

Forever Green Council Board Monthly Meeting
September 11, 2013
Metropolitan Parks District Building

Attended by: Barbara Skinner, Dave Seago, Brianna Charbonnel, Ernie Bay, Bob Myrick, Shawn Phelps, Tony Tipton, Kendall Reid, Robert Warren, Jennifer Arnold, Brenda Lemay. Jane Moore joined discussion during the first part of the meeting by telephone.

Meeting called to order at 12:09 pm by President Barbara Skinner. Dave moved approval of the minutes of the July Board meeting and Tony seconded.

Robert Warren of the Bonneville Environmental Foundation and Jennifer Arnold and Brenda LeMay of the Puyallup Watershed Initiative presented information about how FG might move forward to the second stage of the Puyallup Watershed Initiative grant funding process. Robert announced that FG had successfully completed a first stage application as a Community of Interest in Recreation.

The intent of the initiative is to bring together a broad, diverse, inclusive group within each Community of Interest and for the Russell Family Foundation to provide focused financial investment over at least a ten year period toward the Value recognized by that community. The Puyallup Watershed Initiative would provide technical support toward the realization of a Community of Interest's goals.

Integration of activity across all Communities of interest would work toward the Russell Family Foundation's important Values of water quality and watershed stewardship. The success of this activity allows the environment to contribute to the support of society.

The full proposal for a Community of Interest due December 15 should include a 20 year vision, a more focused 10 year plan describing strategies and objectives and a one year work plan describing activities and including budget needs. Robert, Jennifer and Brenda will be available to provide support in putting together a proposal.

Both Barbara and Brianna have had positive experiences with the development of plans by other Communities of Interest. Brianna talked about the power of bringing together parks, the school system and other providers of environmental education to provide a consistent and effective message. This effort will be of great importance in the full proposal put together for the environmental education Community of Interest.

One of the stipulations of the full proposal is that outside sources of funding be recognized. Bob expects support from both Tacoma Wheelmen and Foothills Trails to be forthcoming. Tony reported that Pierce County Parks and Recreation will provide sponsorship for the trails conference.

There was further discussion of the feasibility of a December Puyallup Watershed Initiative proposal and the need to put in some effort to see if it can be realized. Dave and Kendall volunteered to work with Jane.

Online registration for the trails conference has been set up.

Tony Tipton is the new Pierce County Parks and Recreation Director. Forterra South Sound will honor Kathy Kravit-Smith at an event at the Museum of Glass, September 26.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:30.