

**ForeverGreen Trails Board Meeting
Metro Parks Tacoma
February 11, 2015**

In Attendance: Barbara Skinner, Brianna Charbonnel, Bryan Bowden, Chris Beale, David Boe, Jane Moore, Lyle Quasim, Randy King, Shawn Phelps, Tony Tipton, Diane Wiatr

President Bryan Bowden called the meeting to order at 12:06 pm. Barbara moved approval of the minutes, David seconded. The motion was approved.

Financial Report - Executive Director Jane Moore provided a summary sheet with current assets, the 2014 actual income and expenses, and the 2015 budgeted income and expenses. The US Bank and the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation balances are \$38,282.46 and \$5,930.01, respectively. Jane pointed out that the \$32,000 income from Puyallup Watershed Institute (PWI) includes \$30,000 for the economic benefit analysis and \$2,000 for task establish partnerships, which was already used for attendance at the Washington State Trails Conference in 2014. Jane mentioned that we could bill an administration fee for the economic benefit analysis. It was decided to table this until cost of study is determined. Diane informed group that the PWI Active Transportation Community of Interest (AT COI) may decide on hiring two contractor positions tomorrow, so Alta will likely start work on an estimated budget in March or April. It was agreed to add new expense of \$500 for printing ForeverGreen brochures to the budget.

2015 Long Term Goals - The only revision made at the January retreat was the addition of #6, regarding partnering. David moved adoption of the Long Term Goals and Chris seconded. The motion was approved.

2015 Short Term Goals - The revisions that were made to Short Term Goals at the January retreat were discussed. Barbara moved adoption, Tony seconded. Bryan suggested we add a goal to “lead a workshop to review bike and pedestrian count locations on the Cascade Bicycle Club program and suggest additional trail count locations”. Diane requested that recruitment of volunteers by ForeverGreen be coupled with the addition of count locations. It was agreed that volunteer recruitment will be included in the goal. The Short Term Goals were adopted with this amendment.

Short Term Goals - Status Reports

Maintaining a public presence - Jane mentioned she has reserved space at the March 7th Sustainability Expo and the May 2nd Bike Swap. Diane is promoting that the PWI AT COI occupy a park on the Sept. 13th Downtown to Defiance, so the Board decided that ForeverGreen won't need a booth if that is the case. David Boe will pursue designing a banner for display at public events and Jane will work on getting it produced in time for the Bike Swap. Bryan encouraged others to volunteer to staff these events.

Puyallup to Tacoma trail link – Since a large interagency meeting was held in September 2014, there have been several meetings between Puyallup, Tacoma, the Puyallup Tribe, and WSDOT. Bryan proposed a position paper be written and adopted by ForeverGreen. Bryan described his proposal for a route:

- Follow Puyallup Ave from Tacoma Dome over Eells St bridge
- After bridge, take 20th St Dr E, under I-5 and proceed on 20th St to Frank Albert Rd (or optionally, take Industry Drive from 20th to Frank Albert)
- Construct a new bike/pedestrian bridge over the Puyallup River at Frank Albert.
- WSDOT owns approx 17-ft additional right-of-way width on north side of River Road (SR 167) outside of the guardrail. There is a sloping concrete revetment on this width. To accommodate a flat bench for a trail, a retaining wall would have to be built and fill added. WSDOT cannot impact the revetment, because it belongs to Pierce County. Bryan talked to County Public Works management and they are willing to consider the fill and construction of a wall. The wall could provide additional protection from flooding
- Construct a trail along River Rd from the Frank Albert river crossing to connect to western terminus of the Riverwalk Trail.

Bryan mentioned that Fife is also planning a trail along North Levee Rd that would be parallel to a River Road trail, but on the north side of the river. Chris mentioned that we should check for consistency with Pierce County Shoreline Master Plan.

The Board approved that Bryan write a position paper and bring it to Board in March. David suggested that a bike ride of influential people be held to educate

about the connection. Bryan proposed that the committee working on this consider holding a ride. Tony suggested that the COI include a bike ride in their year 2 or 3 plan.

Puyallup Watershed Initiative – Bryan suggested that each lead on the four tasks provide a report to the Board in March. Tony said that Pierce County Parks is going out to community with draft trail plan in March and April. It will include suggested prioritization (for the first time). The projects won't be ranked numerically but will be given a high, medium, low ranking. There is heavy overlap between Parks effort and ForeverGreen's COI task #3. The County is attempting to consider roadway shoulders and/or sidewalks as linkages, where trail construction is infeasible. Tony will report back on COI item #3 in March and Shawn will report on #2 related to ROW inventory.

News, Updates, and Announcements

There was no time for Announcements

Bryan adjourned the meeting at 1:27 pm.