

ForeverGreen Board Meeting
July 11, 2007
Tacoma Metro Parks, 12:00 to 1:30 p.m.

In Attendance: Ernie Bay, Bryan Bowden, Ron Ernst, Jayme Gordon, Kirk Kirkland, Kathy Kravit-Smith, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, Barbara Skinner, Lois Stark, and Jack Wilson.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon

Open and Introduction: The meeting began at 12:10 p.m. with round table introductions and sharing of information.

- Ron: The rails-with-trails feasibility study is 99% done. Current cost estimates are about \$75 million.
- Kirk: Kirk has set up a meeting with Meadow Park golf course to talk about it being part of a trail connection between Tacoma, Lakewood, University Place, etc.
- Jack: In addition to what Kirk said, Tacoma Metro Parks is going through the process of having Meadow Park golf course Audubon certified.
- Bryan: Noted that today's paper (News Tribune, 7-11-07) has an article about Pierce County Public Works making some of their stormwater pond facilities open to the public, including trails built around the sites.
- Jane: The Pierce Co. Community Health Initiative is continuing to plan a community summit in Gig Harbor for later this year. Jane also attended the Water Ditch Trail open house at the end of June.
- Ernie: Reported that negotiations for the trail section between the Riverwalk and Foothills Trails are complete! Ernie also attended the Fennel Creek Trail tour on June 30 and spoke about what a change he's seen in the Fennel Creek landscape with the increased development over the years. On a different note, he obtained a powered wheelchair that is now available for rent at A-1 Cycle in Puyallup. He'd like to work with other businesses to make wheelchairs available to trail users.
- Terry: The current Pierce County Parks plan includes construction capital for Phase 2 of the Cushman Trail. He has a meeting set for the end of July with Tacoma Power to discuss extending the Cushman Trail to the Narrows. Peninsula Metro Parks is interested in taking over this site. Also, the Pierce County Council has approved sending the RTID package to voters in November. In addition to many local road and highway projects, it includes \$50 million for non-motorized transportation.
- Lois – Tacoma Metro Parks is working with the Housing Authority on the next phase of the Salishan Development, which includes an important piece of the C4 trail. Also, Lois explained how some new sections of the Scott Pierson Trail (e.g. the 19th St. S. underpass) are already experiencing graffiti problems. This is a reminder that there needs to be adequate funding for trail maintenance after it is built.
- Jayme – She has tentatively set up a trail meeting between the cities of Pacific, Edgewood, and Milton for July 19.
- Barbara – Apologized for writing a letter to the county in favor of transfer of development rights and signed herself as ForeverGreen president without first getting the board's approval.

Approval of Minutes:

- There were no changes to the June board meeting minutes. Kirk motioned to approve the minutes as presented, and Terry seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Finances:

- The organizational plan continues to evolve, and the hope is that a draft will be ready in time for the September board meeting.
- Barbara handed out a draft of a funding request letter to send to cities as they prepare next year's budgets. Kathy suggested citing some of ForeverGreen's recent accomplishments. Ernie suggested the letter state how much we need and describe how it will be spent. Bryan also thought the letter should give an example of what will be done with the funds. Kirk said we could expand on funding for the grant writer. Barbara will redraft the letter and distribute it for comments.
- Jayme reported that ForeverGreen received \$4,000 from the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation and is attending a grant reception this afternoon in Lakewood.
- Also, we are still having issues with the \$5,000 from the county council. The contract cannot be finalized until some insurance issues are cleared up. Jayme is working with the GTCF and the county to get this all figured out.

Executive Committee Report:

- Board members reviewed the suggested revision to the ForeverGreen mission statement. The changes consisted of formally deleting the internal "note" and replacing the word "set" with the word "coordinate."
- Kirk motioned to accept the proposed changes to the mission statement. Ernie seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
- The new mission statement reads as follows:

To facilitate the implementation of a system of multi-use trails that links each community and jurisdiction in Pierce County. ForeverGreen will work inclusively with all interested trail stakeholder and user groups to coordinate policy, direction, and priorities for trail plan implementation; coordinate trail planning between jurisdictions; and provide the effective and efficient delivery of professional and technical services required for trail construction.

Old Business:

- TAC Meeting – Jayme will get in touch with Markus to coordinate the agenda and logistics for the next TAC meeting, which is tentatively scheduled for September.
- Marketing – No new information on marketing.
- Logo – Jayme presented a draft contract that needs to be signed before the graphic designer can start work on the new ForeverGreen logo. Kirk motioned to authorize the executive director to finalize the contract and move forward with the new logo design. Ron seconded. Discussion followed. Bryan asked that "bottom line" items be described in the contract. Kirk and Ron agreed to review the draft contract and provide input and suggestions. The motion passed unanimously.

- Membership – No update.
- Map Revisions – No update.
- City Presentations – No update.

New Business:

- Pacific-Auburn-Sumner Trail Meeting – Barbara gave a recap of the June 29 trail meeting between these three cities. The sharing of information was very helpful and appreciated, and the group plans to meet again in September, this time with the mayors from each city also invited. Jayme is compiling a list of trail projects in each of these cities as well as information to fill in the cost estimates. Kirk made a motion for the board to authorize him, Bryan, and Jayme to draft interlocal agreements for Pacific, Auburn, and Sumner in time for their next meeting. Bryan seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.
- Annual Meeting – The executive committee presented their draft ideas for this year's annual meeting. It will be similar to last year's format, with a late afternoon start time. We'd like to hold the meeting during the last week of November, preferably on Thursday, Nov. 29. Dinner will be provided, and we will have a keynote speaker as well as breakout sessions on local trail projects. The board will solicit sponsors to keep costs low. A committee will probably be formed to go after sponsors in a coordinated and systematic way. There was also the suggestion to ask for donations at the door; Jayme will have to confer with the Greater Tacoma Community Foundation about the proper way to handle such donations. Suggestions for meeting site locations included PLU and the Centre at Norpoint. Jack and Lois offered South Park Community Center and would find out if it is available that day.

Closing Comments:

- Terry will see if he has money in his budget to sponsor the annual meeting.
- Lois hopes to see everyone at the grand opening of the new Narrows Bridge on the 15th.
- Kirk reminded everyone that there is no board meeting in August, so have fun playing.

Meeting adjourned at 1:37 p.m.

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