

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
May 14, 2008
Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

Attendance: Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Skip Ferrucci, Jake Fey, Kirsten Frandsen, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Jane Moore, Tim Payne, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon. President Ernie Bay opened the meeting at 12:05 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- *Barbara moved to approve the April board meeting minutes as written. Kirk seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.*

Finances:

- Jayme presented an invoice for the 1st Quarter Executive Director's salary, mileage, and copy expenses. The total amount of the invoice was \$2,702.16. *Kirk moved for approval to pay the invoice. Barbara seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.*
- Kirk is looking forward to putting together a strategic planning committee to work on the sales tax legislation. The committee will work directly with the lobbyist and be comprised of people who have political or strategic connections. This committee is expected to convene in September or earlier. Barbara suggested that the ForeverGreen finance committee be lead on this, and at the very least, she would like to be a part of this committee. Barbara also suggested that a presentation should be made to the Association of Pierce County Towns and Cities to bring them up to speed. She will find out when the next meeting is scheduled.
- The ask to cities for annual ForeverGreen funding is expected to happen later this summer.

Old Business:

- *Membership* – Two new board members were welcomed to the meeting. Tim Payne, formerly of Sound Transit, is now a principal at the consulting firm of Nelson/Nygaard, which specializes in transportation issues. Tim is also the new chair of the Trails Advisory Committee meeting. Kirsten Frandsen is the program coordinator of Physical Activity and Nutrition at the Tacoma-Pierce County Health Department. *Jane moved to accept Kirsten as a ForeverGreen board member. Barbara seconded the motion, which passed unanimously.* A motion was not required for Tim, since he is an automatic board member for the duration of his time as chair of the TAC. Jayme will send out an updated list of ForeverGreen board members.
- *Trails Assistance updates* – Terry and Kirk recently met with John Ladenburg about approaching the Puyallup Tribe in regards to a trail in Fife. John agreed to speak to the Tribe about this possibility. Kirsten is also interested in being a part of this conversation. Specifically, she would like to talk to the Tribe about a trail from the health and obesity angle. Bryan and Kirk have interviewed two consultants for the trail route finding project in Fife: Curt Warber with Parametrix and Steve Duh with Conservation Technix. Both consultants are well-qualified, but Bryan and Kirk would like to recommend Curt Warber. They will inform Fife of this decision

later this week. Jayme presented the finished maps from the Auburn GIS department for the extension of the Interurban Trail down to Sumner.

- *New Brochure* – Kirk presented a new draft of the brochure with new wording, date of publication, and contact information. A decision was made at the last board meeting to print 3,000 of the brochures at this time. Kirsten was interested in the possibility of incorporating parts of the ForeverGreen brochure into the new Pierce County Walking Guide being developed by the health department.
- *Trails Advisory Committee* – A recap of the April 30 TAC meeting commenced, with the following highlights. Tim Payne, as noted earlier, was elected the new chair. The TAC is interested in developing a trails award program. It will probably start simple and criteria will need to be developed for at least one award. Barbara would like to see the TAC become more autonomous, involved, and self-driven. Communication between the board and the TAC could be improved if Tim took on the role of liaison between the two. Membership of the TAC also needs to be reinvigorated. Suggestions for new TAC members included “active living” representatives, Volksmarch members, Mountaineers (need to know if Nancy Neyenhouse is still the appropriate contact), senior center representatives. Bryan volunteered to work with Tim on new TAC recruitment.
- *National Trails Day* – Question is whether ForeverGreen is welcome and/or needed to help with the finish area activities at the Rainier to Ruston relay race on June 7. Ernie will ask John Selby and Markus Dennis if they would like ForeverGreen to have a booth at the finish area and/or recruit a speaker to say a few words about National Trails Day. If so, Jayme will coordinate the booth, and Kirk will approach Shawn Bunney about the keynote speech.

New Business:

- *Pierce County “Parks, Recreation, and Open Space” Plan* – PC Parks has been working on updating their comprehensive PROS plan. This periodic update is necessary to receive funding from the Recreation and Conservation Office, and its adoption by the County Council is critical to many projects currently seeking funding. Kirk has reviewed the PROS plan and written a letter on behalf of ForeverGreen. He shared the letter with the board and highlighted the recommendation that the PROS plan be adopted without delay; potential amendments to the plan can be made at a future date. The main concern he would like to see addressed is the lack of “level of service goals” stated in the plan, and he has already discussed this with Kathy Kravit-Smith. Skip questioned the dollar amount Kirk referenced in the letter, and further investigation put the correct amount at \$324 million. *Barbara moved to approve the letter with the corrected dollar amount. Kirk seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously.*

News, Updates, and Announcements:

- *Kirk* – Will be gone on vacation from May 23-June 26 and unreachable by phone or email. He also offered to share the PROS plan with anyone else who wanted to review it.
- *Kirsten* – Is working on a program called “ACHIEVE” to assess and prioritize community needs in the battle against obesity. This program is currently focusing on the Gig Harbor and Tacoma communities. She, too, will be out of town for the June board meeting.

- *Barbara* – The Brooks running shoe company has volunteered to work on trails in Sumner. Barbara will also investigate the possibility of working with Brooks on sponsorship money to support the work of ForeverGreen.
- *Skip* – Skip had to leave the meeting early, but left updated maps showing the past, current, and future development of the Foothills Trail.
- *Tim* – The Tacoma Wheelmen’s “Big Wheel” ride is set for May 31 on the Scott Pierson Trail.
- *Bryan* – August 1 is the deadline to submit grant proposals to the National Park Service’s Rivers and Trails program. The City of Buckley’s recreation sub-committee is considering an application for planning assistance for a trail along the White River flume.
- *Ernie* – Reported a further delay of the trail section between Mama Stortini’s and the Meeker trailhead. In a nutshell, the route is being changed, funding is in danger of being lost, and Ernie still cannot get the straight scoop – all parties involved seem to be giving different stories.
- *Jayme* – Handed out extra copies of the current newsletter.

Closing Comments:

- There were no official closing comments.

Meeting adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, June 11, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.