

**ForeverGreen Board Meeting
September 9, 2009
Tacoma Metro Parks, Tacoma
12:00 to 1:30 p.m.**

Attended: Ernie Bay, Brianna Charbonnel, Skip Ferrucci, Scott Gallacher, Jayme Gordon, Terry Lee, Jane Moore, John Olson, and Barbara Skinner.

Minutes Taken by: Jayme Gordon. President Jane Moore opened the meeting at 12:06 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

- *Ernie motioned to approve the July board meeting minutes as written. Barbara seconded and the motion passed unanimously.*

Finances:

- Jayme passed around a copy of the current budget (profit and loss statement). There have been no significant changes since the last time the board looked at this, although it was noted that she has submitted reimbursement billing against the Pierce County Council grant for the month of June.
- Kirk has been meeting with the lobbyist hired by ForeverGreen at the beginning of the year (Jim Hedricks), and also taking meetings with other folks in Olympia about the sales tax legislation. Representative Steve Conway has agreed to shepherd the bill through the 2010 session. Jim will keep working with ForeverGreen through the end of this year.
- Terry described a letter that Kirk has drafted that he (Terry) will be taking around to the other county council members to sign in support of taking the 1/10 of 1% sales tax option to Pierce County voters if it is approved by the state legislature.
- Terry also mentioned that the council is considering the Pierce Conservation District's request to renew the \$5/parcel assessment before the end of the year.
- Other budget ideas in the works include an ask to cities (Kirk and Barbara are working on a letter), as well as an ask to the Tacoma Wheelmen and the Foothills Rails to Trails Coalition, which if successful would bring them on board politically as well as financially.

Old Business:

- Trails Advisory Committee Meeting – The TAC meeting is scheduled for September 29 at the REI store in Tacoma. The invitation/meeting notice is not ready at this time. The TAC membership ranks are thin, and help is needed from the board to invite new people to participate. John suggested sending an open invitation letter. Barbara volunteered to contact personnel from the various cities and invite them to attend.
- Open Space Task Force – A hearing before the county council has been rescheduled from August 31 to October 5. A grant for planning assistance was submitted to the National Park Service in late August. Skip clarified that there are currently three things going on under the heading of “open space” right now: 1) the Open Space Long Range Plan will coordinate open space priorities across all Pierce County departments; 2) the Open Space Task Force will help make decisions on how to purchase, organize, and/or fund open space; and 3) the Pierce County Regional Trail Plan. On this last note, Kirk is planning

to speak at the hearing for the trail plan and would like to see more prioritization of trail building included.

- Puyallup-Tacoma Trail – Per Kirk, there is a new administrator at the Puyallup Tribe, and therefore a new attitude that the Tribe is not willing to allow a trail to go on tribally owned land on either side of River Road at the cemetery. That leaves the current available option is to route a trail up behind the casino. There may be a way in the future to route a trail through the current choke point (the cemetery area) as part of the work WDOT is planning for I-5.
- Annual Trails Conference – The opening panel speakers are confirmed, with the exception of the spot we hoped to fill with a representative from the Puyallup Tribe. The executive committee suggested that someone from the Pacific-Interurban Trail project or the Tacoma Mobility Plan could be invited to fill the panel spot. Barbara has not yet confirmed Bob Drewel for the keynote speaker. The save-the-date notice has been drafted and will be sent out shortly. A list of suggestions of organizations to invite to have a display at the conference was generated.
- Washington State Trails Coalition Conference – Ernie, Barbara, and Jayme will take part in a planning conference call tomorrow (9-10-09). Jayme handed out invitations to the WSTC fall planning meeting, which will be at Joeseppi's in Tacoma on October 22 (please rsvp if you plan to attend).

New Business:

- Green Drinks – ForeverGreen is scheduled to host the Green Drinks event on November 5. Jayme will need to locate and reserve a venue. Engine House #9 and Joeseppi's were suggested as places to look into. Green Drinks will do all the promotion (we supply them with a description of ForeverGreen's mission). ForeverGreen will take a few minutes to talk about the work being done by our group, but mostly it is an informal, networking, and socializing event.
- The regularly scheduled November board meeting falls on the 11th, which is a holiday (Veteran's Day). This is also the day before the ForeverGreen Trails Conference. Therefore, the board decided to cancel the November 11 board meeting. The board will reconvene for the last board meeting of the year on December 9.
- Other – Jane presented a letter from Kristen Frandsen (TPCHD) who is resigning from the ForeverGreen board.

Information Sharing:

- Ernie: The Foothills and Riverwalk Trail connection is still delayed. Puyallup Parks is drafting a design for a safety "shed" to be built off the railroad tracks to protect the trail below. Posting of "No Trespassing" signs by private property owners have made undeveloped sections of the Foothills Trail near Lower Burnett Rd. inaccessible. This points out the lack of lateral access to not just the Foothills Trail but most other trails as well.

Meeting adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

The next board meeting will be Wednesday, October 14, 12-1:30 p.m. at the Tacoma Metro Parks headquarters.