

# ForeverGreen Trails Board Meeting

## June 11, 2014

Attended by Ernie Bay, David Boe, Bryan Bowden, Jane Moore, Bob Myrick, Shawn Phelps, Lyle Quasim, Dave Seago, Barbara Skinner, and George Walk.

President Bryan Bowden called the meeting to order at 12:05. David moved approval of minutes of the March meeting. Bob seconded. Minutes approved.

**Financial Report** Current balance at Greater Tacoma Community Foundation is \$13,348.51 with \$2,861.55 in the US Bank checking account. There is one outstanding bill of \$2,718.03 (ED pay). Fundraising contributions to date total of \$2425 so we are nearing the maximum match of \$3000.

Funding for presenters to attend the Washington Trails Conference will be requested in the AT COI proposal to TRFF. Ernie moved that as a back-up in case that funding is not received, ForeverGreen would reimburse each of four presenters the \$150 registration fee. Lyle seconded; motion approved.

**Executive Director Report** No additional items to report.

### Short Term Goals:

**Website:** Brianna reported via email one a vendor with a good proposal from Insignis Media to build a website for \$750 plus annual fee of \$150 for maintenance and \$12.99 for domain name. Other bids received had similar or higher costs and also required annual maintenance fees. Lyle moved approval of contracting with Insignis Media for website; Barbara seconded; motion approved. Jane will contact Insignis Media.

**Trails Conference:** Planning Committee met yesterday; Bryan presented and reviewed draft agenda for conference (see attached). Changes to the planned Stewardship Panel were discussed; will check to see if City of Tacoma, PenMet Parks, Metro Parks Tacoma or Pierce County Parks have support groups. Participants will be asked to discuss function and warnings or concerns; moderator will present bullet points on other existing groups and will then discuss groups that may be needed. We will create a report after the conference and use that to inform the stewardship work of the AT COI.

**Bike Month:** On May 31, Bike Tech and Pierce County Public Works sponsored a ride on Anderson Island; there were 75 bikes on the ferry; event went very well. Tacoma events went very well especially Kiddical Mass and the Tweed Ride that followed the old streetcar route from the Pagoda to downtown. Next year, ForeverGreen should consider helping promote events outside of Tacoma.

**Puyallup Watershed Initiative:** AT COI is almost ready to submit. Jane will resend information on the Russell Family Foundation's Puyallup Watershed Initiative celebration scheduled June 25 in Puyallup.

**General Announcements:** Bob has created a Pipeline Trail DVD from a movie he and Ernie made about 18 years ago. He provided a copy to Bryan Flint who is working on completing that trail. Eatonville has awarded a contract for construction of 3-4 miles of the Bud Blanchard Trail. Bob

suggests we consider a posthumous trail award to Mr. Blanchard who donated funds to create the trail in Eatonville.

Ernie & Bob discussed connecting Foothills and Riverwalk trails through Mr. Knutsen's land. They also talked about connecting the Puyallup and Sumner Riverwalk trails. They are currently connected by a sidewalk on a highway bridge; Bob wants a railing added there. Ernie and the Foothills Coalition would like a dedicated bicycle-pedestrian bridge. Estimated cost is \$5 million; Foothills Coalition has promised \$46,000 in matching funds in a grant application submitted to PSRC. Cost is high because city does not own all necessary ROW.

Shawn has been working on a Complete Streets ordinance for Pierce County since May 2013; the proposed ordinance will have a public hearing on June 24 at the Economic and Infrastructure Development Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

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