Green Drinks event at the Hub. Kirk and John made a short presentation about ForeverGreen’s mission and the upcoming trails conference to about 35 attendees, which was one of the bigger turnouts for a local Green Drinks event.
- Annual Trails Conference – Seventy people attended ForeverGreen’s fifth annual Trails Conference on November 12 in Puyallup. Fifty-seven people paid \$10 to stay for the dinner for a total of \$570; and 22 people gave donations ranging from \$5-\$250 for a total of \$826. All agreed that logistically, the conference went well, with the timeline being followed and staying on schedule. John said that his breakout sessions went well, despite some unanticipated behind the scenes problems with the presenters. John also thanked everyone who helped with set-up and clean-up. Bryan thought it was nice to see some new faces in the crowd and liked the networking opportunities provided by the conference. He also liked the opening panel, but thought the keynote speaker was a bit dry. Ernie thought Tim’s breakout session was great. Brianna thought the program flowed well.

- Washington State Trails Coalition Conference – Ernie reported that there continues to be progress made with the conference planning and referred people to the WSTC’s website for more information. Ernie is chair of the host committee which currently has quite a few members, perhaps too many. Bob Myrick has volunteered to plan tours and excursions; let him know if you want to help with that. There is a link on doodle.com to sign up for any of the other conference planning committees. Ernie is also working to put together a social reception at one of Tacoma’s local museums, preferably the Washington State History Museum, which would also afford the possibility to tie in an exhibit component. The WSTC conference will be held at the La Quinta Inn in Tacoma in October 2010.
- Other – Bryan reported that earlier today, he, Skip, Kirk, and Kathy met to discuss the Open Space Task Force. It was decided that the first meeting would be January 27, 5-7 p.m., at the Lakewood Community Center. Kathy will begin the process of soliciting task force representatives from at least 26 organizations who have been invited to participate.

New Business:

- 2010 Board Retreat – According to tradition, this would be held on the same date as the regularly scheduled January board meeting, from 12-4 p.m. Room 103 is available at the Lakewood Community Center, so we will meet there. Suggested agenda items included a 2010 work plan, the 2010 budget, and ForeverGreen’s role in the WSTC conference.
- Transportation Advocacy Day – Transportation Choices is coordinating Transportation Advocacy Day in Olympia on January 28, and ForeverGreen has been invited to co-sponsor. This would include an anticipated fee of \$200. *Kirk motioned to approve payment of up to \$200 to co-sponsor Transportation Advocacy Day. Terry seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed unanimously.*

Information Sharing:

- Jayme – Presented an invitation to the December 16 ribbon cutting ceremony for Phase 2 of the Cushman Trail in Gig Harbor. She also shared an article from the December 3 Tacoma News Tribune which summarized the trails conference awards ceremony. Tim, Kirk, and Dave submitted the article.
- Terry – The ACHIEVE board has applied for a \$4-\$10 million grant to fight youth obesity. ACHIEVE is focusing on policy relating to nutrition and physical activity, and likes to think there might be a role for ForeverGreen in this. Mike Galizio is being transferred out of his Non-Motorized Transportation role at P.C. Public Works. Unfortunately, it is not anticipated that anyone will be filling this position anytime soon. The FAA will provide information on December 10 as to what will be approved as passive recreation at the Tacoma Narrows Airport. It will be a good thing if a trail is approved since plans can then move forward to link with the Scott Pierson and Cushman Trails.
- John – Handed out a notice about Active Transportation from the Rails to Trails Conservancy website, as well as a recent article in the Tacoma News Tribune about the Discovery Trail on the Olympic Peninsula.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30 p.m.

The next board meeting will be the annual Board Retreat on Wednesday, January 13, 12:00-4:00 p.m. at the Lakewood Community Center, Room 103.