

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
September 12, 2007
Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Ernie Bay, Markus Dennis, Jayme Gordon, Grant Griffin, Terry Lee, John Olson, Barbara Skinner, and Lois Stark.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

REI Presentation: The meeting began shortly after noon with a short introduction by Karlan Jessen of REI, who had nominated ForeverGreen for the REI grant program. Because she will no longer be working in the Community Outreach capacity, she introduced her successor, Brianna Charbonnel. She then introduced the Tacoma store manager, Steve Gruhot, who presented a \$5,000 grant check to Barbara. Barbara conveyed the board's appreciation for the support and Steve noted that the efforts of ForeverGreen are a worthy cause.

Open and Introduction: Round table introductions and sharing of information followed the REI presentation.

- Ernie: Reported that the South Prairie Town Council unanimously voted to give Pierce County authority to move forward on the Foothills Trail section through town, including the right of condemnation.
- Jayme: Announced that Ron Ernest (Tacoma Rail) has changed job duties that precipitate his resignation from the board. John asked if Ron could suggest another person from Tacoma Rail who could fill his position. Jayme also shared a message from Jane about the "Healthy Gig Harbor-Key Peninsula Summit" to be held November 2 & 3 (8 a.m.-5 p.m.) both days at Miracle Ranch. Please let her know if you there is someone you think should definitely be invited.
- Terry: The Chambers Bay Golf Course is getting more attention than anticipated, which is a good thing, and estimated usage of the trail is 1,500 people per day. This is accelerating the pace of completing other improvements to the site, including some additional trail components. Terry has also met with WADOT recently to discuss the connection of the Scott Pierson Trail and the Cushman Trail, possibly by going under the west end of the bridge.
- John: The Cascade Land Conservancy board has publicly endorsed the Sound Transit 2 proposal. The CLC is also partnering to set aside 30 acres of open space near the Port of Tacoma now that the Northshore golf course in NE Tacoma looks to be set for development. Terry added that there may be an initiative centered around TDR/PDR for open space preservation/acquisition that will go to voters in 2008.
- Lois – Metro Parks has been coordinating to insure that the section of the C4 trail in Tacoma gets built in the Swan Creek/Salishan area.
- Markus – As part of the final piece of trail between Mama Stortini's and the Foothill's Meeker trailhead, the Puyallup Parks Dept. is planning to build a new trailhead facility just north of the existing trailhead. Markus announced the Foothills' "Run With the Salmon" fun run in South Prairie on Sept. 29, and that the mayor of South Prairie has just been appointed to fill a vacancy on the Foothills

board. He and Grant also discussed the new bollard standards that are to be instituted in 2008.

- Grant – Funds to develop a regional trail plan and trail standards has been included in next year's budget request. The C4 Trail is moving ahead, including a study by Parametrix for the section from 144th St. E. to South Hill Park, which doesn't currently have enough right-of-way for a separated trail. He has also been working on certification of 13 files related to the South Prairie section of the Foothills Trail so that federal funds can be used; so far 8 have been done. Investigation into the right-of-way along the Cascade Junction section of the Foothills Trail has begun.

Approval of Minutes:

- Jayme read a comment from Jane regarding the Executive Committee Report in the July minutes, in which she thought that the word "formerly" should have been "formally." Terry motioned to approve the July minutes with this correction. Ernie seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.

Finances:

- There was no treasurer's report because Kirk is on vacation.
- Barbara reported that she and Kirk finalized the funding ask to cities and mailed the letter Sept. 8. The amount of the request was based on a formula that utilized relative population numbers and each city's general fund balance. Markus noted that he has had a few mayors contact him in regards to the letter and now that he has a copy of the letter he will be better able to talk to them about the request. Barbara and Kirk will do follow up phone calls with each person a letter was sent to. On a related note, Terry suggested that we revisit some of ForeverGreen's early supporters – e.g. The Cheney Foundation – and ask for renewed support in light of our recent accomplishments.
- It was decided that there would not be a Finance and Budget Committee in September, but a meeting date was set for Tuesday, October 16, 3-4:30 p.m. at the Tully's in downtown Tacoma.
- Jayme presented an invoice from Kirk for the mailing supplies used in the letters to the cities. A motion to reimburse Kirk for \$37.09 was made by John, seconded by Terry, and unanimously approved.

Executive Committee Report:

See "Old Business – Annual Meeting" below.

Old Business:

- TAC Meeting – The Puyallup Library is unavailable for the TAC meeting on Sept. 27, but Markus is trying to make arrangements to use the Allmendinger Center. Sept. 27 is also the date of the Foothills Coalition board meeting, so Markus is trying to arrange for the TAC meeting to run from 5:30-7 p.m., followed by the Foothills meeting from 7-9 p.m. He hopes to confirm meeting location soon, and is working on finalizing the agenda.
- Annual Meeting – Barbara has a request in to the Methodist church in Puyallup and will know after Sept. 13 whether they have approved our request to hold the annual meeting there. Tacoma Community College will be the back-up location choice. Ernie will contact Ron Sims with a request to be the keynote speaker once we have

confirmation on the location, date, time, etc. The Executive Committee will continue to plan other components of the event.

- Logo – Copies of the first draft of the new logo were passed around for comment. General consensus was that it was a nice first draft, but had too much going on as far as the graphics were concerned. Other comments included: “Appropriate, but too complicated, busy;” “It would work for a letterhead, but not for other purposes;” “Something more emblematic is needed for the smaller logo;” “Per REI, drop the balloon graphic” (REI won’t sponsor any event or group that utilizes balloons; “Move the “G” closer in the ForeverGreen name so it is clear that it is all one word;” “Add a wheelchair user to the graphic;” “Like the tagline, ‘Connecting Pierce County Communities’;” “What about dropping the graphics but keeping the name and tagline;” and “Use the connect-the-dots concept for a graphic.” Jayme will forward all comments to the graphic designer and share the next draft of the logo when it is done.
- Membership – With Ron’s resignation and Tom Stenger soon to depart the Tacoma City Council, there are/will be two vacancies on the board. It was suggested that we try to have more corporate representation on the board. Local business owners, chambers of commerce, Boeing, Weyerhaeuser, etc. were floated as ideas.
- Map Revisions – Markus passed around a copy of the current draft of the revised Pierce County trail map. Main comment was that it needs to work in black and white as well as color, since it will likely be copied quite a bit. Markus and Bryan are trying to reconvene the trail map committee to work on it a little more.

New Business:

- There was no update on the grantwriter working out of Pierce County Parks because no one who could provide the update was present.

Closing Comments:

- Jayme is trying to coordinate another meeting with trail representatives from Auburn, Sumner, and Pacific.
- Ernie asked if everyone had read the letter to the editor in the News Tribune from John Keates, which responded to the national transportation secretary’s comment that trails have nothing to do with transportation needs.
- Markus presented Terry with an “Honorary Trail Courtesy Member” certificate from the Foothills Trails Coalition.

Meeting adjourned at 1:42 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, October 10, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.