

ForeverGreen Council Board Meeting

April 9, 2014

Attended by Jane Moore, Barbara Skinner, Brianna Charbonnel, Shawn Phelps, Buzz Grant, Kendall Reid, Kirk Kirkland, David Boe, Bryan Bowden, Dave Seago, Diane Wiatr, Ernie Bay, George Walk, Terry Lee, Gary Cooper, Bob Myrick, Jeff Raker

President Bryan Bowden called the meeting to order at 12:08. Minutes of the March meeting were approved, as amended.

Bryan introduced Jeff Raker of the Regional Open Space Project, an open space land conservation effort with a regional perspective.

Financial Report Current balance at Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is \$10,900, with \$3,000 in the US Bank checking account.

Jane reported on two requests for letters of support: from Pierce County Parks for an RCO grant application for the Foothills Trail and from the City of Tacoma for a PSRC grant for multimodal transportation on Puyallup Avenue. Each of these requests have been with short deadlines. Jane was requesting endorsement by the board for both of the letters and asked for guidance in general on letters of support. Terry Lee noted that giving power to Jane to send letters of support that reflected ForeverGreen's missions and goals was the most effective approach and served the broader interests of FG. Several board members expressed similar views.

Diane mentioned several upcoming requests that she would make on behalf of the City of Tacoma for letters of support. Board support for the City of Tacoma requests was moved, seconded and approved. Board direction to Jane to respond positively to appropriate letters of support was moved, seconded and approved.

Brianna reviewed the current website and asked for suggestions on what a new one should include. Mission, vision, short and long term goals, FG minutes, links to trails maps, to the Pierce County Adopted Trail Plan, to the City of Tacoma Mobility Plan and to PenMet Parks. There should also be link to the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation for making donations to FG. Brianna anticipates that website design could cost around \$500. She will see what options are available from website builders.

David Boe pointed out that Facebook might be the best place to present recent information. Brianna concurred.

Jane and Bryan discussed the Puyallup Watershed Initiative, reviewing the recent history of the Active Transportation Proposal. On Thursday three proposals will be presented to the Active Transportation COI: shifting culture, education public officials and planning infrastructure proposals. Each proposal will be vetted by the group before formal proposals are sent to the Russell Family Foundation.

Bryan suggested that we change board member policy to include presidents or designees for Foothills Trails and Tacoma Wheelmen. Moved, seconded and approved. Kirk suggested we also explore Transportation Choices' interest in serving on the board.

Short Term Goals #9 - Securing Funding Kirk described and passed around for comment a draft funding letter. There is \$3,000 available as a matching grant. The overall goal is \$6,000. Lengthy discussion of the draft provided information for a re-write.

General Announcements Proposition 1, supporting a bond issue for Metropolitan Park District of Tacoma, is on the ballot. Please vote.

Buzz explained that a Fred Meyer rewards card may be used to make donations to Foothills Trails. Card users should register online to make the donation. Buzz passed out information about signing up to make the Fred Meyers donation possible.

Meeting adjourned at 1:29.

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